



**From the Administrator,**

Winter weather makes me grateful for the warmth of this congregation. Welcome to friends and visitors. Watch for the next issue which publishes March 15th.

**I welcome your submissions. Send notes, quotes, photos & recipes to me at: [free\\_congregation@frontier.com](mailto:free_congregation@frontier.com). Thank you, Fritz Parks**

**Upcoming Sunday Programs start at 10:00 a.m.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Mar. 10	UU Program	Rob Brink	Lucky: One in a Million Chances
Mar. 17	Free Thought Forum	Maryo Gard Ewell	The 'Social Center' in Sauk Prairie: 1914-2019
Mar. 24	UU Program	Penny Andrews	TBA
Mar. 31	5th Sunday	Congregation event	TBA
Apr. 7	Spiritual Roundtable	Bill Ladewig	Survival: How Did Our Ancestors Manage?

**Notes and Events from/for Members, Friends and Community**

**Annual Pledge Gala set for March 30th**

Please mark Saturday March 30 on your calendars: that is the date of our **11th Annual Pledge Gala AND our 8th Annual Park Hall Invitational Indoor Bocce Tournament!**

A GALA-wise update from Michael, our Board President:

“FOOD-wise: Thank you to those who have responded to the call for German dishes, whether appetizers or sides or main dishes. At this point we need at least another two entrees (serving ten to twelve hungry freethinkers), several sides or salads, and various appetizers. (We appear to be good on desserts!) Susan Larkin ([larkinarts@gmail.com](mailto:larkinarts@gmail.com)) is keeping track of the menu-to-date and is also the contact for food ideas. Thank you, Susan!

“DÉCOR-wise: Gigi La Budde is planning the décor and table settings. If you’d like to help, please contact her after March 18th. If you’d like to help with other aspects of the GALA, please let Susan know that, too. You will be receiving a help-volunteer slip in the Pledge Package (see below), but you needn’t wait that long to step up!

“PLEDGE-wise: The Pledge Packet will be mailed in mid-March. It will contain an invitation – with the complete menu (we hope); brief, easy-to-digest information about our finances; and a pledge slip for making your pledge. (We will have extra pledge slips on hand at the Gala at Park Hall.) Please note that you do not have to actually pay anything until July 1, 2019. (Any checks we receive prior to that date will be held in our bank safe deposit box until July 1st.)

“Can we set a Pledge Gala attendance record on March 30th? Will the ice be gone by then? YES and YES!”

**Joyful Path** events will meet each **Tuesday** in **March** at **7 pm** at **Park Hall**. The **Meditation group** will sit the **1st** and **3rd Tuesdays** and the **Conscious Communication Group** will meet on the **2nd** and **4th Tuesdays**. For more information, visit [www.JoyfulPath.org](http://www.JoyfulPath.org) or call 608-437-0527.

We are dealing with **winter salt** and **sand** tracking onto our Park Hall floors. Here is a suggested remedy. If you have a pair of slippers or footwear to put on, your snow and sand crusted shoes can stay in our entryway.

Here’s a reminder that our Facebook page is our public bulletin board where you may find **Winter Weather Cancellation Announcements**. If you are wondering if our Sunday programs are cancelled for weather, this is the place to look. These Facebook pages are public sites and do not require sign-up or log-in. From our freecongregation.org website, click the Calendar tab; each Sunday event has a link in **BLUE TEXT** that will take you to the event on Facebook. Announcements about cancellation will be in the event detail/description field. Current Facebook members can click Events from within Facebook.

**Agrace HospiceCare** will offer “**Bridges**,” an open-ended grief support group for adults who are grieving a death. Any adult in the community who is grieving a death can join, even if the person who died did not have hospice care. Bridges helps adults find hope as they search for a new “normal” following the death of a loved one. The group will meet **March 5** and **March 19**, from **10 a.m. 11:30 a.m.** at the **Reedsburg Library**, 370 Vine Street. No pre-registration is needed. Participation is free for people whose family member was served by Agrace or another hospice in the past 12 months. A modest fee applies thereafter; the fee can be lowered or waived, if needed. Call (608) 327-7118 with questions or go to [agrace.org/griefgroups](http://agrace.org/griefgroups).

### **Sauk Prairie Conservation Alliance Apple Corps Workshops**

**Dan Bussey** and the **Alliance** will present 2 workshops in preparation for Spring Apple Corps activities (<http://www.saukprairievision.org/category/news/badger-apples/>). A wild apple tree pruning workshop will take place Friday March 22 and on Saturday, March 23 the workshop will address apple grafting. Contact **Curt Meine** to rsvp and to learn more details: [curtmeine@gmail.com](mailto:curtmeine@gmail.com)

Don't forget our co-sponsored **Social & Film Showing** on **March 18**. See the poster on page 4!



**Community Social & Film Screening**  
**Monday, March 18, 2019**

**Park Hall (aka Free Thinkers Hall), 307 Polk, Sauk City, WI**  
**6:30 - Social and light refreshments 7:00 – Film 7:30 - Discussion**  
**Free and open to the public - donations accepted**

Co-sponsored by the Free Congregation of Sauk County and Citizens' Climate Lobby

*Facing the Surge* documents the tangible costs of sea level rise for the people of Norfolk, VA. Norfolk is home to the largest naval base in the country and to thousands of hard-working Americans struggling to adapt to the rising tides and an uncertain future. But *Facing the Surge* is not a film about loss and inaction. It tells the stories of citizens from across the United States as they step forward to raise awareness and push their government to solve climate change.