



From the Administrator,

Welcome to the newsletter for the 1st of August. It contains contributions from **Nick Schweitzer**, **Ellen Paul**, the **Child Education Committee**, the **Cemetery Committee**, the **Outreach Working Group**, **Sauk County Department of Land Resources**, and the **U.U. Women's Connection**. I hope you find this issue interesting. 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**

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

Date	Program	Speaker	Topic
Aug 7	Spiritual Roundtable	Susie Tatone	What makes a good friend or neighbor?
Aug 14	U.U. Program	Rob Brink	TBA
Aug 21	Free Thought Forum	Chad Lewis	Mysterious Creatures of Wisconsin
Aug 28	U.U. Program	Robin Proud	Lucy Stone: An American Original
Sept 4	Spiritual Roundtable	TBA	TBA

We invite you to attend our in-person Sunday programs at our newly restored Park Hall. We require our guests to follow the CDC and local health recommendations for mask use when inside. We have masks available. Childcare is provided each Sunday, but we cannot accommodate children who are ill.

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

Sauk County Pollinator Education Field Day, will take place **Tuesday, Aug. 2** from **5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** at the **Octagon Barn** in Spring Green. This next installment of the Sauk County's pollinator education speaker series will feature **Micah Kloppenburg** of Xerces Society; also, **Scott Weber & Muffy Barrett** of **Bluestem Farm** will present on their 40+ years of experience restoring habitat, local native pollinators and the work of **Prairie Enthusiasts**. This event is free and open to the public. [Directions to Octagon Barn](#) [For info: Sauk Co Land Resources & Environment Department](#)

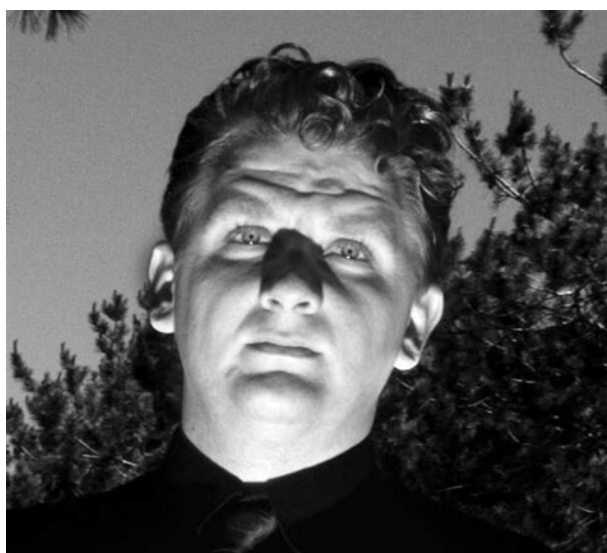
The **UU Women's Connection** will have their **Summer Retreat, August 12-14, 2022**, in person at **Ronora Lodge & Retreat Center in Watervliet, MI**. [Register](#) [2022 Retreat Info](#)

The **Board of Directors** of the Free Congregation will meet on **August 14 at Park Hall** following the Sunday program. If you have an issue for us to an address, please email Robert Larson, at [Pres. Robert Larson](mailto:Pres.RobertLarson) so that it may be added to the agenda. The meeting will also be on Zoom.

The **Slotty Road Cemetery** needs our help. “After a major cleanup project at the Andrew Roll Free Congregation Cemetery just a few months ago, Nature has once again displayed her prowess. The high winds and hard rain of July 23 have brought down another large crop of branches, small and medium size, and tossed them about the cemetery grounds. So if any of you are in the neighborhood of the cemetery -- or wish to head out that way -- **we'd love your help in collecting the ground litter** into manageable piles and getting those piles, one way or t'other, to the vicinity of the meeting hall, where (when the time comes) your piles will be loaded onto the "Ochsner Large Wagon" and hauled away.” Email [Michael Whaley](mailto:MichaelWhaley) or [Gigi La Budde](mailto:GigiLaBudde) for information.

From our **Child Education Program**: “We seek additional volunteer assistants and/or teachers for this year’s program. Please consider getting involved! It isn't hard work, the children are smart and delightful, and we (the adults involved) often work collaboratively to plan easy lessons. You can sign up for a semester, or a year as a primary teacher; or you can just offer to train in as a substitute or assistant. We need to get more adults involved! Thank you.” If interested, please call/text **Susie Tatone** at **608-370-3692** or [Email Susie](mailto:Susie).

The **Park Hall office needs a computer mouse**. We would be happy to adopt your USB mouse, PC or Mac, if you have a spare. [Park Hall email](mailto:ParkHall)



Chad Lewis

Join us **Sunday, August 21** for our **Free Thought Forum Program, Mysterious Creatures of Wisconsin**. We are happy to host researcher, author, and lecturer **Chad Lewis**. ChadLewisResearch.com. Lewis’s background is in Psychology, with both Bachelor and Master degree work in that field. For nearly 30 years he has traveled the globe in search of unique and bizarre stories and history. The program starts at **10:10 a.m. at Park Hall**. **Susan Larkin** will host. All are invited; childcare is provided. You may also attend this program on Zoom (info below on the last page).

Park Hall Events, by Ellen Paul

Our Facilities Coordinator, Ellen Paul will be happy to answer your inquiries about renting. Our website has additional information, fee details, and our calendar.

To reach Ellen, ph: 608 963-8451, email: ParkHallEvents@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

August 6, Family Reunion

September 23-24, Dunlap/Foster Rehearsal and Wedding

October 1-10, Fermentation Fest (Wormfarm Institute) Farm/Art D'tour

October 10-15, Trevor Stephenson recording in Hall

October 14, Trevor Stephenson Beethoven Concert at Hall

October 16, Trevor Stephenson Founders Day FTF Presentation

November 24, Corrao Family Thanksmas

December 10, Moen-Mundt Family Holiday Gathering

December 17, Meyer Family Holiday Gathering

STRING QUARTET CONCERT

AT THE BROWN CHURCH

Quartessence String Quartet

Concert of Classical and American Traditional Music

Sunday, August 7, 2022

2:00 p.m.

29864 Brown Church Road located at the intersection of Hwy 130 and Hwy B
five miles north of Hwy 14 -- **The building is air conditioned**

Tickets available at the door -- \$10 for adults (\$5 for students)

Information: 608-356-8421 or FriendsOfLittleBrownChurch@gmail.com



What I Believe Now (WIBN) is an adult education curriculum oriented around group discussions led by a facilitator. The **WIBN** for this month will be **August 22, on Zoom at 6:30 p.m.** WIBN's purpose is to explore our beliefs and values, specifically acknowledging that those may be different for each of us. The discussions are intended to enrich and deepen our individual beliefs, not to conform or discredit them. Each session presents questions and quotes designed to help participants reflect on how we've come to be where we are now, to help us define where we'd like to be, and to help us articulate what we do and don't believe. A **Zoom invite is required** and available to all by request. All sessions are free. If you would like to **receive the Zoom invite**, please email Nick at jnschweitzer@gmail.com.

From Glen Johnson: The **Outreach Working Group**: will be meeting soon to discuss **proposals for the 2022 Mission In Motion grants**. If any member would like to be a part of this process, or has a proposal to suggest, please contact Glen at gjohnson@rucls.net or call/text at 608-963-9773. Many hands/heads make light work!

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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