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JUDSON

Memorial Baptist Church

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MESSENGER

Worship in person at 9:30 am Sunday mornings—Masks admired but not required.

A Note on Communication:

As you may know by now, Bryant Kumlin is departing in June. We are grateful for Bryant’s creative contributions as the Marketing and Communications Coordinator at Judson Memorial Baptist Church. He leaves Judson to begin his Ph.D. studies in Church History at Luther Seminary in St. Paul. We wish him wonderful academic success and endeavors.

Bryant’s departure leaves us with the conundrum of what to do about *The Messenger*? *We, the church staff, and the Outreach and Engagement Committee are taking the summer to rethink the monthly newsletter. You will receive a calendar for July and August with important dates and events. In the meantime, we will continue to share news and events in the Sunday bulletin and the twice-a-week emails. The Wednesday email is a pastoral email with the Wednesday Wonderings link, and the Friday email is a news email with dates, events, announcements, and the Friday Fun meme.*

I know that not everyone has email, and I know not everyone who has email opens their emails and reads their emails, I know not everyone who reads their emails remembers the contents of their emails. The same could be said for oral and printed announcements made during Sunday worship, i.e., not everyone there is paying attention all the time.

All to say, communication is key. Repetition is key. Dependable patterns are key. For the summer months our communications will rely on our twice-weekly emails, the printed Sunday bulletin, and oral announcements made during worship.

Peace,
Travis



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OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2021-2022**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Moderator	Monica Lewis	Vice Moderator	Joel Frederickson
Secretary	Brian Satrom	Treasurer	Bill Forsyth

Building Use/Communications	Steve Hirsch
Congregational Care	Wayne & Kathy Urbaniak
Finance	Bill Forsyth
Missions	
Outreach & Engagement	Leslie Rapp
Personnel	Jeff O'Halloran
Property	Clay Gustafson
Spiritual Formation	Carolyn Kolovitz, Polly Schrom
Worship	

OTHER GROUPS

Marketing & Communications	Bryant Kumlin
Judson Historian	Tom Balcom
Judson Preschool Board	Sandy Chatfield, Carolyn Kolovitz, Susan Mason, Polly Schrom*
Textile Group [Formerly Known as Knitting Group]	Sandy Chatfield
Messenger	Bryant Kumlin
Spiritual Voyagers	Ron Cottone
Starfish Ministry	Wayne Urbaniak
The Gathering	Kathy Urbaniak
TRUST Rep	Karla McGray, Jim ten Bensel
Ushers	Office Manager

The Pastoral Relations committee includes the following people: Mary Gustafson (chair), Joel Frederickson, Pam Joern, and Karla McGray. Feel free to speak with any of these people to share ideas, concerns, or thanks.

(*Subcommittee members are listed alphabetically)

Articles for the next issue of the Judson Messenger can be submitted to 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,

It's official. At our annual meeting held on May 22, the votes confirmed our slate of officers and committee chairs as nominated and recommended by Council by a vote of 53 "yes," one "no," and one abstention. Approval of our proposed 2022-2023 budget followed similar lines with 52 "yes" votes, one "no" vote, and two abstentions. Thank you for your confidence and participation. The Council terms and the new budget are effective June 1, 2022.

I want to thank the following for their hard work on Council this past 10 months: Joel Frederickson, Bill Forsyth, Brian Satrom, Steve Hirsch, Clay Gustafson, Polly Schrom, and Jeff O'Halloran, all of whom are continuing to serve on Council. Special thanks to Brad Joern, Luise Forseth, Keith Ford, and Kristine Revak, who are rotating off Council next year. Their work and dedication is much appreciated. We welcome onto Council Kathy and Wayne Urbaniak, who will be co-chairing the Congregational Care Committee, and Leslie Rapp, who will chair the Outreach & Engagement Committee. We are still looking for chairs for the Worship Committee and the Missions Committee.

I am amazed at the level of talent and commitment we have on our Council, and I look forward to working with the 2022-2023 Council. It is truly our pleasure to serve you, our Judson Community. Remember, there are many opportunities and ways for you to participate in the life of our church, whether short-term, long-term, or in between. I so appreciate all that all of you do for Judson. Keep on saying, "YES!"

Your moderator,

Monica Lewis

STARFISH INFORMATION - MAY, 2022

Requesters helped: 9
Rent/Utilities/Medical: \$6,447.72
Gift Cards: \$150
Total Aid: \$6,597.72
Month's Funds Exhausted: May 3

TRAVIS LAUNCHED HIS BOOK

Sunday, May 22 marked the official Judson book launch celebration for Travis's book: Church on the Move.



