



# MESSENGER

Worship in person at 9:30 am Sunday mornings—Masks required.

A little over nine years ago, during my first ever ‘Polar Vortex’ experience, the heater in my VW Passat went kaput. On the one hand I loved the car. I loved its heated seats, I loved the slight delay of the turbo, and I loved how precise it was when I closed the door. On the other hand I hated the car. Because it was not a Ford or Chevy I couldn’t work on it. And I had sunk a small fortune in it for repairs. It was then that I decided not to repair the car any more, instead I would start walking, biking, and taking public transit as much as possible for my job as pastor of Judson Church.

The experiment upended my understanding of pastoral ministry. The experiment showed me another way was possible than the model I was taught.

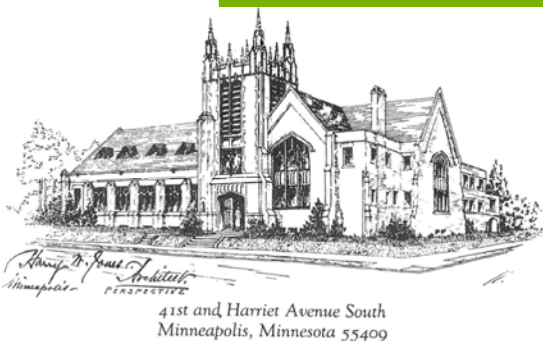
I am sure you have scratched your head many times. I am also sure no other congregation in America would have tolerated my experiment. And I know no other congregation would have actually encouraged it!

As I continued the experiment I shared my insights and discoveries with colleagues. The more I shared the more I realized no other congregation was approaching church renewal like we were. I thought it would make a good idea for a book. Foolishly, I thought how hard could it be to write a book? I write sermons all the time, isn’t a book just a series of sermons? DOH! Nevertheless, I made an outline, wrote an introductory chapter, and sent the proposal to ten publishers. The only one to accept it was Judson Press.

On March 15th the book, *Church on the Move: A Practical Guide to Ministry in the Community* will be released. Judson Church appears on every page in some form or fashion. I think our approach to congregational ministry is unique, exciting, and joyful. I say it in the acknowledgements, but I’ll say it here too: thank Judson Memorial Baptist Church!

Some of the ideas presented in the book you know by heart, while others you will hear about in future sermons and presentations. I look forward to continuing to experience congregational renewal and revitalization.

Peace  
Travis



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(\*Subcommittee members are listed alphabetically)

**Articles for the next issue of the Judson Messenger can be submitted to [bkumlin@judsonchurch.org](mailto:bkumlin@judsonchurch.org). The deadline is the 20th of each month for the following month.**  
**For hardcopy submissions, see the editor listed on the address page.**

## MODERATOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

I've never been a big fan of the Bible. Why? Too long, too obscure, too many kings and too much killing. It's hard to relate to and claims to be the actual Word of God (their capitals). So isn't it odd that I have six Bibles within arm's reach in my bookcase? Okay, one was Joan's (my mother-in-law) and another is Doug's childhood Bible. I also have my mother's Bible that she received from her parents at age nine in 1940.

I got my first Bible (Red Letter Edition, has a zipper!) at age eight from my then six-year old sister and my second Bible (dramatic illustrations) on my fifteenth birthday from my then nine-year old brother. Pastor Travis gave me my latest addition, The Message (The Bible in Contemporary Language). I will mention that the Bibles are flanked on one side by Miss Manners' Guide to Excruciatingly Correct Behavior by Judith Martin and on the other by Brian Satrom's book of poems, Starting Again. I don't recall intentionally placing either next to the Bibles, but . . .

I admit that I've heard some very thought-provoking and compelling explorations of various stories from the Bible. Many, many of those explorations have been authored by Pastor Travis. Another was decades ago at a party at Mike and Linda's when Ron Cottone had a group of us absolutely spellbound with a story I cannot now remember at all. But the texts of the Bibles just kind of turns me off, even The Message, which is more understandable and even at times amusing.

