

Indigenous People's Day Program

The Green Sanctuary committee welcomes interested Fellowship members to join a discussion during **Middle Hour on Sunday, October 20**. The worship service that Sunday is honoring Indigenous Peoples Day by focusing on land stewardship and related values woven into the cultures of Indigenous tribes. The Green Sanctuary Team has been studying and learning about this in recent years. Mainstream American society has not prioritized the conservation of land, water, air, other species, and all-natural resources—but Native Americans have been doing so for thousands of years. We have much to learn from their cultures and beliefs, including respect for the interrelatedness of all existence. Green Sanctuary team members have read several keystone books, attended Native American Pow-wows, walked around Lake Winnebago with tribal members and Water Protectors, attended rallies in opposition to pipelines and mining on or near tribal lands, submitted letters in support of federally recognized tribal status for the Brothertown tribe, invited Native speakers to the Fellowship, and more. We strive to learn how to be better allies to our Native sisters and brothers. Please join us on Oct. 20.

Also, Appleton United Church of Christ is hosting a celebration of Indigenous culture for the 2nd year in a row, "We Are Still Here!" Go to their church grounds on Oct 19, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm to learn about Indigenous culture and have some fun. For more information, contact Jerry Dees at jdees2119@gmail.com.

More resources:

- *Braiding Sweetgrass*, by Robin Wall Kimmerer
- *As Long As Grass Grows*, by Dina Gilia-Whitaker
- *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee*, by Dee Brown
- *There, There*, by Tommy Orange

Although these events have already taken place, keep them in mind for 2025:

- <https://brothertownindians.org/events/lake-winnebago-water-walk-2024/>
- <https://calendar.powwows.com/events/annual-menominee-nation-pow-wow/>
- <https://www.neenah.org/event/neenah-menasha-intertribal-pow-wow/>
- <https://narf.org/cases/enbridges-line-5-pipeline/>
- <https://www.nativehope.org/missing-and-murdered-indigenous-women-mmiiw>