



From the Administrator,

Welcome to the newsletter for the Fifteenth of June. You will find contributions from **Jenni Walsh, Nick Schweitzer, Fritz Parks, Food Pantry, 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

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

Date	Program	Speaker	Topic
June 21	Picnic at Slotty Road	All invited	Live music, Brats and potluck side dishes
June 28	U.U. Program	Pema Antoniotti	
July 5	Spiritual Roundtable	All present	Making Connections

We invite you to attend our in-person Sunday programs at our beautiful Park Hall. We have masks available. Childcare is provided each Sunday. Our Sunday programs are also available live on Zoom (see last page info).

What I Believe Now

The Adult Ed discussion group, **What I Believe Now**, is on hiatus and will resume in July. Watch the newsletter for more info.

Membership update from Fritz Parks

June will cap a very successful year. Our membership now comprises 77 adults among 52 households. At the 2025 Annual Meeting, our census was 70 adults in 45 households. 12 adults have signed the membership book since July 1, 2025. We welcome them:

Lynne Siegfried	Christine Meiners
Jason Tesch	Matt Goutcher
Kim Goutcher	Yushin Wei
Benjamin Dorava	John Kolb
Renee Pierce	Carol Benson
Meghan Pierce	David Eagan

More of my Annual Administrator Report will be found in the meeting reports in an upcoming issue.

Annual Meeting June 14, 2026

Our members came together for our annual business meeting, yesterday. This was our 174th such meeting.

The **Board** held a preparatory session at 9:30 a.m. At this short meeting the proposed 2026/2027 Budget had its final board review. Additionally, all currently serving officers and members agreed to stand for re-election with 2 changes. Subject to election, Susie Tatone will assume the Vice President position and Nick Schweitzer will stay on as Member at Large.

The official annual meeting followed as scheduled at 10:10 a.m. The meeting efficiently followed to the agenda as printed in the bulletin below. Stay tuned for committee reports and meeting minutes in an upcoming newsletter. In short, the budget and proposed re-election of the board were approved by attending member voice votes.

The Free Congregation of Sauk County
A Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

174th Annual Congregation Meeting

Sunday, June 14, 2026 10:10 a.m.

Welcome

Dave Siegfried

Meeting minutes of 2025 Annual Meeting, for approval
Active membership as of June 12, 2026
Election of the Board of Directors

Budget

2025-2026 Stewardship Reports– Glen Johnson
2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget – Glen Johnson
2025-2026 Treasurer Reports– Joe Frost
2026-2027 Capital Projects Budget – John Lichtenheld

Reports

President – Dave Siegfried
Administrator– Fritz Parks
Facilities Coordinator – Christine Meiners
Building & Grounds – John Lichtenheld
Cemetery Affairs – Gigi La Budde
Portraits Committee – Melanie Wood

New Business

Congregation Discussion

Adjournment

Mission Statement

Adopted 1996

We, the Free Congregation of Sauk County, a Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, undertake as our mission to provide:

A forum where individuals from diverse backgrounds can meet to participate — freely and without constraints of dogma or creed — in the give and take of ideas relating to personal development, the growth of the mind and spirit, social justice and the unique heritage of the Freie Gemeinde;

A place for our children to explore ideas and values in a community that embraces diversity and practices trust;

Opportunities for group action and service related to our mission, values, and concerns;

An open and accepting environment in which we can continue to explore and clarify our identity and beliefs, both as individuals and as a congregation;

A cultural resource for the greater community in which we live.

Voting Eligibility

Eligibility to vote at this annual meeting is determined by the Free Congregation's Bylaws, adopted January 14, 2007; most recent revision: June 10, 2018.

All persons listed on today's Member Roll are active members in good standing and are eligible to vote in person.



We are proud to support our LGBTQ+ members and communities of color.

May 31 5th Sunday Work Day

We had quite a crew at our work day on the last Sunday in June. The weather was very cooperative and we were able to get work done both inside and outside. Steve Chiquoine organized the tools and furnace room. Dave Siegfried sorted our collection of old paint cans in preparation for disposal. John Lichtenheld relabeled the elevator control instruction. The garden crew created a fire circle with log rounds from our downed basswood tree, according to Groundskeeper Gil Williams' plan. They also cleaned up the gardens.

Thanks to volunteers Kathi Kemp, Dave Siegfried, Lynne Roberts, John Lichtenheld, John Kolb, Chuck Park, Lynne Siegfried, Eleanore Chiquoine, Dave Eagan, Brandon McBride, Alice & Etta Larson with mother Chelsey Hausch. Apologies to Work Day volunteers we omitted. Photos by Eleanor Chiquoine show the new fire circle and the garden crew.

