



From the Administrator,

Welcome to the newsletter for the First of April. You will find contributions from **Nick Schweitzer, Ellen Paul, Kathi Kemp, and UU Multiracial Unity**. I think you will find them interesting. Please let me know if I can be of assistance. My Park Hall hours are Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and by appointment. Park Hall Voicemail: 608.643.3131 **Fritz Parks**

Upcoming Sunday Programs (10:10 a.m.)

Date	Program	Speaker	Topic
Apr 7	Spiritual Roundtable	All attending	Government Role in Child Education
Apr 14	U.U. Program	Rob Brink	Brighter Skies & Better Days
Apr 21	Free Thought Forum	Simon Liegel	Climate Change

We invite you to attend our in-person Sunday programs at our newly restored Park Hall. We have masks available. Childcare is provided each Sunday; Child Education classes meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Our Sunday programs are also available live on Zoom. Please see the Zoom instructions on the last page.

Notes and Events from/for Members, Friends and Community

The Board of Directors of the Free Congregation will meet on **April 14 at Park Hall at 11:30 a.m.** The board will be starting the process of identifying candidates for board offices to be elected at the congregational meeting in June -- including president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and members-at-large. If you have an issue for us to an address, please email Nick Schweitzer, President of the Board at jnschweitzer@gmail.com so that it may be added to the agenda. The meeting will also be on Zoom.

The Adult Ed discussion group, **What I Believe Now**, will meet on Zoom as usual on the fourth Monday, at **April 22, at 6:30 p.m.** The topic will be **War, Justified and Unjustified**. Please email Nick Schweitzer (jnschweitzer@gmail.com) if you'd like to receive the material and the Zoom invitation.

Minutes of the Congregational Meeting March 17, 2024

Members in attendance: Gigi La Budde, Michael Whaley, Lynne Roberts, Judy Ettenhofer, Gilbert Williams, Joe Frost, Natasha Frost, John Rigby, Susan Larkin, Nick Schweitzer, David Roberts, Gail Johnson, Kathi Kemp, Chuck Park, John Lichtenheld, Connie Westly, Ellen Paul, Jenni Walsh, Bill Ladewig, Glen Johnson, Maria Hansa, Eleanor Chiquoine, Steve Chiquoine, *Carl Ochsner, *Laurel Sampson,*Stephanie Cloak Sander, *Rick Schroeder, *Susie Tatone,*Ed Riccardo, *Bri Ravenwolf,, (*via Zoom)

The congregational meeting was called to order by President Nick Schweitzer at 11:28 am on March 17, 2024.

A motion “to authorize the purchase of the JPL sound system for \$1100 from the Capital Projects Fund” was made by Nick Schweitzer and seconded by Kathi Kemp.

A motion to amend the original motion to read “to authorize the purchase of the JPL sound system and future speaker purchases for up to \$3000 from the Capital Projects Fund” was made by David Roberts and seconded by John Lichtenheld.

The amended motion passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ellen Paul and seconded by Kathi Kemp. Approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Paul
FCSC Secretary

The Free Congregation **Book Club** will have its first discussion at **Park Hall after the Roundtable, at 11:30 a.m.** The book will be **The Persuaders**, by **Anand Giridharadas**. The discussion will be live and on Zoom.

FCSC has volunteered to staff the **Sauk Prairie Area Food Pantry** on **Saturday, April 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** Please arrive at **9:00 a.m., 821 Industry Rd, Sauk City**. We need members for this event. Please RSVP Ellen Paul if interested, email: eap313@gmail.com.

The **Unitarian Universalist Multiracial Unity Action Council** will host a Zoom meeting on **White Privilege & Multiracial Unity** on **April 13, from noon to 1:30 p.m.** **Dr. Kenneth Christiansen & Rev. Richard Trudeau** will lead this convocation which will include 2 presentations, each followed by discussion. Please see the poster, below.

P A R K H A L L ' S
**SHAKE OFF THE WINTERTIME BLUES
WELCOME SPRING DANCE!!!**
SATURDAY APRIL 6th 7-10pm

Beverages & Snacks Will Be Available For Purchase

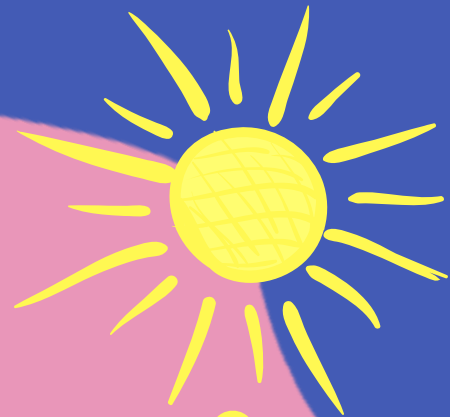
- Bottled water
 - Soda
 - Beer*
 - Wine*
 - Snacks
- *Must show ID

Admission at the door:
Adults-\$8
Teens-\$6
Family-(3 or more)- \$15

WHO?
YOU, YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS,
NEIGHBORS
WHY?
TO DANCE, HAVE FUN, and to
CELEBRATE SPRING!

ANY PROFITS
WILL GO TO FUTURE COMMUNITY
EVENTS TO BE HELD AT THE HALL!

PARK HALL,
307 POLK ST, Sauk City





"WHITE PRIVILEGE" & MULTIRACIAL UNITY

A Convocation of the UU Multiracial Unity Action Council

Led by Dr. Kenneth Christiansen & Rev. Richard Trudeau

Saturday, Apr 13, 2024, Noon-1:30pm Central time
(Starts at 1:00pm Eastern, 11:00am Mountain, 10:00am Pacific)

TO REGISTER send an email to UUMUAC@gmail.com;
Zoom codes will be sent the day before

Part 1. The Term "White Privilege" -- Its Good & Bad Effects

"White Privilege" is a highly emotional term. It highlights racism and racial disparity. It can be everything from a discussion starter, to an empathy block, to a guilt wedge, to a blindfold in relation to the effects of CLASS.

--Discussion--

Part 2. Changing the Conversation

White Privilege can also be seen as an inventory of resources available for genuine antiracism work that collaboratively addresses discriminatory laws and policies.

--Discussion--

Volunteers Needed!

Help is needed at our **Welcome Spring Dance** at the Hall on **April 6 from 7-8:30 and 8:30-10pm**. Need money taker/hand stamper at the door, people to serve bottled water, soda, beer and wine and snacks for each time slot (3), and general minglers (checking bathrooms periodically. making sure any spills get wiped up immediately etc.). Contact Ellen if you can help please eap313@gmail.com. See the poster in this issue.

The Board is working on a proposal for a **Celebration of the Season** event centered on Park Hall, which will be a multi-cultural day of activities on **December 21**, (following other Christmas craft shows in Sauk Prairie the previous two weekends). Anyone interested in helping plan this activity should contact Nick Schweitzer (jnschweitzer@gmail.com), Ellen Paul (eap313@gmail.com), or Joe Frost (jafrost@gmail.com). A proposal to the board is planned when details are available.

How to join our Zoom Sunday Programs.

1. Go to the Sunday Programs tab of our website:
<http://www.freecongregation.org/sunday-programs.aspx>
2. Refresh the browser page.
3. Click the “Join Our Zoom Meeting” link in RED TEXT.

The “Join Our Zoom Meeting” link will not be visible until 15 minutes before our meeting; typically this is 9:55 a.m. for a 10:10 a.m. meeting. Early birds will see the option to “Join a Practice Zoom Meeting”. Refreshing the page after 9:55 a.m. should reveal the active meeting link.

Instructions to join the meeting by telephone are on this same web page.

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