And then along comes Mary. Mary Magdalene, who I now know as the First Apostle. Not to be confused with Mary, mother of Jesus, or any other of the Marys. Or maybe I should say along came Meggan Watterson, author of the book Mary Magdalene Revealed - The First Apostle, Her Feminist Gospel & the Christianity We Haven't Tried Yet. I fell in love with this book, with Mary Magdalene and even with the Jesus portrayed in the Gospel of Mary. Here is what has been missing in all of those Bibles: the feminist teachings.

Mary's Gospel was there from the beginning, but in 325 A.D. the church fathers created the Nicene Creed at the Council of Nicaea. This Creed of the Christian faith was distinctly masculine so the Gospel of Mary Magdalene, along with the Gospels of Thomas and Philip, The Acts of Paul and Thecla and Perfect Thunder, Perfect Mind had to go. Luckily, renegade monks disobeyed the edict in order to preserve the gospels that related a very different Jesus from the one forming within the church hierarchy. A few pages were lost, but several copies of the Gospel of Mary were recovered from different places. Lucky us!

The Happy Ending (Beginning?): I am ready to dive into these wonderful writings. Maybe now there is a Bible that really speaks to me. I'm very excited!

Your Moderator, Monica Lewis

P.S. Thanks to Carolyn Kolovitz, our Director of Spiritual Formation, for introducing this book to our Women's Spirituality Group.

**Starfish Information— February, 2022**

Requesters Helped: 14 with 11 new to Starfish

Rent/Utilities: \$6,176.70

Gift Cards: \$690.00

Total Aid: \$6,866.70

Funds Exhausted on February 16

**JOYCE UPTOWN FOOD SHELF DESPERATELY NEEDS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS  
DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH**

Items needed are diapers (any size, but 3-6 is most popular), baby wipes, feminine hygiene products (tampons and pads), toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, and deodorant.

Please bring items to church any Sunday or drop them off at Judson Church any time that is convenient for you during the month of March, and Jim tenBensel will deliver the items to Joyce Food Shelf.

Or you may drop off items at 3041 Fremont Ave. S., Minneapolis., MN 55408 as they are accepting FOOD AND NON-FOOD DONATIONS ON FRIDAYS FROM 9 AM UNTIL 1 PM

You may send a check to Judson Church and designate "Joyce Food Shelf." Or, you can process an online donation by using Vanco: go to [judsonchurch.org](http://judsonchurch.org), website, click on "MAKE A DONATION," then put your donation amount in the food shelf box, and click continue. Thank you for your continued support of Joyce Uptown Food Shelf.

**COVID TASK FORCE UPDATE**

COVID GUIDELINES FOR JUDSON WORSHIP and other large gatherings, such as concerts

January 2022

1. As the signs posted on the Judson Church entrances state...

*If you have any of these symptoms, go home, stay away from other people, and contact your health care provider: Fever or feeling feverish; Chills; A new cough; Shortness of breath; A new sore throat; New muscle aches; New headache; New loss of smell or taste.*

2. Masks are required at worship services and other large gatherings at Judson.

3. Worship and event leaders (Travis, Carolyn, worship leaders, musicians) will wear masks, but may temporarily remove them when speaking / performing.

4. Adjustments so far have worked well, and will continue: using the small individual containers for communion; the practice of shared prayer requests; one offering basket in the back; masks and hand sanitizers available at several spots.

5. We are thankful that the vast majority of Judson people have been vaccinated; we continue to strongly encourage getting vaccinations.

6. Continue to check Judson emails for ongoing updates and reminders. We will continue to be cautious and flexible at Judson.

Below are additional general points related to use of Judson at other times.

1. Wear masks upon entering and exiting the church. Be especially mindful of this when preschool children are present.

2. Each small group meeting at church can use its judgment as to whether to continue to wear masks during that meeting.

3. We continue to strongly recommend getting vaccinations.

Judson's Covid-19 Task Force members are: Eileen McLaughlin, Travis Norvell, Polly Schrom, Karla McGray, Barb and Tom Balcom, and Kathy and Wayne Urbaniak, Jackie Thureson is joining the task force, as a representative of Personnel Committee. Dawn Martin and Susan Mason serve as resource people to the task force. We thank all who have been using Judson Church, for the excellent cooperation and sensitivity.