THE GATHERING: OPENINGS NOW

There are now openings for new participants at THE GATHERING. This spring, we restarted in-person gatherings at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (41st and Lyndale). If you or someone you know has moderate memory loss, consider joining us on the first and third Thursdays each month. Call Mary at 612-243-4591 for details about participation, or contact Kathy or Wayne Urbaniak for more information. You can also arrange to visit for one day to see if The Gathering is a good fit.

THE GATHERING is a joint ministry (Judson and Bethlehem) that provides service and care to people with moderate memory loss and gives time to their caregivers. Participants gather at Bethlehem Church; each has a 1:1 volunteer for the day (10:00-3:00). In this way, participants' caregivers are given 5 hours of "time off," knowing their loved ones are at in an enjoyable and safe setting for the day.

Each day has a different theme: short presentations, hands-on activities, music therapy, lunch, and videos tied in with the topic. Co-leaders organize the day, and a volunteer is paired with each participant for the whole day. At the May 19 session, our theme was "Chocolate"—lots of fun (and sampling). Here is the upcoming schedule: Classic Toys, June 2; New York City, June 16; Circus, July 7; Photography, July 21.

BOOTLEG COUNCIL REPORT*

Judson Council met on May 3, 2022. Here are some highlights:

A thorough presentation and discussion of the proposed 2022-2023 budget resulted in the Council approving the budget proposed by the Finance Committee. The proposed budget has a \$14,000 deficit, but the church has income from dedicated accounts that can cover the deficit.

- Council passed a motion to approve the committee chairs and officers for next year's Council. We still need chairs for Missions, Congregational Care (winter months), and Worship.
- Concerns voiced regarding congregational care: needs are changing and will need to be addressed.
- Thanks to Keith Ford and Luise Forseth for their excellent work on Council.

*A quick summary by your moderator of this month's council meeting. Not from approved council minutes. Corrections and approval of minutes will take place at the next council meeting.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE, 2022-2023

*Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you fulfill the law of Christ.
Galatians 6:2*

People of Judson care for one another—love each other and bear one another's burdens—through their interactions and relationships. We are thankful for this; we acknowledge it (without knowing the many details); we encourage these caring attitudes and acts to continue on personal levels.

The Congregational Care Committee is one method by which Judson Church communicates, supports, and cares for one another. Here is the "Committee Description" for Congregational Care, from August 1, 2021:

The Congregational Care Committee's purpose is to alert the congregation, through the Tree of Life, about members, friends, or relatives who need our thoughts, prayers, and personal contact. Congregational members volunteer in adjunct ways. Essential tasks are praying, visiting, telephoning, writing notes, and sending cards. We also find volunteers to help for one-time purposes.

Congregational Care is organizing its service in 4-month segments for this new church year: June-September, October-January, and February-May.

People are agreeing to serve during one or more of those segments by meeting via zoom for one hour once per month—to share updates on our connections within our community. All of us, at various times, need special care from our congregation.

In addition to Travis, in his pastoral role, here are the people who have agreed to serve:

June-September:

Kathy Urbaniak, Wayne Urbaniak, Craig Wiester

October-January:

Karla McGray, Laura O'Halloran, Kathy Urbaniak, Wayne Urbaniak, Craig Wiester

February-May:

Barbara Engen-Mangskau, Char Engen-Mangskau, Kathy Urbaniak, Wayne Urbaniak, Craig Wiester

We invite you to contact us if you would like to join us, for a 4-month segment of service. Contact either of us, via phone/text, email, or conversation at church.

Kathy Urbaniak, 612-232-3924, kathyurbaniak@gmail.com

Wayne Urbaniak, 612-222-4102, wayneurbaniak@gmail.com

Congregational Care Co-Chairs, 2022-2023

JUDSON QUEER ALLIANCE (JQA) GETTING READY FOR TWIN CITIES PRIDE!

Judson Church has again agreed to partner with University Baptist Church to be present at the Twin Cities PRIDE Festival at Loring Park in Minneapolis on June 25 – 26, 2022.

This year, JQA hopes to foster conversation in a new way at the booth. Will we still tell people about our churches and have a contact for sign up? Sure! But we want our booth to offer something to the festival goers.

We can offer an INVITATION to talk about spirituality, tell a story, be heard. How does spirituality intersect with sexuality? We want to engage people in the same sorts of conversation, hospitality, and openness they might find on a Sunday morning at Judson (or UBC!) JQA hopes that Judson's rainbow flags signify more than "we will tolerate you", but instead, "we love you already, let's get to know you!"

