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.



We are proud to support our LGBTQ members and friends.

The Free Congregation of Sauk County a Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Sunday, July 22, 2018

UU Joint Service



The Flaming Chalice—the symbol of the Unitarianism and Unitarian Universalism

Robin Proud

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Order of Joint Service

July 22, 2018

Gathering: Prelude in C major, J.S. Bach	Marita Kelter
Welcome	Robin Proud
Prelude: If You Believe, Jim Brickman	Marita Kelter
Announcements	Mari Larson
Story for All Ages (If children present)	Robin Proud
Lighting of the Chalice	Robin Proud
Opening Hymn: #361, Enter, Rejoice, and Come In	Marita Kelter
Joys and Concerns	
Offering: Berceuse (Cradle Song), Francois Couperin	Marita Kelter
Reflection/Skit	Volunteers
Congregational Dialogue	
Closing Hymn: #300, With Heart and Mind	Marita Kelter
Closing Words	Robin Proud
Postlude: Perpetual, Malcolm Kogut	Marita Kelter

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, July 29, 2018, 10:30 a.m., 5th Sunday, Tour at the International Crane Foundation. Meet at the ICF. Tour will begin promptly at 10:30. The tour is free for members, but donations are strongly encouraged. Thank you Carol Fleishauer for setting this up!

Sunday, August 5, 2018, 10:10 a.m., 1st Sunday Roundtable, Doing the Right Thing—Why is it so Hard? Leader: Joel Garb.

What sorts of concerns get in the way of our acting according to our moral precepts, according to what is morally the right thing to do?

Sunday, August 12, 2018, 10:10 a.m., UU Sunday, Sandy Ingham, Associate Speaker.

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Check out the 8-minute video <u>Of Connection and Renewal</u> (by Anders Gurda) about the apple project at Badger. It brought tears to Gigi La Budde!

Then, search Anders Gurda and Of Connection and Renewal.

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Sandy Ingham sends her regrets today. She was planning on presenting with Robin, but is stranded in Northern Minnesota due to a car-deer accident. Sandy is fine, but the car is not.