Wayne Urbaniak

## BOOTLEG COUNCIL REPORT\*

Judson Council met on February 1, 2022. Here are some highlights:

- "Soft" re-opening of in-person worship on February 13th. Council voted to approve the plan to resume in-person worship with masks and social distancing. We'll also be recording and live-streaming the service. There will be child care available.
- Check out Cathy Wurzer on MinnPost retweeting Travis's Bike Commute Report mornings!
- Work on committee budgets and the stewardship campaign is starting.
- Spiritual Formation update: we want to show the neighborhood who we are as a spiritual resource and support no matter where people fall on the faith spectrum. We must try to stay nimble with the hope that we will eventually have a committee generating ideas. We should determine what it is that kids really want and need, and not just try to convince them to come to church on Sunday. Carolyn is planning a workshop on being a spiritual presence where parents could come and figure out what they want to share with their kids about spirituality. There are some great ideas for intergenerational opportunities, but a lot depends on the COVID situation.
- We passed a motion that council supports the Environmental/Climate Justice Group in exploring the congregation's becoming a certified climate justice congregation.
- We passed a motion that endorses the Racial Justice Team to move forward with its exploration of what it would mean for Judson to become an anti-racist church.
- Fifteen Judsonites spent 15+ hours last weekend in an anti-racism training facilitated by Roots of Justice. Exhausting and exhilarating! Stay tuned for their reports.

\*A quick summary by your moderator of this month's council meeting. Not from any approved council minutes. Approval happens at subsequent council meeting. Look for next month's BOOTLEG COUNCIL REPORT in other communication from Judson shortly after the March 1, 2022 Council meeting.

## LGBTQIA+ TASKFORCE TO RESUME

The LGBTQIA+ Taskforce will resume on Monday, March 7th at 7pm. It will be open to any who wish to attend.

For the zoom link please contact Déadra at [deadra@gracenpeace.net](mailto:deadra@gracenpeace.net)

## GREETINGS FROM TRUST, INC.

I just wanted to take a few minutes of your time today to introduce myself. I'm Mary Beth Weibel and I am the new Executive Director for TRUST Inc. As many of you may know, I have served in the agency in the capacity of Congregation & Community Relations Coordinator since September 2021. My background has floated me in many sectors of community life during my career including Lay Minister/Director of Outreach at Richfield Lutheran Church for 23 years working with all ages of church life, as well as Artistic Director of The RLC Theater Company during that same timeframe. I also have worked extensively with Senior Ministries in a variety of capacities. I am a licensed educator with the state of Minnesota, working with school districts throughout the Twin Cities Metro area from preschoolers to high schoolers. I am thrilled to see how these components will weave together into a broader tapestry that incorporates the many programs and initiatives of TRUST Inc.

I see 2022 as a pivotal time for TRUST Inc to strengthen itself in working with seniors to help them remain in their homes safely and securely through many of our assist programs, like; Meals on Wheels, Chore Home Services, Estate Sales and the Grocery/Errand Transportation. In addition, we are excited to create and build on the many components of our community initiatives, including; food sustainability resources, health and wellness, community life enrichment, community investment and social justice/community action. There are a lot of things that need attention, work and reimagining but we all know that 'a journey of a thousand miles starts a single step.' We may not need to go a thousand miles but we do need to do quite a bit of traveling forward this year in new and exciting ways and we hope you will join us as volunteers in some of our many programs and initiatives.

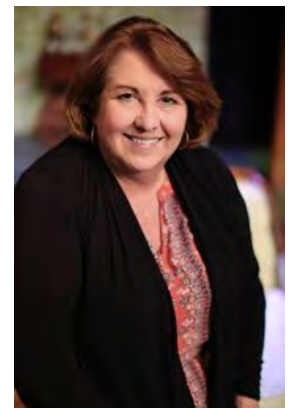
TRUST Inc was formed over 50 years ago (we didn't get to celebrate that milestone much in 2020 or 2021) but the duration of the agency is built on the model that we are "better together." Perhaps this year we can celebrate "52 and here for you!" Through partnerships with communities of faith, grant opportunities and people like you, TRUST Inc is well positioned to live out our mission statement into the new year; "Mobilizing congregations and community to serve and empower our neighbors." I thank you for your continued generosity through financial support, outreach support and volunteer support. I also want to thank you for your trust in TRUST Inc. Please feel free to contact me anytime or stop into our office on Rustic Lodge. I look forward to meeting many of you in the year ahead, dreaming dreams into reality and living out the mission of TRUST Inc as we serve our neighbors with love, care, kindness and compassion in all we do.

