



## From the Administrator,

Welcome to the newsletter for September 15, 2020. Please let me know if I can be of assistance. My usual Park Hall hours are Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9:00 a.m. and by appointment. Park Hall Voicemail: 608.643.3131 **Fritz Parks, Administrator.**

### Upcoming Sunday Programs (10:10 a.m. on Zoom)

Date	Program	Speaker	Topic
Sept 20	Free Thought Forum	Chelsea Larson	The Changing Roles of Teachers
Sept 27	UU Program	Robin Proud	Women's Literature & Drive for Suffrage
Oct 4	Spiritual Roundtable	TBA	TBA
Oct 11	UU Program	Penny Andrews	Umami—2020 Style
Oct 18	168th Founders Day	Matt Rothschild	Wisconsin Gerrymandering

**How to join our Zoom Sunday Programs.** Please use the following steps to join each and every one of our Zoom programs. We will use this simple method for **every Zoom meeting**. You should have success by following the steps below each time.

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.

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

The **Board of Directors** of the Free Congregation will meet as usual on the second Sunday, at **11:30 a.m., on October 11**, following the program. This meeting will take place on Zoom. If you have an issue for us to address, please email Nick Schweitzer, President of the Board at [jnschweitzer@gmail.com](mailto:jnschweitzer@gmail.com) so that it may be added to the agenda.

The **Directory of Congregation Members and Friends** has been revised to make finding members easier according to suggestions from members. There are 2 member listings so that you may search by first or last name. You will find our members sorted by first name on pages 3 - 9 and then again by last name on pages 10 - 17. The same information is in both listings. The directory is now easier to use for households which have 2 last names. Friends of the Congregation are listed on pages 17 - 18. No longer a simple list, our directory is now 18 pages. You are invited to print the pages that you find easiest to use.

**Sauk County Conservation Alliance Volunteer Work Day** at Badger - will be held **Saturday Sept. 19, 9 a.m. to noon**, meet at 8:45am at the parking lot of the Badger Museum on Hwy 12.

**Agrace Offers Three Virtual Grief Support Groups.** In October, three professionally led Agrace grief support group series will meet virtually, using Zoom. For **details, fees or to register, visit [agrace.org/griefgroups](http://agrace.org/griefgroups) or call (608) 327-7118.** **Journey Through Grief** Support Group for adults meets **Wednesdays**, September 30 to November 4, from **6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Pre-registration required. **Spouse/Partner Loss** Support Group meets **Mondays**, October 12 to November 16, from **9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.** Pre-registration required. **Young Adult** Support Group for ages 18 to 30 years old meets **Wednesdays**, October 7 to October 28, from **7 p.m. to 8 p.m.** Pre-registration required.

We publish twice a month to our website. We email announcements to our list as each issue appears online. If you no longer desire email reminders, feel free to tidy up our email list with an unsubscribe message. Keep our website bookmarked for future use.

[FreeCongregation.org](http://FreeCongregation.org) our website homepage

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I welcome your submissions to this newsletter. Send your events, announcements, photos, and recipes to me.

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### **Park Hall Events, by Ellen Paul**

This monthly column is where you may follow Park Hall rentals and events. It will be published on the 15th of each month. Our Facilities Coordinator, Ellen Paul will be happy to answer your inquiries about renting. Our website has additional information, fee details, and our Calendar.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic and restrictions, there has not been a lot of action in the rental of the Hall. I had to cancel a number of events and weddings.

On **August 22**, the Hooverson Funeral Home conducted a **Memorial Service** on our grounds.

There are no scheduled September events.

Looking ahead to October, **Trevor Stephenson**, along with Australian **soprano Morgan Balfour**, will be video and audio recording October 5-9 at the Hall. In exchange for the use of the Hall, Trevor and Morgan will provide a **virtual concert on You-tube as a fundraiser for the wall renovations**. Concert-goers will be able to purchase tickets to view the concert and on **October 9, there will be a Zoom discussion with Trevor and Morgan** to learn more about the composers featured in the concert, the instrument being used by Trevor and more.

**October 30-31**, there will be a **wedding** at the Hall. Due to the small number of guests, 35, the wedding will take place with attendees and bride and groom wearing masks. The officiant will not wear a mask while conducting the ceremony. They will be sanitizing the Hall before and after the ceremony.

A **private election results party** on **November 5** will be held with a limited number of people and social distancing.

On **November 3** and **November 26**, **member family holiday parties** have been booked.

**Looking ahead to 2021**, a member **birthday party** will take place in **March**, which is rescheduled from March 2020, and there is a **wedding** rehearsal, ceremony and reception scheduled for **May 28-30**.

I look forward to the time when I can book events again safely and regularly!

Ellen Paul, your Facilities Coordinator

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