



PRESERVATION RACINE

Membership Meeting
First Presbyterian Church
716 College Avenue
(the Intersection of College Avenue and 7th Street
7:00 p.m.

Preservation Racine November Meeting

Preservation Racine is back!! Unable to meet for the past year and longer due to the pandemic, our return to in-person meetings will be a deviation from the normal first Monday meeting day. For November only, we will meet on the second Monday, November 8, 2021 as our venue is unavailable on first Mondays.

One of the treasures of Racine is First Presbyterian Church, an 1852 building in continuous use from its completion with a history of Underground Railroad involvement. Come and hear the stories of several members who were ardent abolitionists. This fervor led some historians to conclude that runaway slaves were hidden beneath the floorboards of the sanctuary. While this is unproven, a number of items found in the crawlspace give some credence to this supposition. As no one could talk about it for fear of arrest for harboring runaways, we may never have positive proof.

The architect for the church was Lucas Bradley, who was a member of the congregation and who also designed several other buildings in southeast Wisconsin such as the one at Beloit College. The steeple was inspired by those designed by Sir Christopher Wren in England. You'll learn about the bell in the steeple which was the 911 of its day.

Easiest entrance is via the parking lot at the back of the church and is elevator accessible.

Masking protocols will be observed. Cookies and lemonade will be served after the meeting.



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June 29, 2020

Dear Preservation Racine Members,

As you know, at the March 2020 Preservation Racine Membership meeting, the Nominating Committee had identified a slate of officers and general board members for election by the membership to be held at the April 2020 membership meeting. Shortly thereafter, the pandemic suspended operations for virtually all businesses and non-profit organizations. As a result, the Century Building Awards event and all subsequent Preservation Racine membership meetings and board meetings were cancelled. The 2020 Preservation Racine Tour of Historic Places, honoring Elmwood Park's Sixtieth Anniversary, will be rescheduled to 2021.

While the ongoing pandemic prevents Preservation Racine from meeting in person, we can continue to function by conducting our annual election for new officers by mail and implementing initiatives for fund raising. To participate, please complete the enclosed ballot to elect persons for President, Vice President, Historian and At Large Director. Please indicate your vote for these positions by checking the appropriate box or by writing in a candidate. Please mail your completed, stamped ballot so that it will be received by August 1, 2020.

Thank you for your continuing support and involvement in Preservation Racine!

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Nominating Committee Chairman

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