

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 1840s — 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	All	Crime & Punishment
Aug 11	UU Program	Dr. Penny Andrews	Wholeness Thru Two Eyes
Aug 18	Free Thought Forum	Phillip Matthews	Wormfarm Institute



We are proud to support our LGBTQ members and friends.

The Free Congregation of Sauk County
A Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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Making Love Visible

A Joint Program of
Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society
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Gathering: **Prelude in C major**, J.S. Bach Marita Kelter

Welcome Kathi Kemp

Story for All Ages Rev. Ralph Tyksinski
Making Love Visible: The Gummy Lump, Robert Fulghum

Announcements Fritz Parks

Lighting of the Candle Rev. Ralph Tyksinski
We light this chalice,
Symbolic of the warmth of community and friendship,
And the brightness that love brings to the world
Illuminating our search for justice, truth and peace.

Prelude Marita Kelter, Willy Walter & Bob Kelter
March from Suite No. 5, Henry Purcell

Opening Hymn: **#325 Love Makes a Bridge** Marita Kelter

Joys and Concerns Ellen Paul

Reflections Susie Tatone & Dave Siegfried

Offering Marita Kelter, Willy Walter & Bob Kelter
Deep Thoughts from Excursions, Louise Hillery

A Joint Program

Reflections Ken Skog & Rev. Ralph Tyksinki

Silent Meditation Ken Skog

Dialogue All attending

Closing Hymn: **#131 Love Will Guide Us** Marita Kelter

Closing Reading: **#682 Beauty is Before Me** Jenni Walsh

Postlude Marita Kelter, Willy Walter & Bob Kelter
Dance of the Slovaks, Bela Bartok

Announcements and Events

Come to Prairie (2010 Whenona Drive) on **August 17th**
1-4pm for our monthly all ages Game Group and **August**
22 6-8pm for our monthly potluck

The Free Congregation will have an informational table at the
Wisconsin State Cow Chip Festival on August 30 & 31.

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 on our website. Please send your contact information to our administrator to receive issue announcements.

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

Our website: www.freecongregation.org.