Onward with joy!

Mary Beth Weibel

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## JUDSON WELCOMES AFGHANI FAMILY TO MINNEAPOLIS

Judson's donation drive to raise funds/household goods to provide a start for a refugee family was a great success. All of the items on the International Institute's required and "wish list" were quickly met by the Judson community and the Youth Room became our headquarters for gathering and storing the items until we were notified about the arriving family. Thank you to all who contributed to this donation drive and to Barb Balcom, Keith Ford, and Leslie Rapp for organizing the donations drive project.



On January 21st we got the call from the International Institute that an Afghani family of 10 would be arriving on January 26th. It was an "all hands-on-deck" moment for Judson and the Institute. A generous investor offered up one of his properties to the Institute and they were quickly trying to fast track the rental license with the city so that the family could move in on the 26th. Meanwhile Judson was quickly shopping for bedding for 10, rounding up some additional items (including a crib) and finding volunteers to move items to the house in the Whittier neighborhood and help unpack and set up.

Many thanks to: Jean Hayes, Pam and Brad Joern, Monica Lewis, Doug Weatherhead, Scott and Yin Simpson, Larry Jacobson, Keith and Betsy Ford, Karla McGray and Willie Forsyth who transported the goods, and lovingly unpacked and organized the kitchen and helped set up bedrooms. Thanks to Jane and Larry Jacobsen for coming through with the much-needed crib and to Yin Simpson for providing additional dishes, utensils, and kitchen items to fully stock the kitchen for a family of ten. A special thanks to Loyola O'Boyle for donating one of her handmade quilts – a lovely way to say "welcome" to this new family.







## ANTIRACISM TRAINING

Submitted by Brad Joern - February 2022

Fifteen members of Judson's Racial Justice Team recently spent over 15 hours (January 27-29, 2022) in antiracism training facilitated by Roots of Justice (ROJ). ROJ is a nonprofit organization that envisions a world where work for justice in love enables all to live authentic and fulfilled lives. Judson participants included Barb Balcom, Beverly Bockus, Keith Ford, Karla Forsyth, Jean Hayes, Pam Joern, Brad Joern, Monica Lewis, Travis Norvell, Leslie Rapp, Scott Simpson, Jim ten Bensel, Kathy Urbaniak, Carley Watts, and Beth Waterhouse.

This training, entitled Antiracism Analysis, was the first of three ROJ training sessions that the Judson team plans to participate in over the course of 2022. This first session included discussions on the topics of oppression, racism and dehumanization (brokenness), racism and identity, and antiracism and collective liberation. The overall focus was on learning what institutional racism is and how it impacts the lives of all of us. We explored the history of racism and resistance, learned a common language for talking with each other about antiracism, and were exposed to a deeper awareness of the effects of systemic racism.

The Judson team is grateful for the Judson Council's decision at its February 1, 2022 meeting to endorse our continuing exploration of what it would mean for Judson to become an anti-racist church. Given the constraints of COVID, we plan to use various means to provide information and opportunities for reflection for the Judson community. Our hope is that together we can review and learn from our history as we work through a process of discernment for our way forward.

# JUDSON

## MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH



Your Second Home

### 2022 Stewardship Campaign

During the last several years, the Judson Family has enjoyed sustained growth. Despite the pandemic's influence on social gatherings and a world strongly divided about how "things ought to be", Judson's unifying message of family and home is attracting a wide range of personalities. When asked about some of the reasons for joining Judson, many responded with either "the people already there" or "feels like home."

#### **The Judson Family.**

Recently, a member described the Judson family this way: Judson is full of interesting people eager to share their experiences. Judson has bird watchers, quilters, book lovers, authors, movie goers, sailors, travelers, woodworkers, collectors, musicians, composers, writers and poets, artists, hikers, bicyclists, board gamers, athletes, and others with interesting hobbies they love sharing. Judson is a talented, curious, creative and gregarious congregation.

