

AWARENESS CAMPAIGN MEETINGS CONTINUE THIS MONTH

We will be finishing up our Awareness Campaign this month. We hope you have attended one, are planning to attend one, or at least have received an invitation to attend one! All those who have participated have found them to be enjoyable and filled with great conversation about the church's future. The idea for an "Awareness Campaign" originated with the Capital Campaign Planning Team as they grappled with trying to address concerns raised by the Property Team around maintenance and necessary repairs of the church, as well as issues that have arisen with the pastoral transition and global pandemic that our congregation has faced.

Thanks to Bill Bond, Carolyn Heatwole, Jeanne Mantsch, Joe Mueller, Karen Oftedahl, and Ray Shupe for all their work on the Awareness Campaign, and on a potential future capital fund building campaign. One of the team members is present at each small group meeting, and Pastor Scott helps lead and facilitate the conversations. These gatherings have already been a great opportunity to get together and reconnect with one another, sharing in fellowship around our church and faith lives, discussing what is on the horizon for our congregation, and beginning to share ideas about ways to move forward.

The meetings start with a time for introductions and sharing of favorite church memories. Then there is a time for conversation around hopes, dreams, and fears about the present and future of the church. Lastly, the team presents the projects we see on the horizon around the church building. The hope is that the Awareness Campaign will help reconnect all of us and begin the path toward a strong future. Please say "yes" to the invitation to come to one of the small group meetings this fall and join in the reflections upon our past and conversations about our future.



INCREASING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ON NOVEMBER 20

In recognition of the descendants of the First Peoples in Wisconsin, our worship on Sunday, November 20, will include a brief time for "Listening to Other Voices", using video of a Wisconsin tribal elder sharing oral history. In conjunction with this special worship service, Friends for Justice will host Fellowship after both the 8:00 and 10:00 services. Native-related books and maps will be available for browsing during Fellowship. A historical timeline featuring First Peoples history in the Americas will be on display throughout the month of November.

You can listen to two Wisconsin tribal oral traditions with these links:

Menominee - <https://wisconsinfirstnations.org/tribal-histories-menominee-history/>

Potawatomi - <https://wisconsinfirstnations.org/tribal-histories-potawatomi-history/>

Submitted by Friends for Justice members -

Louise Mollinger, Jeanne Mantsch, Kathy Bretl, and Jane Spalding