



## From the Administrator,

Happy New Year! Welcome to the newsletter for the first of January. Don't miss the news from **Marita Kelter**. I think you will 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
Jan 8	U.U. Program	David Butler	Little Epiphanies
Jan 15	Painesfest Holiday	Daniel Kapust	Paine's Revolutionary Consistency
Jan 22	U.U. Program	Rob Brink	TBA

We invite you to attend our Sunday programs at Park Hall. Masks and childcare is provided . Child Education classes meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. Sunday programs are 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 **January 8 at Park Hall** following the Sunday program. If you have an issue for us to address, please email Robert Larson, President of the Board at [larsonfabrestoration@gmail.com](mailto:larsonfabrestoration@gmail.com) so that it may be added to the agenda. The meeting will also be on Zoom.

**Marita Kelter** sends her wishes to all from Texas. She reports her daughter was married in New Orleans in November. **Marita** and **Joyce Steensrud** are expecting to see **Susan Larkin** and **John Rigby** who will visit in the near future

Our **171st Painesfest Holiday Program and Potluck**, will occur on **January 15, at 10:10 a.m.** Returning to our podium will be University of Wisconsin Badger Talks Speaker **Prof. Daniel Kapust** with the topic **Paine's Revolutionary Consistency**. Thomas Paine (1737 – 1809) is well known as an influential advocate of American independence from Great Britain, and for his support of the Revolutionary War. But Paine was also, unlike many Americans of his era – and unlike his philosophical rival, Edmund Burke (1729 – 1797) – a supporter of the French Revolution. How can we understand Paine's support of both revolutions, and what does it tell us about his legacies? Through a discussion of *Common Sense* (1776) and *Rights of Man* (1791), along with a comparison of Paine to Burke, this talk explores Paine's revolutionary consistency. We will have a **potluck meal after the program**. All are invited. Come as you are. We always have plenty of food.

Longtime member Kathy Kunz passed away on December 17. You will find her obituary at Gunderson Funeral Home: [Kathy Kunz Obituary](#). Kathy's memorial service will occur **Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at Park Hall. Visitation will be 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Service will be at 3:30 p.m., led by Michael Whaley. A light luncheon will serve afterward** the service. Burial will be scheduled in the summer at the congregation cemetery on Slotty Road. Watch the newsletter for this event.

Thanks are due to **Gilbert Williams** and **John Lichtenheld** for work on the elevator and removal of fallen pine branches (victims of the heavy snow).

**January 29** will be the **5th Sunday**. We might attend an outside event or have a work day. Submit events to Fritz that we might enjoy attending together. Submit work suggestions to John Lichtenheld.

WI U-U State Action Network (**WUUSAN**) is launching a bookclub beginning in mid-January, a Wisconsin-wide virtual bookclub to discuss water pollution and protection. There will be a kickoff via Zoom; the club will continue on Facebook. More information on Facebook: [WUUSAN on Facebook](#).

### **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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