

# Judson Memorial Baptist Church Messenger

A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation

January 2011

## Pastoral Search Committee - by Wayne Urbaniak



*For truly I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)*

The Pastoral Search Committee met Tuesday, November 30. The first part of the meeting was held jointly with the Interim Search Committee members: that committee us a summary of its process, results, and its future role as a support to Suzan Ireland, our Interim Pastor. After a prayer, the two committees continued with separate meetings.

The Pastoral Search Committee then had extensive discussion about the "ground rules" under which we should operate. Two documents guided our discussion: "Litany for Commissioning of Interim

Search and Pastoral Search Committees," which our church used in commissioning these committees in October; and "A Covenant of Relationship for Pastoral Search Committee Members," from "Calling an American Baptist Minister." We began adding our own thoughts and priorities, and will continue this discussion at our next meeting.

Our Interim Pastor will be very helpful as our church goes through a period of discernment which is vital to the pastoral search process. Therefore, Suzan Ireland will join us at our next meeting on Monday, January 17.

Our committee members are: Ross Aalgaard, George Burbie, Mac Chatfield, Cindy Clague, Emily Gustafson, Samantha Hanson, Steve Hirsch, Pam Joern, Monica Lewis, Chris (Pedro) Peterson, Jackie Thureson, and Wayne Urbaniak.



## Greetings to my Judson Friends

- by Suzan Ireland

I am so grateful to be with you and beginning this interim time together during Advent. The service on December 19 was lovely as was the reception beforehand which included yummy cake. I enjoyed meeting and talking with many of you and will look forward in the coming weeks to meeting those of you who are already traveling for Christmas or away for the winter. We will have time to get to know one another and to learn more about the tasks of this interim

time. In the meantime, I am still working on an office schedule, but please feel free to reach me any of the following ways:

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May your Christmastide be filled with joy.

Grace and peace, *Suzan*

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## Adult Ed

- from the Adult Ed Committee



It might be super cold outside, but it's not cold in the Ann Judson Room! So grab hot coffee or tea from the Fellowship Hall and join us each Sunday morning from 9:30-10:30 as we get our minds and spirits ready for worship, ready for each other, ready for the week.

### \* JANUARY 2

*Gather at the Table:* Join us this Communion Sunday for a fresh look at New Year's resolutions through the art of Haiku.

### \* JANUARY 9

*Celebrate Epiphany* as Déadra Moore leads us through the Godly Play lessons that Judson's children experience each year.

### \* JANUARY 16

*Talking to Thailand!* Quarterly skype conversation with the Hoefle-Magal family.

### \* JANUARY 23 & 30

*Our Whole Lives* is a series of sexuality education curricula which the Judson youth will soon encounter. Grounded

## Gatherings with Suzan Ireland

- by Jim Kuether



**Volunteers Needed to Host**—In order to provide our new interim minister, Suzan Ireland, with an opportunity to meet with as many members of the Judson community as possible, we are looking for members who would be willing to host a gathering of between 6 - 12 people at their home sometime in late January, February or March. These gathering can be organized as a pot luck dinner, or you can prepare a meal of your choosing. Once we have

hosts and dates lined up, we will invite people to sign up for one of the gatherings. If you're interested in hosting one of these events, please either sign up on the sheets currently at the back of the sanctuary, or let Jim Kuether know via email at [jkuether@comcast.net](mailto:jkuether@comcast.net). Please include your name, phone number, the number of people you're comfortable hosting, and some possible dates you'd be willing to have the gathering. If you have any questions, please contact Jim. Thanks!

in a holistic view of sexuality, *Our Whole Lives* not only provides facts about anatomy and human development, but also helps participants clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality. Adults will get an introduction to this program during 1st hour--it's sure to be enlightening.

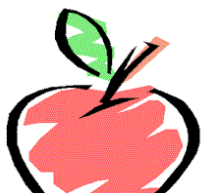
### \*LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT

Our theme this year for adult education, *Shining New Light*, was chosen partly to remind us to look

closer at the magnificent stained glass windows in our church. Watch for a Lenten Devotional to appear at the end of February with color images of the series of windows that lead up to and surround Easter. The booklet will also have seven essays written by Judson members. We'll ask for a small donation for each devotional to cover printing costs. We're hoping it will be a great tool for you to prepare your heart for Spring!



## Thank You!



Judson Preschool would like to thank you for letting us use your Fellowship hall for our Judson Preschool Singalongs. 114 Judson Preschool children sang in your

fellowship hall on December 14, 15 and 16. They enjoyed punch, cookies, fruit, cheese and good conversation when the singing was done. My son and I were in on Friday for clean up duty. Thank you again for letting us use your space the children had a great time.

Kristie Roedl, Judson Preschool Director

## Reminder for Reimbursements

- by Eileen McLaughlin

Just a reminder that, per the Finance Committee, all requests for reimbursement must be accompanied by a fully completed "Request for Payment" form, including the account number from which to pay, as well as the signature of the Committee Chair authorizing the expenditure (Committee Chair is responsible for providing acct. #). "Request for Payment" forms are available on the credenza in the office suite area, or under "forms" on the Judson website.



