

**The Free Congregation of Sauk County—
A Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**

Sunday, July 27, 2014

**Joint Meeting
Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society
Free Congregation of Sauk County**



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Order of Program

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- Gathering: *Prelude in C major*, J.S. Bach. Marita Kelter
- Welcome Bill Ladewig, Board President
- Prelude: *Eine kleine Nachtmusik*, W. A. Mozart Marita Kelter
- Opening Reading: *"Emma Kate"*, by Patricia Polacco
- Lighting of the Candle
- Opening Hymn: #361, *Enter, Rejoice, and Come In* Marita Kelter
- Offering Song: *Jupiter "The Bringer of Jollity"* from the Planets,
G. Holst. Marita Kelter
- Reading: *"Bored Silly"*, by Rev. David S. Blanchard
- Reflection: *Tell Me a Story, Pt.I*
Members of Prairie UU & FCSC
- Hymn: #1, *May Nothing Evil Cross This Door*
- Reading: *"Along for the Ride"*, by Rev. Jane Rzepka
- Reflection: *Tell Me a Story, Pt.II*
Members of Prairie UU & FCSC
- Congregational Dialogue
- Closing Hymn: #348, *"Guide My Feet"* Marita Kelter
- Postlude: *"Ode to Joy"* from Symphony #9 in Dm L. Beethoven
Marita Kelter

We are delighted to have you here for this morning's program. If you'd like to know more about our congregation or beautiful Park Hall, please don't hesitate to ask.

Upcoming Sunday Programs

Sunday, August 3, 2014, 10 a.m., First Sunday Roundtable, "The importance of community to your spiritual life", facilitated by David Roberts.

Sunday, August 10, 2014, 10 a.m., "I do not understand my own actions", Douglas Larson-Sell.

The Board of Directors will meet August 10th immediately following the program.

Sunday, August 17, 2014, 10 a.m., "Attempts at Overcoming the Sandstorm- A Story of an Idea for the Midwest and Conceived by the Fossil Fuel Industry and Beyond", Patricia Popple.

Join us after the program for a potluck lunch.

A Little About Us...

This congregation began as the Freie Gemeinde (The Free Congregation) in 1852. Its founders—most of whom came to the United States from the German states and principalities after the failed liberal revolutions of the 1840's—were seeking freedom to practice their beliefs, express their thoughts, and search for the truth without interference from government and church. Park Hall, still known locally as Freethinkers Hall, was constructed in 1884, designed by Sauk City born architect Alfred Clas.

Of the many Free Congregations established in America by free-thinking German immigrants in the 19th century, most did not survive the First World War and the pervasive anti-German prejudice that accompanied it. Only a dozen or so Free Congregations survived World War II. In 1955, faced with declining numbers and an aging membership, our congregation affiliated with the American Unitarian Association, a movement for liberal religious thought and practice. In 1961 the Unitarian Association and the Universalist Denomination merged, and we took on the name that we bear today: The Free Congregation of Sauk County—a Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Our values and the diversity of our heritage are reflected in the programs and services that we hold at Park Hall. The 2nd and 4th Sunday programs generally follow a UU order of service. These include reflections by our Speaker, a visiting UU minister, or other guest. The first Sunday of the month we hold a roundtable Spiritual Reflection Hour on a variety of topics. The Third Sunday is our Free Thought Forum, in which a guest presenter engages an historical, cultural, philosophical, or social issue of special significance to this free religious community. Child care is available the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of the month.
