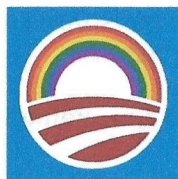


A Little About Us...

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.

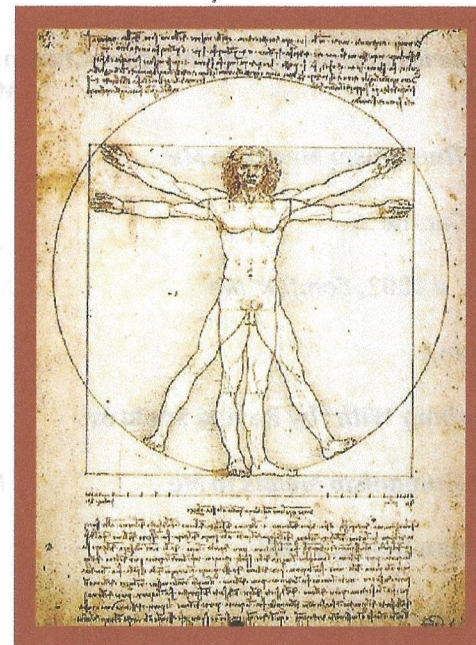


We are proud to support our LGBTQ members and friends.

The Free Congregation of Sauk County— A Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Sunday, July 26, 2015

Human Being: Verb



Joint UU Meeting

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Order of Program

July 26, 2015

Gathering: *"Laughing With"*, by Regina Spektor

Welcome

Abby Swetz

Prelude: *"Heaven's here on Earth"* by Tracy Chapman
(instrumental)

Marita Kelter

Reading: *What Humanism Means to Me*

Bob Park

Lighting of the Candle

Opening Hymn: #1002, *Comfort Me*

Marita Kelter

Joys and Concerns

Offering: *"Laughing With"* by Regina Spektor

Reading: *What Humanism Means to Me*

Metje Butler

Reflection: Human Being: VERB

Abby Swetz

Congregational Dialogue

Closing Hymn, #1008, *When Our Heart is in a Holy Place*

Marita Kelter

Closing Words: *"Angels of the Get Through"* by Andrea Gibson

Abby Swetz

Postlude: *"Heaven's Here on Earth"* by Tracy Chapman

Marita Kelter

Join us for the potluck following the program

We are delighted to have our UU neighbors 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.

THANK YOU TO SANDRA INGHAM OF PRAIRIE UU (AND ASSOCIATE SPEAKER OF THE FCSC) FOR HER ASSISTANCE WITH TODAY'S PROGRAM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

From 31 July through Aug. 2, **Eric Powers** will be using the building for an **Insight Honda** conference.

Sunday, August 2, 2015, 10 a.m., Roundtable on the Spirituality of Sustainability, David Roberts. David and Reece Donihi are co-chairs of the First Sunday programs.

Sunday, August 9, 2015, 10 a.m., Being Wrong, Is it Alright?, Kent Mayfield

Sunday, August 16, 2015, 10 a.m., Free Thought Forum, Dana Ballweg Fehrenbach, Addictions and Sober Living