## TRANSITION WORK & SEARCH COMMITTEE INTEREST

With the announcement of Pastor Scott's departure, Church Council is diligently learning the steps of a transition time and actively working to secure an interim minister. They are also gaining an understanding of what goes into forming a Search Committee, a group tasked with finding our next settled minister. Please contact Church Council at fcc.committees@gmail.com if you are interested in learning more about the commitment and process of the Search Committee. The Council feels a diverse representation of members (ages, interests, backgrounds) will ensure the strength of the committee. Thank you for your patience as this committee is formed with care and consideration.

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## FUTURE FUNDRAISING PLANNING

Church Council plans to form a Fundraising Team that would work to bring in additional revenue for the church. The idea is that this team will generate ideas of events and initiatives and establish processes. Let us know if you have interest in serving in this way! \*Please note - the dinner event planning meeting scheduled for March 3 has been postponed.

## **CONFIRMATION CLASS UPDATE**

The Confirmation Class has been studying the third "person" of the Trinity - the Holy Spirit. In January, the class looked at the Spirit in scripture and in February, explored how they might engage in prayer and the life of the Spirit. This month, the class will be learning church history and with Holy Week approaching the class will review: the Last Supper, Jesus' trial and crucifixion, and the empty tomb and Easter resurrection.

The class traveled to Milwaukee to visit Temple Beth Israel Ner Tamid led by Rabbi Joel Alter in January. Rabbi Alter taught the confirmands all about Jewish worship practices and the kids were able to see the scrolls of their Hebrew Bible. This month the class will be touring America's Black Holocaust Museum in Milwaukee. It is a powerful witness to the struggle against racism and the resiliency of the black community - plus, we will explore ways the church has helped and, unfortunately, hurt people of color in our nation's history.

With Pastor Scott's departure, parents Eric and Tina Olson have graciously agreed to assist the class during the last two classes and mission experiences. The group will be working on their personal Statements of Faith. The class will walk the Stations of the Cross at Holy Hill in April. Confirmation Sunday is scheduled for Pentecost Sunday, May 19 and we are pleased that Rev. Don Niederfrank will be conducting this special service.