Judson's habit of creating a home-like feeling heavily influenced this 2022 Stewardship Campaign. Reinforcing why Judson feels like Your Second Home Is the goal of this letter.

#### **The Judson Family and some recent events.**

So, what are all these talented, curious, creative family members up to these days? Judson conducts weekly spiritual centering exercises which many times guide our efforts out in the world. Recently some Judson family members spent the day at Ft. Snelling Veterans Cemetery putting Christmas wreaths on the veterans' graves, while twenty-one other Judson family members and fifteen friends from the neighborhood turned the Judson Plaza into an Art show in remembrance of deceased relatives and friends.

We met more new friends and neighbors at our annual Pride Festival booth. Over 100 friends and neighbors attended the roll out of Karla McGray's new book "To Be Brave." Karla now joins a growing group of published authors regularly attending Judson. The Judson family/neighborhood Wednesday Morning Breakfast group continues its search for a post Currans location. And during this 2022 budget season we are examining more effective investments in our four foundational faith projects: Environmental/Climate Justice, LGBTQIA+ Freedom to live, Racial Justice, and Homeless Youth.

**Judson's ongoing involvement with South Minneapolis/Kingfield.**

Judson's growing engagement with the neighborhood continues apace.

The reopening of the Judson Preschool, heavily patronized by Kingfield families, used help from the Judson church family; an extensive remodel of the Judson playground is much appreciated by the neighborhood kids; a resettlement program for an Afghan family including furniture and clothing was conducted; the highly regarded Judson Meals on Wheels Kitchen remained open and staffed through the recent covid tribulations; and we've begun studying how to make the 41st street/Harriet Ave corner more inviting to the neighborhood. Recently, several Senior Citizen Judson members prepared "we're thinking of you" care packages for twenty-nine school kids (elementary to college) whose lives are being discombobulated by all the covid restrictions.

**Post Covid possibilities**

Anticipating Covid's end, we are brainstorming how to leverage our internal investments into creating a better world. Ideas in search of a champion include:

- Using our Racial Justice training to better identify and root-out systemic racism;
- Renewing our involvement with the Open Streets event while pondering more Kingfield events like the Rummage sale and the Backyard Music Festival;
- Investigating whether our solar investment might be an energy source for others;
- Exploring how to make the building more accessible to:
  - ⇒ private meditations. A 1950's policy whose time may have returned;
  - ⇒ more neighborhood groups already working on solving local problems;
- Handling some of life's blows. While professional help may be the first choice, sometimes you just need a discussion group with folks "who have been there."

**Watch your mailbox for a March Letter.**

After March 8th, you will receive a Stewardship Ask letter with a proposed budget, and your 2022-23 pledge card. Generous giving is a blessing.

if you are reading this letter on one of our digital platforms, welcome.

Stop in if "Your Second Home" sounds like your kind of place.

2022 Stewardship Campaign

### Spiritual Formation by Carolyn Kolovitz

Albert Einstein wrote “The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious.”

The stories of Lent invite us into Mystery, and my guided reflections during the Sunday services this month will offer us the time and space to explore the biggest mysteries of all:

Why are we born into these human bodies? What happens when we die? What does it all mean?

I don't have the answers to these questions, but I can facilitate us each tapping into our own ways of knowing, our own lived experiences - as a way of growing in peace with Mystery, as a way of being more comfortable talking with each other about our own varied beliefs and explorations.

One source I'll be using to explore these questions is the ancient Christian writings of the Gospel of Mary Magdalene. If you're unfamiliar with this gospel, there are several good books about it and its spiritual lessons. Our Women's Circle is currently reading *Mary Magdalene Revealed: The First Apostle, Her Feminist Gospel, And the Christianity We Haven't Tried Yet* by Meggan Watterson. A heavier, more theological book is *The Meaning of Mary Magdalene: Discovering the Woman at the Heart of Christianity* by Episcopal priest Cynthia Bourgeault. Both of these books offer a fresh, and for some – powerful, take on the true meaning of Easter. If you read either of these books and want to talk about them, let me know - maybe we can start a second group!