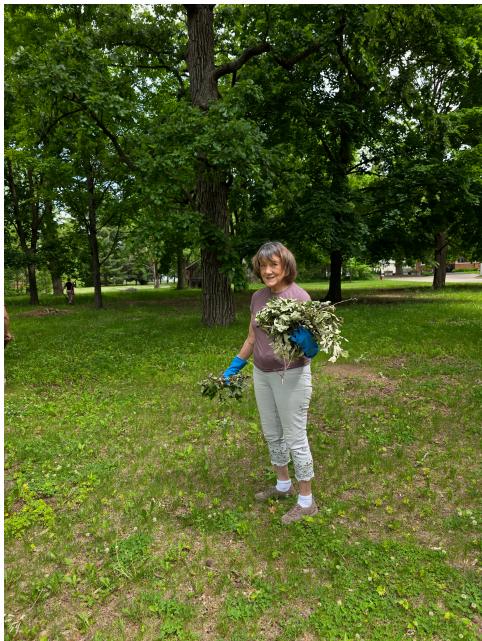
From John Lichtenheld



Etta, Chelsey, John, Dave



Alice & Brandon



Welcome new member, Lynne Siegfried



Brandon, Alice, Lynne

Picnic at Slotty Road - This Sunday June 21

Join us for our annual picnic under the white pines at the Andrew Roll Cemetery. Curt Meine has live music planned for us. We'll grill brats & hot dogs as usual (make sure to thank Steve Chiquoine, our grillmaster). Members will bring potluck picnic fare: salads, chips/dips, desserts. We'll start at our usual 10:10 a.m. and plan to eat a little before noon. It is BYOBeverage/cup/lawn-chair/utensils. If you have a spare lawn chair, please bring it. We'll supply condiments, lemonade, and water. Send your rsvp for our headcount; send your order for how many brats and hot dogs your party will eat; send to freecongregation@iCloud.com. See you on Sunday. Driving directions to Slotty Road: [Click for directions to the Picnic](#)

SP Area Food Pantry

The congregation is a regular supporter of the Food Pantry with volunteers to staff food distributions. Now that the Pantry has purchased a new building on Sycamore Street in Sauk City, there is opportunity to contribute to the Fundraising Campaign for the new building. You will find a Donate button at this link: [Donate](#)

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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I welcome your submissions to this newsletter. Send your events, announcements, photos, and recipes to me at [Newsletter Submissions](#), or use the **Contact Us** form at bottom of the page.

**May 10, 2026, Free Congregation of Sauk County
Board Meeting Minutes**

Board Members

Dave Siegfried, President

Jenni Walsh, Secretary – excused

Joe Frost, Treasurer

Nick Schweitzer, Vice-President

Susie Tatone, Member-at-large

Gil Williams, Member-at-Large

Kathi Kemp, Member-at-large - not present

Others:

Christine Meiners, Facilities Coordinator

Fritz Parks, Administrator

Meeting Called to Order: 11:37 a.m.

Approval of April Meeting Minutes – Nick moved to approve minutes, seconded by Gil. Approved.

Staff Reports:

- Fritz Parks, Administrator’s Report: See written report.

Pledges are below last year. Dave suggested sending a letter to those who haven’t pledged. Christine volunteered to help Fritz with the mailing.

We have 12 new members this year, bringing the congregation to 76. Someone needs to encourage Matt and Kim Goucher to sign. All five associate speakers have agreed to continue. In April we had 3 internet outages.

Wood Weller has been doing fire alarm checks

Gil is working on the grounds.

Gigi and Fritz have keys to the recently-replaced door lock at the cemetery chapel.

The elevator is installed and working

TDS replaced the router that was affected by the elevator installation.

Added a new Zoom meeting link for additional Congregational needs, such as committee meetings, etc.

- Christine Meiners, Facilities Coordinator Report: See written report.

Our Congregation will be a required stop on the Pioneer Day School Fieldtrip this week. Paul Wolters will be here for that .

Celebration of Life for Michael Whaley has been scheduled for August 2nd.

Continued May 10 Board Minutes

Wormfarm Institute staff would still like to attend an upcoming Board of Directors meeting to discuss event logistics for their October event.

The Sauk Prairie Chamber of Commerce still wants us to participate in a promotional video.

Treasurers Report: See Written Report.

- The expenditures and revenues for the elevator will be moved around in the budget so they appear separately.
- We have enough liquidity to pay our bills through the rest of the year.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Stewardship Committee, Glen Johnson: See Written Report.
- Third Sunday Committee, Kathi Kemp. No report.
- Religious Education for Youth and Children, Susie Tatone. On Hiatus
- Buildings and Grounds. Gil Williams has been communicating with his committee and the board. He will be arranging to get a load of soil (not dirt). There will be a work day on May 31st. There will be an August work day. John Lichtenheld reported that we still need to paint the elevator frame and more, we still need to pay the electrician, and we need to get a maintenance contract, for which the installer offers two options after the one-year warranty. We (probably John) should decide and plan ahead to budget for it. A discussion of the cost of snow removal, including paying a neighbor or paying a lot more this coming season.
- The combined Membership Committee and Outreach Ad-Hoc Committee, Kathi

Ad-Hoc Committees:

- Celebration of the Season. The committee of Susie Tatone, Gil Williams, and Kathi Kemp agreed to ask David Eagan to join this group, and then to meet and discuss potential ideas. Gilbert suggested a mid-day dinner on Sunday, December 19th.

Old Business:

- What FCSC Believes. Susie proposed new language and invited comments on her draft.

Adjourned at 12:50 p.m.