## Your Executive Council Wants You to Know - Pam Joern, Moderator

All Church Potluck and Business Meeting  
January 23, immediately following Worship  
Fellowship Hall, Child Care provided

On January 23, we will gather after worship in Fellowship Hall for a potluck lunch and a business meeting. This is the next step in our alignment project to match our fiscal and program years and institute a process of yearly goal setting to enable us to better marshal our resources. On January 23, the Executive Council will recommend one or two goals for the upcoming fiscal year—June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012. There will be ample opportunity for input from the congregation. Once goals are set, our committees will center their work around those goals. Our Spring Stewardship Campaign will challenge us to raise the funds necessary to put our goals into action. Please mark your calendars, attend the meeting, raise your voice and participate in preparing for a new future for Judson.



Although unplanned, the timing of our alignment project and our Pastoral Search couldn't be better. We're in an open and learning mode, the future is an unpainted landscape, and we have multiple opportunities to shape the direction of Judson church. We have some big challenges—not the least of which is dealing with an overly large deficit budget—but lots of people are giving their energy and smart thinking and spiritual insight to work toward creative solutions.

We're thrilled that Suzan Ireland has joined us as Interim Pastor. Her strong and centered presence, plus her expertise with congregational transitions, will provide us with guidance and confidence as we move forward.

On another note, thanks to all those who made Worship possible on the Sunday of the big snow. Executive Council decided not to cancel church because we did not have an adequate way to reach everyone, because some members live near enough to walk, and because George Burbie and the Property Committee did an excellent job of planning for snow removal for walks and parking. Eric Barreto (preacher), Barbara York (liturgist), Bob Clague (first-hour facilitator), and our guest choir director were all snowed in. Plus, Kevin could not make it back from Kansas City. Still, thirty-one of us showed up on Sunday morning.



Larry Weaver and Keith Ford made sure the doors were open. Monique and Andrew Barteling and Case, Katherine, and Reed not only made the drive but shoveled walks. Monica Lewis led decorating the sanctuary during first hour. Karla McGray arrived with coffee hour treats. Jim Wentink and ten choir members provided music. After the scripture reading, we shared our questions about Mary and waiting. Wayne Urbaniak prodded us with thoughts about John the Baptist. We prayed together, sang together, and agreed it was a morning filled with a sweet spirit.

We have taken steps to institute an emergency notification system, should we need it in the future. Stay tuned to learn more about that. Meanwhile, parking is restricted to the odd side of the street until Spring or further notice, so that may be the best incentive to arrive early on Sunday mornings.

It's a New Year as you read this. Please keep Judson in your prayers, and may the Holy One keep us mindful of our commitments to the tasks before us, our love for each other, and our trust in God's goodness and grace.

### May 21...STREET FEST!

Picture May 21, 2011. The snow is gone (amazingly), the sun is shining (probably), and the temperature is spring-like (definitely). Picture Saturday, May 21, as the Judson Street Fest once again transforms the corner of 41st and Harriet into a joyous community event. Planning is now under way for this, our 9th year of welcoming neighbors, having some fun, and raising some money for our church.

Plan to be there, please. Over the past 8 years, Judson people, and their relatives and friends, have stepped up to make the Street Fest an enjoyable and intergenerational neighborhood tradition. Mark it on your calendar: May 21-Street Fest.

In January, Keith Ford will begin accepting volunteers for specific roles and tasks. General categories include: Food; Entertainment; Silent Auction; Games; Plant Sale; Set Up and Clean Up; Vendors; Giant Inflatables; and Other (your ideas are welcome).

So...think spring, think warm thoughts, think Street Fest 2011. (Did we mention it's Saturday, May 21?)



## 'Green Pages' National Directory~ by Beth Waterhouse

For some good reason, Don Maronde got a complimentary copy of the new national directory put out by "Green America." This is a Washington DC-based group helping to market 'green' options across the nation. You can get a copy by calling 1-800-58-GREEN. For \$20 we can get a magazine, this shopping guide, and a guide to Socially Responsible Investing.

It is heartening to read of so many, many of the new businesses and efforts going on in every state in the nation. I was also happy to see the listing of many Minnesota businesses or locations. (We know there are many more in this state that simply didn't get in this directory.) As you think about your everyday eating or shopping, or investing options, consider these entries listed from Minnesota:

\* The Angry Trout Café in Grand

Marais, MN - well worth the drive!

- \* The Ecopolitan (restaurant, shop) on 24th and Lyndale in Minneapolis.
- \* The Nest (retail) in White Bear Lake.
- \* Ten Thousand Villages on Grand Ave in St. Paul.
- \* Green Mercantile in Duluth
- \* North Country Fair Trade (tee shirts) Goodrich Ave in St. Paul.
- \* Kvale Good Natured Games, Parkview Ave in St. Paul.
- \* Peapods Natural Toys on Snelling in St. Paul.
- \* Birch Clothing in Minneapolis.
- \* Northern Sun posters and gifts in Minneapolis.
- \* Jim Larson investments advisor,

NE Securities, Minneapolis.

Beyond being a national directory of green businesses, the "Green Pages" directory also gives good ideas. Their challenge to us is to purchase 10% of everything we buy from "green" businesses. If we think we already do that, they challenge us to double it. Why not try!?

<http://www.greenamerica.org/pubs/greenpages/>

### Think 3 Sunday, Jan. 16!

Please consider bringing at least three (3) items or more for the Joyce Food Shelf. There is a list of items needed on the box in the foyer. Place your items in this box or in the baskets in the sanctuary. Monetary donations are also welcome. Put the money in an offering envelope and designate it for Joyce Food Shelf. **Thank you and THINK THREE!**

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