Also, watch your email for details about an online meditation gathering to celebrate the Spring Equinox on March 20. While life is filled with mysteries and unanswerable questions, one thing we know for sure is that spring follows winter. We're also thinking about hosting another Taize meditation this month. These types of gatherings are initiated by members of the congregation – and I'm happy to help make them happen, so if you have ideas of your own – please let me know!

The best days to reach me are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays by email at [ckolovitz@judsonchurch.org](mailto:ckolovitz@judsonchurch.org) or by text / calling my cell 612-987-8779. Let's set up a time for a conversation.

CELEBRATING  
25 YEARS OF  
EXCELLENCE



Dear Judson:

Thank you so much for your Generous contribution of \$100.00 in 2021. Your Support is key to allowing WE WIN to support youth in their academic and social success using both conventional and innovative Afrocentric approaches. This year WE WIN has increased our partnerships throughout Minneapolis and St. Paul to maximize our impact.

Titilayo Bediako

Executive Director

Asante Sana,



### REBOOTING THE JUDSON CLIMATE JUSTICE TEAM

On January 25<sup>th</sup>, a small group of Judson folks meet via Zoom to restart our climate justice team which has been inactive since the start of the pandemic. Listed below are the highlights of that meeting:

- Group decided to be known as the **Environmental/Climate Justice Team**
- The team will meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month starting on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm via Zoom until further notice.
- Larry Jacobson and Sarah Baker will serve as discussion co-leaders for the team for this coming year.
- The team decided to participate in the Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light's (MNIPL) certified climate justice congregation (CJC) program. Charissa Verdoorn, a representative from MNIPL, will assist our group in the activities and programs that they provide individual congregations.
- Our team will be preparing an "action plan" or a set of goals for future activities/programs to fulfill the criteria of the MNIPL CJC program.
- Besides the MNIPL CJC program, our team is also interested in doing environmental and climate change activities or projects for and with the Judson community.
- We will plan to have an activity/program to celebrate Earth Day (April 22<sup>nd</sup>). Possibly holding an event at Judson on the following Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- We want to extend an open invitation to anyone in the Judson community to join us in our programs and/or participate in our meetings.

Submitted by Larry Jacobson and Sarah Baker

## EXPLORING ANTIRACISM

Submitted by Jean Hayes

Last month, the Judson Council passed a resolution to explore what it would mean for Judson to work toward becoming an antiracism community. The resolution is consistent with action the church took a few years ago. During a retreat which followed the all-church trip to Memphis, four interrelated social action groups were created. As a relatively recent participant with the Racial Justice Team (one of the 4 groups), I would like to share my thoughts about antiracism, which have evolved over my two years with the team. I:

- Came to understand that words like “racist” and “antiracism” often trigger unhelpful emotional reactions. Those words (and others) need to be studied, analyzed and discussed together with the whole community before meaningful action can happen.
- Learned that the foundation of our country was built with governmental and social systems that maintain White supremacy through economic and political power.
- Became aware of how the White church was instrumental in creating and maintaining systems of White supremacy which continue today.
- Learned that individual “racists” are not needed to perpetuate White supremacy in any given system. I have been shown how governmental and social systems continue to have unequal outcomes even without the actions of “racist people.”
- Learned that we have to analyze how inequity is happening in order to facilitate change.
- Was reminded that God does not require us to be successful; only to be faithful to the journey.

I believe that Judsonites are open-minded, inclusive people and not ‘racist,’ but I think we may not be fully aware of where and how racial inequity is perpetuated. I think we might not know how to discover and analyze it. I think we may not fully understand what antiracism action looks like.

I think that discovery and analysis of racism and antiracism and how to take action, start with talking about it throughout the congregation and with our friends and loved ones. I think we need to look for opportunities for discussion at Judson. I would like us to visit informally over coffee during “Ponderings from the Pews,” or invite committees or committee representatives to meet together occasionally, or participate in more educational events on more topics. How and where could you share your thoughts and feelings? What learning opportunities would resonate with you? Please let us know. Participants of the Racial Justice Team include: Barb Balcom, Beverly Bockus, Keith Ford, Clay Gustafson, Jean Hayes, Brad and Pam Joern, Monica Lewis, Karla McGray, Travis Norvell, Leslie Rapp, Scott Simpson, Polly Schrom, Jim ten Bensel, Kathy Urbaniak, Carley Watts, Margot Willett.

