

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 provided every Sunday.

Upcoming Sunday Programs

Date	Program	Speaker	Topic
Aug 4	Spiritual Roundtable	Congregation	Remembrance & dialog on death
Aug 11	UU Program	Sandy Ingham	TBA
Aug 18	Free Thought Forum	Laura Olah	PFA's in our water
Aug 25	UU Program	Rob Brink	TBA
Sept 1	Spiritual Roundtable	Chelsey Larson	Beliefs from childhood and now

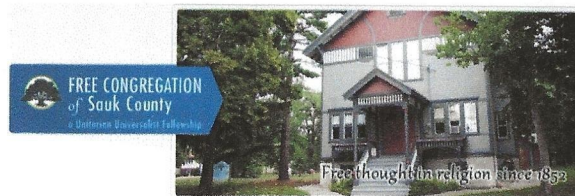


We are proud to support our LGBTQ members and friends.

The Free Congregation of Sauk County A Unitarian Universalist Fellowship July 28, 2019



On Freedom Joint Unitarian Universalist Program Prairie U.U. hosted by the Free Congregation



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Joint Program on Freedom

Gathering: **Prelude in C major**, J.S. Bach

Marita Kelter

Reflection: **Democracy is Very Fragile**

Ed Riccardo

Welcome

Susan Larkin

Reflection: **Musings on the Concept of Freedom** Annette Kuhlmann
An interim report from a German immigrant.

Prelude: **God Bless the Child**, Herzog & Holiday

Marita

Dialogue

Congregation

Announcements

Fritz Parks

Closing Hymn: **#220 Bring Out the Festal Bread**

Marita

Reading from Thomas Paine

Susan

Postlude: **Meditacao (Meditation)**, Antônio Carlos Jobim

Marita

Announcements and Events

Opening Hymn: **#291 Die Gedanken Sind Frei**

Marita

Joyful Path's **Conscious Communication Group** will meet on
Tuesdays, **August 13 & 27** from 7-8:10 pm. The
Meditation group is on hiatus.

Joys and Concerns

Speaker

Basic Life Support course, **Sunday August 4**, following our
program. Contact John Rigby, 608-485-3822 or
JRig128@gmail.

Offering:

I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to be Free

Marita

Benefit concert with Trevor Stephenson featuring the c.1855
Bösendorfer piano. **Friday, October 18, 7:00 p.m.**

Reflection: **Higher & Lower Patriotisms**

Ruth Calden

To keep up with the dates and topics of upcoming programs, announcements,
news and other content, you have several options:

Our **newsletter** is published on the 1st and 15th of every month and is
available by email or postal service. Please send your contact
information to our administrator.

Reflection: **Freedom in Medicine**

Mary Frantz

Our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/FCSC2017/>
Our website: www.freecongregation.org.