

A Little About the Free Congregation,

This congregation began as the Freie Gemeinde (The Free Congregation) in 1852. Its founders 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.

In 1955, 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.

A Little About Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society,

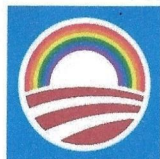
Prairie is a freethinking religious community in Madison Wisconsin that aspires to be both open-hearted and open-minded.

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society was established in 1967 as an offshoot of the First Unitarian Society of Madison (FUS) in an effort to relieve overcrowding in FUS's religious education program.

In 1980 Prairie purchased its own building now called The Meeting House at 2010 Whenona Drive which underwent extensive remodeling in 1988 and 2019. In 2013 Prairie purchased the house next door now called The Annex for small group meeting and office space. A 2-volume history of the congregation is available for \$25 with copies available after today's service.

Upcoming Sunday Programs at Park Hall

Date	Program	Speaker	Topic
July 30	5 th Sunday Workday	All	Tasks inside and out at Park Hall
Aug 6	Spiritual Roundtable	All	Existential Dread
Aug 13	UU Program	Robin Proud	Scandalous Victoria

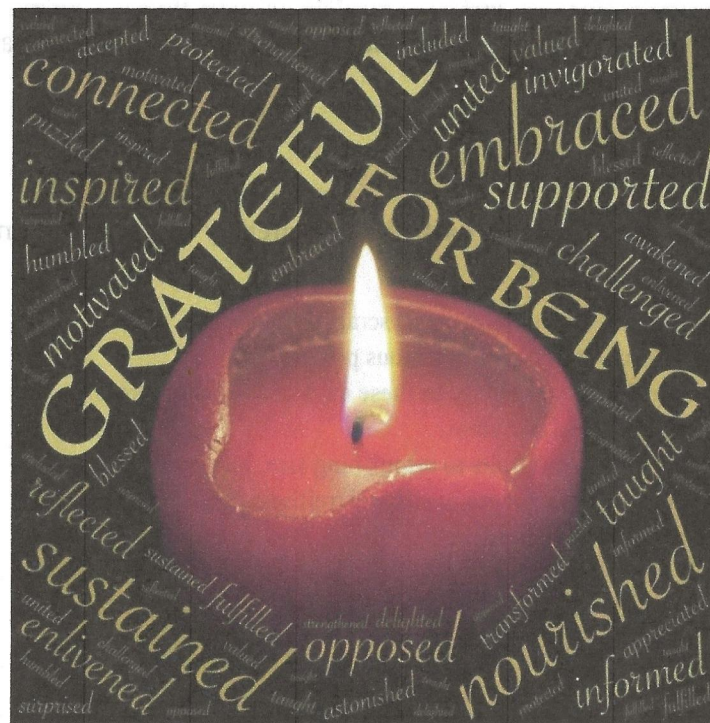


We are proud to support our LGBTQ members and friends.

The Free Congregation of Sauk County A Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

July 23, 2023

Communities of Gratitude



Joint Program

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society Free Congregation of Sauk County

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Communities of Gratitude

July 23, 2023

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

Marita Kelter

Welcome

Chelsey Larson

Story for All Ages: **Grateful Ninja**, Mary Nhin/Jelena Stupar

Kathy Converse

Announcements

Fritz Parks

Lighting of the Candle: **Faith in Summer** by Ellen Hamilton

Mary Mullen

In faith, together, we light this small scrap of light,
symbol of Grandfather Sun's enormous power,
whose energy burns so brightly In these days of deep Summer,
catapulting the leaves and vines,
vegetables, flowers and fruits to astonishing size, lengths and heights,
spilling over the tops of cages, walls and trellises,
delighting and nourishing all beings.

We bask in the warmth and the heat of these days,
with lightened hearts and quickened senses,
in gratitude and in faith.

Prelude: **Penny Lane**, Lennon & McCartney

Marita Kelter, Willy Walter & Bob Kelter

Opening Hymn: #138 Marita Kelter

Gratitude

Chelsey Larson

Nick Schweitzer

Offering: **Nocturne**, P. Tchaikovsky

Marita Kelter, Willy Walter & Bob Kelter

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Gratitude

Kathy Converse

Mary Mullen

Silent Meditation

Mary Mullen

Dialogue

Congregation All

Closing Hymn: #139 Marita Kelter

Closing Words

Chelsey Larson

"This is a wonderful day. I have never seen this one before."

- Maya Angelou

Joys and Concerns

Nick Schweitzer

Postlude: **Zion's Walls**, Revivalist Song

Marita Kelter, Willy Walter & Bob Kelter

Announcements and Events

Come and visit the Prairie UU
Society booth at Magic Outreach
Magic Pride Festival at Warner
Park on Sunday August 20th 1-
6pm for free temporary tattoos!



The Free Congregation will have
an informational table at the
Wisconsin State Cow Chip Festival
on Saturday, September 2, 2023.