## WINTER SCHOOL

The February Winter School focused on the PBS documentary, "Slavery By Another Name." The film illuminates how slavery did not end with the Civil War. Rather, new forms of forced labor emerged through Convict Leasing, sharecropping and peonage. Also discussed was related information from Michelle Alexander's book, The New Jim Crow and the recent Penumbra program, "Let's Talk" about the Criminal Justice System. Feedback from participants of the February Winter School include:

- "I had no idea what the chain gangs were about."
- "I did not know the word, "peonage."
- "I did not understand the extent to which prison labor provided and continues to provide financial benefits to private industry."
- "It was shocking to learn the degree of human ruination that is caused by criminalization of common life conditions."

The March Winter School is March 15, 2022 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. The discussion will be based on the PBS film, "Freedom Summer."

For ten weeks in 1964, White students from the North joined activists in Mississippi, forcing the media and the country to notice the violence and injustice. The students lived with local Black families, registered people to vote, held Freedom Schools, and demonstrated. Some were killed. Many prepared wills and final letters to their families before they left home. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was one of the outcomes of Freedom Summer. The discussion March 15th will include a brief overview of recent voting rights legislation backlash. Please view the film before the discussion if possible.

Link to PBS film: "Freedom Summer:

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/films/freedomsummer/>

Zoom link to discussion:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86176863804?pwd=K0xYTzFNZEtYeXFaTGpkOWNabE9TZz09>

## RACIAL JUSTICE TEAM IS OPEN TO EVERYONE

The team meets twice a month. Come whenever you can: 2nd Mondays at 10 AM; 4th Mondays at 7:PM. Meetings explore ways to act for racial justice and involve personal sharing, planning for all-church events, volunteer opportunities, and education. All are welcome. The next Zoom meetings are: Monday March 14, 2022 at 10 AM and Monday March 28, 2022 at 7 PM. Contact Scott Simpson for the link. [startime7@gmail.com](mailto:startime7@gmail.com).

*Join Us!*



**TRUST INC.**

**SPRING MARKET &  
CRAFT FAIR**

**MARCH 05, 2022**

**9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

**HOST SITE: DIAMOND LAKE LUTHERAN  
5760 PORTLAND AVE MPLS MN  
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## LENTEN REFLECTION SERIES

Lenten Study Schedule, via Zoom



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delinquam in lingua mea.  
**D**olui ori meo custodi  
am: cum confisteret pec  
cator: aduersum me.  
**O**bnutui et humiliatus  
sum et filii a bonis: et  
dolor meus renouatus est.  
**C**oncabuit cor meum in  
tra me: et in medullis  
Lentum fuit in lingua mea:  
notum factum in die hie meum.  
**E**t moneo dies meos qd  
est: ut sciam qd delit in mihi.  
**E**cce mirabilia posu  
isti die meos: et substantia  
mea tanquam nihilum ante te.  
**V**eritatem uniuersa uari  
tas: omnis homo uiuens.  
**V**eritatem in imagine  
petrauit homo: sed et  
frustra conturbatur.  
**Q**uid laurazat et ignorat  
cui congregabit ea. Et num  
que est expectatio mea  
nonne dominus: et sub  
stantia mea apud te est.  
**A**b omnibus iniquitatibus  
meis erue me: obprobrium  
insipienti dedisti me.  
**O**bnutui et non aperui  
os meum quoniam tu fecisti: a

Explore the Psalms

Sundays in March  
Online Zoom Study  
7:00 to 7:30 pm

*Lament*  
*Supplication*  
*Praise*  
*Gratitude*

March 6th 7:00-7:30pm Psalms for Life: Lament, Psalm 126

March 13th 7:00-7:30pm Psalms for Life: Supplication, Psalm 27

March 20th 7:00-7:30pm Psalms for Life: Praise, Psalm 63

March 27th 7:00-7:30pm Psalms for Life: Gratitude, Psalm 32

## **SOLAR PERFORMANCE FROM 12/19/21 TO 1/20/22 (32-DAY PERIOD)**

Listed below is the Judson solar system performance from our February Xcel bill that covers the 32-day period from 12/19/21 to 1/20/22.