Next JQA Planning Meeting June 2 at 6:30 PM by Zoom: Meeting ID 849 858 1202

To get involved with planning for or hosting at the PRIDE booth or both, please contact Déadra Moore at 651-278-4366 or deadra@gracenpeace.net. Look for sign-up sheets at the back of the sanctuary or sign up here! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DACAE2FAAF9C07-pride>

JOYCE UPTOWN FOOD SHELF

For June, Joyce Uptown Food Shelf especially needs ramen.

Also, diapers (any size) and wipes would be appreciated.

Please bring items to Judson Church whenever convenient in June.

Thank you for your support of Joyce Uptown Food Shelf.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE—IFRAH MONSOUR

Judson is thrilled to welcome Ifrah Monsour as our Artist in Residence this June. Ifrah will be constructing an Aqal, a traditional housing structure for nomadic Somali peoples, to raise awareness of Somali culture and build community through art. Numerous programs will be hosted during her time here, and she will be giving a personal reflection on Sunday, June 12th, as well as providing Somali Tea and snacks. Watch our upcoming communications for dates and times of other events.



JOEL AND TRISH MADE A SURPRISE VISIT

MAY 3, 2022



THE FUN FAIR WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

Goals: We had three:

1. Build and strengthen our Judson Community
2. Raise funds for our operations and outreach programs
3. Have fun accomplishing the above

We believe we have done all the above and raised over \$7000 (we'll soon know the actual number). Also, many Great Gatherings events happening soon will help us all have a good time while reconnecting.

Building Community

Our Marketing & Communications person, Bryant Kumlin, told me that we had 40 more YouTube views than we usually get, and 300 more people reached than normal by a Facebook post. That is about a 100% increase over average across all platforms. We cannot know who exactly viewed our post. In total, we had 84 views of our virtual program, 300 views of our website over 3 days versus 30 on average, and the Facebook event reached 455 people. The auction drew a bigger crowd than the video of our program. Also, because we opened up some items for bidding to the entire "Bidding for Good" virtual auction population, we had 7 items that were purchased from people in other states who were not from Judson. We likely had a few neighbors check us out as well. So, because of the wonderful program that Polly and Doug Weatherhead pulled together, the colorful poster and information that Doug Harvey created for all of us, Bryant's work to post ads on Southwest Voices and on Facebook, Eileen's communications, and everyone's emails, and also Diane Kolodziej and her brother who posted flyers at local businesses, **"All of that leads me to the conclusion that there are now more people in the world who know about Judson, and who learned about the work we do here than there were prior to the Fun Fair."** (Bryant)

Thank You!

First: thanks to the emcees of our show—Susan Mason, Laura O'Halloran, and Jeff O'Halloran. AND our entertainers—Jarrelle Barton, Fendrick and Peck, Dale Alexander, the Beau Baker Band, Van Johnson, Doug Weatherhead, and Bob Clague. Also, thanks to our resident comedian who kept me in stitches, Grady O'Halloran, and his fabulous jokes.

None of this would have happened without all of you which, includes:

- The generous and creative donors of biddable auction items;
- The generous and creative hosts of upcoming GREAT gatherings;
- The generous buyers of auction items and "seats" at upcoming events;

The Fun Fair Team

Finally, I want to thank the Fun Fair team who worked very hard and long dedicated hours to make it all happen: Brad Joern, Margot Willet, Polly Schrom, Eileen McLaughlin, Bryant Kumlin, Doug Harvey, Doug Weatherhead, and Diane Kolodziej.

We were also helped along the way by spouses and many other kind Judsonites.

Enjoy your Great Gatherings and auction items!

Scott Simpson

Farewell from Bryant

Hello everyone! This is my last address to you as the editor of the Messenger. I have been accepted for a Ph.D. program, and as a result, I am leaving Judson to chase my dreams. I am stepping down from my role here as the Marketing and Communications Coordinator in June but will come back to make sure that whoever takes my place is well trained so we can make the transition process as smooth as possible.

Thank you all for your energy and creativity over the last year. It's been a joy to get to know you and help Judson find its voice.

Take care!

Bryant



Poet Mary
Moore Easter
May 1, 2022

Minneapolis Trombone
Choir Concert
May 1, 2022



Betty Wedekind Memorial April 29, 2022



Celtic Trio for
Easter Sunday
April 17, 2022



ODDS AND ENDS

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

DIRECTORY REQUESTS


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

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

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 JUNE 2022

- June 5th Recognition of Graduates
Carter Gustafson, Micah Lesch, Brooks Peterson, and Evan Zaremba
After worship learning opportunity with Dr. Christie Manning
Noon - Open Streets Lyndale (we will have a booth in front of Bethlehem Lutheran).
- June 12th Rev. Kara Root and Travis Norvell preaching
After worship learning opportunity with Ifrah Mansour
- June 19th
- June 26th Travis Norvell preaching

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