



From the Administrator,

Welcome to the newsletter for the Fifteenth of February. You will find contributions from **Jenni Walsh, the UUA, Ellen Paul, Nick Schweitzer, Linda Meadowcroft, Susie Tatone, and John Lichtenheld.** 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 23	U.U. Program	David Butler	Katherine May: Wintering
Mar 2	Spiritual Roundtable	All attending	Original Sin, Human Nature
Mar 9	U.U. Program	Penny Andrews	Essentials of Living Systems

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.

Our **Free Thought Forum** on **February 16** will welcome author **Linda Meadowcroft.** Her presentation will be *Ghost Eagles - Jan Beaver and the Reclamation of the Celebrated Ho-Chunk Mound Site.* She will introduce her book: *Ghost Eagles: The Spirit Journey of Artist Jan Beaver Gallione.* This program will start at **10:10 a.m., on February 16, in Park Hall and on Zoom.** Info on joining this Zoom meeting is on the last page of this newsletter.



What I Believe Now, our monthly adult discussion group, will meet as usual by Zoom on the fourth Monday of the month, **February 24, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.** This month's topic will be **Free Thought, Open-Mindedness, and Political/Social Advocacy,** provided by Lynne Roberts. Please email **Jenni Walsh,** walshjenni77@gmail.com, if you'd like to receive the questions, quotations, and Zoom invitation.

The **Board of Directors** of the Free Congregation will meet on **March 9 at Park Hall at 11:30 a.m.** If you have an issue for us to an address, please email Susie Tatone, President of the Board at statone01@gmail.com so that it may be added to the agenda. The meeting will also be on Zoom.

The Board is pleased to welcome member **Jenni Walsh** as our new Facilities Coordinator. Jenni has excellent experience managing events. To contact Jenni for any event planning, please email Jenni at freeconevents@gmail.com. We thank Ellen Paul for her years of service as Facilities Coordinator.

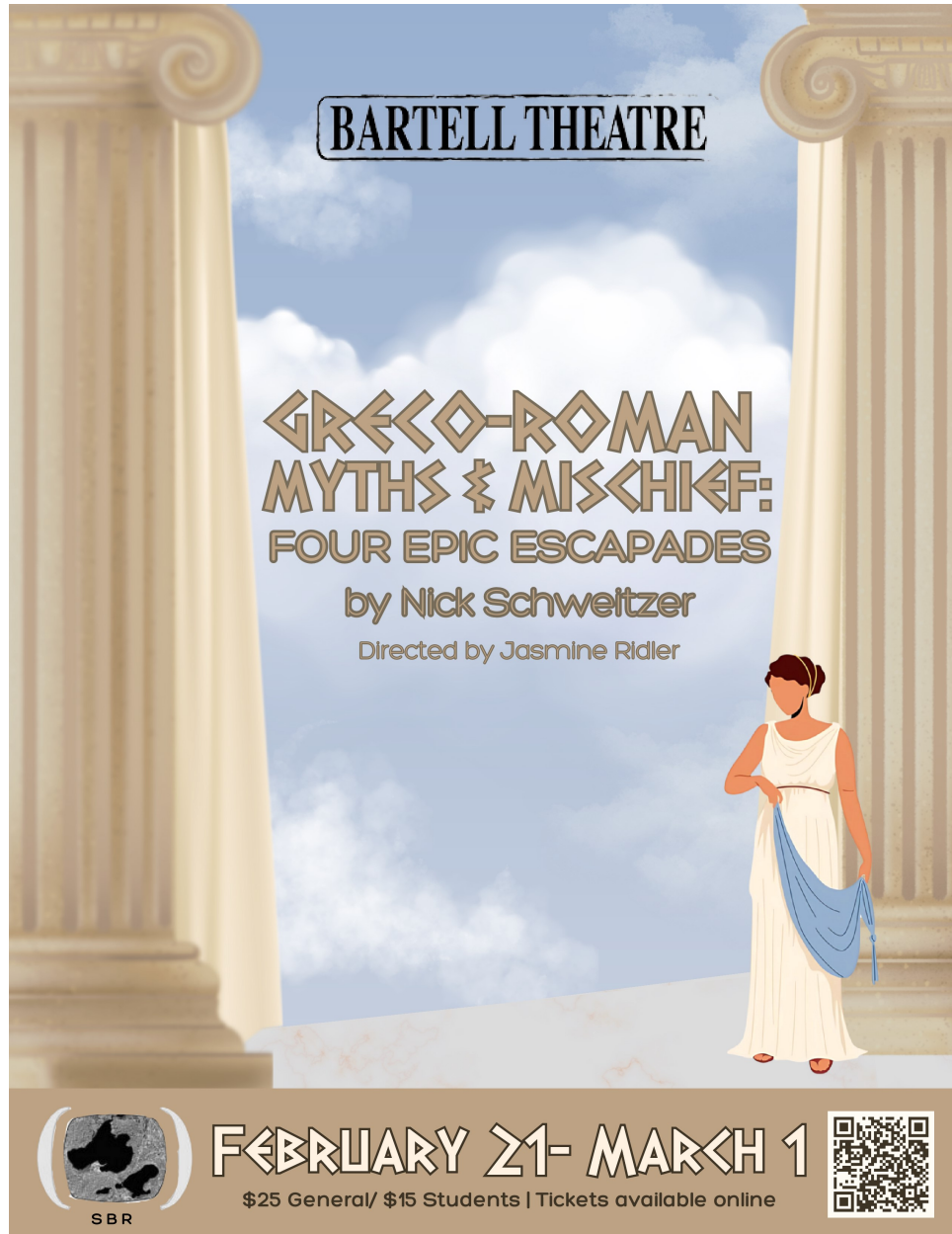
Unitarian Universalist Association has joined with a multi-faith coalition and the **Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection** to bring a lawsuit challenging Immigration and Custom Enforcement's (ICE) "sensitive locations policy." Churches, as well as schools and hospitals, had previously been protected from ICE enforcement actions, but a Department of Homeland Security memo rescinded that protection on January 20th. The lawsuit challenges the ending of ICE's sensitive locations policy and opposes any interpretation of law which would allow immigration raids in houses of worship and religious ceremonies. More information and resources are available at [this link](#).

Our elevator is still having problems. Entry from the outside door is not working, but it functions from upstairs and downstairs. We have a call in for service. Please contact Fritz for assistance using it. The Building & Grounds Committee is collecting bids to replace the elevator with new hardware.

More building news: a water lead filter and faucet shut-off valve were installed on **February 14** by **Demars Plumbing**.

The Congregation is grateful to Matthew Reis, who repaired two of the vacuums at Park Hall.

The Board is now forming a new **Inventory Committee** tasked with documenting our treasures and collecting the stories behind them. If you are interested in being a part of this project please contact **Susie Tatone** at statone01@gmail.com or by phone **(608) 370-3692**.



Member and playwright **Nick Schweitzer** announces the performance of his work:

Greco-Roman Myths & Mischief: Four Epic Escapades.

Presented on the **Evjue Stage** at the **Bartell Theatre** in Madison on **February 21 - March 1**. Nick has written four one-act plays set in ancient Greece and Rome: **1. Touched by the Gods, or Venus in Chains**; **2. A Song of Troy**; **3. Helen of Troy, Pretext for War**; **4. Orestes in the Underworld, the long-lost satyr play of the Oresteia**. Suggested for 18+ due to mild sexual content. Tickets may be purchased at <https://bartelltheatre.org>.

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.

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