



From the Administrator,

Welcome to the newsletter for the 15th of February. You will find contributions from Nick Schweitzer, Susie Tatone, Kathi Kemp, David Butler, Verlyn Mueller, Ellen Paul, and Eleanor Chiquoine. 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
Feb 18	Free Thought Forum	Verlyn Mueller	The Badger History Group
Feb 25	U.U. Program	Pema Antoniotti	Generosity & 4 Things that Matter Most
Mar 3	Spiritual Roundtable	All attending	Fundamentalism

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 **March 10 at Park Hall at 11:30 a.m.** 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 at **6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 26**. The topic will be: **What Can I Believe Now? How Do I Believe Anything?** Please email [Nick Schweitzer](mailto:Nick.Schweitzer) if you'd like to receive the material and the zoom invitation.



Please join us this **Sunday, February 18** for the **Free Thought Forum** program featuring **guest speaker Verlyn Mueller**. Verlyn is a Prairie du Sac native who worked for 26 years for the Olin Corporation at the Badger Army Ammunition Plant. In retirement, he joined a group of people interested in preserving the history of Badger and is one of two charter members still active in the **Badger History Group**. Today Verlyn serves as Archivist and museum Curator working in the group's **Museum of Badger Army Ammunition** at the former plant. The program starts at 10:10 a.m. in

Park Hall and will be streamed on Zoom. Childcare will be available.



The **March Spiritual Roundtable** will discuss the topic **Fundamentalism**. Whether social, political, or religious, what is Fundamentalism exactly? How is it defined? How might one respond when relating with believers of fundamentalist ideologies? The Roundtable will meet at Park Hall and on Zoom at **10:10 a.m. on March 3**. All are welcome to stay for scrambled eggs after the program. A dish to share is appreciated but not required. Childcare is provided.

The **Hymn Leaders** will sing again on February 25th and they would welcome other voices to rehearse with them before the service at 9:30. All are welcome regardless of ability. Contact Nick jnschweitzer@gmail.com or Fritz freecongregation@icloud.com for more information

The Board is investigating hosting a European-themed Christmas Season Kris Kringle Market as some other Wisconsin communities do. Anyone interested in helping plan this activity should contact Nick (jnschweitzer@gmail.com) or Ellen (eap313@gmail.com).

The Free Congregation Book Club has chosen a title for our first discussion: **The Persuaders** by Anand Ghiridharadas. This is "an insider account of activists, politicians, educators, and everyday citizens working to change minds, bridge divisions, and save democracy." This book is available for loan from the South Central Library System; there are 16 copies of the book available for check-out. **The date for the discussion will be chosen soon**. Watch this space.

Associate Speaker David Butler is preparing his presentation for **March 10** on **Native America, the Neighbors We Seldom See**. David has 2 recommended books for our readers: **Neither Wolf Nor Dog** by Kent Nerburn and **Killers of the Flower Moon** by David Grann (book or movie).

Park Hall Events

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

Going on presently- Tuesday and Thursday evenings- Sauk Prairie Theatre Guild rehearsals for their Spring Comedies. Performances will be April 26 and 27 at 7pm and April 28 at 2 pm. We welcome them back!

March 9, Community Dance with DJ Jake Foster- 7-10 pm- Any proceeds from the dance will go to FCSC. Volunteers needed for set-up and clean-up. Since beer and wine will be sold we need people at the doors to check I.D.s or whether a minor is with his/her parents. Need servers. Ellen has an operator's license so server's licenses are not needed. Could use decorating help.

Theme is pre-St. Pat's Day celebration. Please let Ellen know if you can help in any way!

New member Valerie Rung is getting married at the Hall on April 13 with rehearsal and decorating on April. 12.

May 12, we have a recital scheduled at the Hall with professional musicians. More info to come!

To reach Ellen, ph: 608 963-8451, email: eap313@gmail.com.

Associate
Speaker Rob
Brink brought the
**Giving Tree
Revisited** to the
Children's Story
on February 11.
Photo by Eleanor
Chiquoine



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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