



From the Administrator,

Welcome to the newsletter for the first of August. You will find contributions from **Nick Schweitzer**, **UU Women's Connection**, **Ellen Paul**, and **Jenni Walsh**. 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
Aug 3	Spiritual Roundtable	All attending	How Animals Make Us Human
Aug 10	U.U. Program	David Butler	Black Lives Matter
Aug 17	Free Thought Forum		

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.

Our Sunday programs are also available live on Zoom.

The **Board of Directors** of the Free Congregation will meet on **August 10 at Park Hall at 11:30 a.m.** If you have an issue for us to an address, please email [Dave Siegfried](#) 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, August 25, at 6:30 p.m.** Topic TBD. Please email **Nick Schweitzer**, jnschweitzer@gmail.com, if you'd like to receive a meeting invitation and list of questions in preparation for the gathering.

The next **UU Women's Connection Retreat** will take place **August 15-17, at Ronora Lodge in SW Michigan**. The Fall Retreat will follow on October 17-19 at **Cedar Valley Retreat Center in West Bend, WI**. There's a registration link and more information at <https://www.uuwomensconnection.org/>.

Facilities Coordinator Report - August 1, 2025

Please remember that the FCSC Park Hall has great **membership discounts** for rental space. Congregation and community members utilize our space for family reunions, weddings, holiday gatherings, memorials, and social and civic gatherings such as book clubs, youth events, etc. Please contact **Jenni Walsh** at walshjenni77@gmail.com for additional information.

Mark your calendars:

August 13 and **August 27** - Mindfulness Meditations Sessions with Diane Matzke, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

September 20 - Concert featuring two groups:

7 p.m. Spare Bones, electronic pop trip covering artists such as Neil Young, Joni Mitchell, as well as original music, featuring Shawndell Marks.

8 p.m. Gin Chocolate and Bottle Rockets, featuring artists such as Linda Ronstadt, Dolly Parton, Lucinda Williams, as well as original music. Featuring Shawndell Marks.

Volunteer Opportunities

August 10 and August 24

Opening the hall, preparing the coffee, water, etc. to take upstairs.

Closing the hall, taking the coffee etc. down to the kitchen and generally cleaning up, either loading and starting the dishwasher or washing all the cups, etc.

More volunteers opportunities

to be backup for A/V duties,

to serve on the Outreach Committee,

to serve on the Volunteer Committee.

Please contact **Ellen**, eap313@gmail.com or text to 608-963-8451 if you can volunteer.

Volunteers needed - Chow Chip Festival

On **Saturday, August 30**, the Congregation will have a promotional table at the **Sauk Prairie Cow Chip Festival** in **Marion Park** in **Prairie du Sac**. We need volunteers to staff our table.

Two hour shifts are available throughout the day from **9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.** Please contact **Jenni Walsh** at walshjenni77@gmail.com if you are interested. We'd love your help in promoting our wonderful congregation!

STRING QUARTET CONCERT AT THE BROWN CHURCH

The Quartessence
String Quartet
Will Perform A Concert
Featuring Classical and
American Traditional
Music

Sunday, August 24, 2025

2:00 p.m.

29864 Brown Church Road
located at the intersection of Hwy
130 and Brown Church Road
five miles north of Hwy 14

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

Proceeds for upkeep of the Brown Church

The building is air conditioned



Musicians are members of the Madison Symphony
Orchestra and Madison Chamber Orchestra

For Information: FriendsOfLittleBrownChurch@gmail.com

Email Link: FriendsOfLittleBrownChurch@gmail.com

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.

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.

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