I suspect that our “monthly” solar generated energy amount has “bottomed out” with only about 1,250 kWh of electricity having been produced during the 32 period around the holidays. In comparison, the 30 days of June last year produced slightly over 9,000 kWh of electricity.

Also, when checking the solar app this winter it looks like we have frequently been in the situation similar to what is shown by the enclosed photo taken on Sunday, Feb 13<sup>th</sup>. Because of the frequent snowfalls we’ve been getting this winter, the 95 panels on the flat roof have been covered with snow while the snow slides off of the 45 panels on the steeper sloped roof. So most of electricity we have been generating this winter is from the 45 panels on the sloped roof while very little has been coming from the snow-covered panels on the flat roof.



Finally, although it says we used 0 electricity from our solar system, we simply did not produce enough energy for it to show up on Xcel’s meters! At least that is the explanation I got when I called an Xcel representative this week. It will show up in next month’s bill.

**Solar Electricity Generated during period = 1,253 kWh**

**Electricity Used by Judson during period = 18,880 kWh**

**Electricity Used by Judson from Solar during period = 0 kWh**

**Solar Electricity put back on grid during period = 1,253 kWh**

**Solar Credit for period = -----**

**Xcel Bill for 33-day period = \$2,450.98**

**Xcel Bill from last year’s February bill = \$2,149.07**

**Submitted by Larry Jacobson, past chair of property**

### ODDS AND ENDS

- Please follow the [Judson Channel on Vimeo](#) *[ctrl click]* so you can receive the latest worship services.
- Please [like Judson Church on Facebook](#). *[ctrl click]*
- And please forward [this sign-up link](#) *[ctrl click]* to your friends and encourage them to sign up for our daily emails.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have any updates for the Tree of Life (the Judson Prayer List), either send them to me at ([gtnorvell@judsonchurch.org](mailto:gtnorvell@judsonchurch.org)) or send them to Eileen at ([info@judsonchurch.org](mailto:info@judsonchurch.org)). *[ctrl click]*

### DIRECTORY REQUESTS


If you need an updated copy of an updated Judson Directory, please let Eileen know at ([info@judsonchurch.org](mailto:info@judsonchurch.org)). You can request a hard copy or a PDF copy sent to you by email. If you have changed your address, phone number, or new email, please contact the church office.

### LULU JOHNSON'S BLOG

We wish blessings on Lulu's travel and study. Lulu is on her **Fulbright Scholarship** in Seoul, South Korea. [She will blog about her experience here](#). *[ctrl click]*

### CHURCH CALENDAR ON WEBSITE

-If you have a Judson gathering (a meeting or an event), please let Eileen in the office know so we can put it on the [Judson Church Calendar](#). *[ctrl click]* Again, this is another tool to share with others the good news of this congregation. We are doing lots of good work; let's not cover up that light!



Bring Your Hopes, Bring Your Doubts, Feed Your Soul.

### HOW TO STAY CONNECTED TO JUDSON ONLINE

Check out Judson's Linktree for a quick access to our digital presence:

[www.linktr.ee/JudsonChurch](http://www.linktr.ee/JudsonChurch)

If you're not signed up for the weekly emails, click the button to sign up! Email is a great way to get a constant update of what we do here at Judson and how to stay involved.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2022

March 6th First Sunday in Lent  
Psalms for Life: Psalm 126, God, Are You Listening?  
Preacher: Travis Norvell

March 13th Second Sunday in Lent  
Psalms for Life: Psalm 27, God, Do Not Forsake Me  
Preacher: Travis Norvell

March 20th Third Sunday in Lent  
Psalms for Life: Psalm 63, A Plea for Help  
Preacher: Travis Norvell

March 27th Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Psalms for Life: Psalm 32 Happy Are Those Who Are Forgiven  
Preacher: Travis Norvell

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