



## From the Administrator,

Welcome to the newsletter for the Fifteenth of March. You will find contributions from Dave Siegfried, Nick Schweitzer, Kathi Kemp, Susie Tatone, Christine Meiners, and the UU Women's Connection. 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

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

Date	Program	Speaker	Topic
Mar 22	U.U. Program	David Butler	Christian Nationalism
Mar 29	5th Sunday	All welcome	Work Day
Apr 5	Spiritual Roundtable	All attending	War—What Is It Good For?

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).

## Elevator Replacement

The replacement of the elevator is underway. Our volunteers are working to enlarge the opening for the new elevator. Installation of the new elevator will follow, hopefully this week. We have raised \$39,150.00 to date and are hoping for more donations. Please consider a donation. See the link on our home page: <https://freecongregation.org/home.aspx>

## Pledge Dinner, March 22, Don't Miss It!

Mark your calendars. Our **2026/2027 Pledge Drive** will kick off on **March 22**. Pledging at the Drive is critical to our budget planning for the year starting July 1, 2026. We'll have a budget presentation at noon, followed by dinner. Members should watch email for supporting information and pledge forms around March 15. We hope to record as many member pledges as possible at the dinner. Contact Joe Frost, Glen Johnson, or Fritz Parks for more information.

## Facilities Coordinator Update

Mindfulness Meditation with Diane Matzke - bi-weekly mindfulness practice sessions from 6:30-7:30pm. Please join us for these free sessions in **April** on the **15th and 29th**.

Sauk Prairie Theatre Guild - Park Hall is busy with rehearsals for the spring production of the Sauk Prairie Theatre Guild. **A Night of Comedies** will take place **Friday, April 10th** and **Saturday, April 11th** at 7pm and **Sunday, April 12th** at 2pm. <https://sites.google.com/sptheatreguild.org/webpage/home>

Sauk Prairie Pioneer day - An annual local history immersion event primarily designed for fourth-grade students to explore historical sites throughout Sauk City and Prairie du Sac. Students engage in hands-on learning and hear from history experts. **May 13th, 2026**

Wormfarm Institute: **A Decomposition** - <https://www.wormfarminstitute.org/programs/current/decomp26> **Friday, October 9 - Sunday, October 11**. The Free Congregation of Sauk County is a proud co-sponsor of the Wormfarm Institute's experimental symposium on decomposition and renewal. This gathering will feature soil scientists, artists, musicians, and death workers from across the country. The Wormfarm Institute is currently reviewing session proposals so keep checking their website or our newsletters for updates! <https://www.wormfarminstitute.org/programs/current/decomp26>. Keynote Speaker - Omar DeKok-Mercado, Director of Wilding, Mad Agriculture, Boulder Colorado. Omar's (he/him) work has focused on supporting regenerative farmers in incorporating perennials into their farming systems. His philosophy embraces the wisdom of traditional practices and the power of creative imagination. Blending his technical expertise in soil science and agro-ecology with his artistic sensibilities he makes complex concepts accessible and inspiring. This unique blend has had a transformative impact on the agricultural landscapes he's worked with, enhancing both productivity and farmer livelihoods.

## What I Believe Now

The Adult Ed discussion group, **What I Believe Now**, will meet **on Zoom** as usual on the fourth **Monday, March 23**, at **6:30 p.m.**. The topic will be: **Natural Rights**. Please email **Nick Schweitzer**, [jnschweitzer@gmail.com](mailto:jnschweitzer@gmail.com), if you'd like to receive a meeting invitation and list of questions in preparation for the gathering.

## 3rd Sunday/Holiday Programming Committee

The Third Sunday Committee has two member openings. Love our presenters and the interesting, thought-provoking programs they bring to Park Hall? Be part of the planning! Contact Kathi Kemp, [batonrouger2@yahoo.com](mailto:batonrouger2@yahoo.com) for details.

## March 20 Grounds Work Day

The grounds subcommittee will lead a work day on **Friday, March 20 from 10am to 2pm.**

Our kitchen crew (“the Kitchees”) will be serving a free hot lunch for volunteers. Participants are asked to bring their favorite rake, leaf blower, pitch fork, wheelbarrow or chain saw. A riding lawn mower would be a big help. Subject to proper weather. RSVP to Gilbert Williams at [earthdogghw@gmail.com](mailto:earthdogghw@gmail.com).

## Speakers Wanted

Can you recommend a group or person who would be a good speak at our 3rd Sunday Free Thought Forums? Please send your suggestions to Kathi Kemp, [batonrouger2@yahoo.com](mailto:batonrouger2@yahoo.com).

## 5th Sunday Work Day - Bathroom Project - March 29

We will need 3-4 people to install the bathroom flooring, toilet, and wainscoting. We also need a volunteer with a vehicle big enough to pick up these supplies and transport them to the Hall prior to the March 29. – Susie Tatone has the details.

## Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of the Free Congregation will meet on **April 12 at Park Hall at 11:30 a.m.** If you have an issue for us to an address, please email Dave Siegfried, President of the Board at Dave Siegfried so that it may be added to the agenda.



**UU Women's Connection**  
Join Us for our Virtual Tea & Talk! This is an opportunity to check in with your sisters!

SATURDAY, MARCH 21  
2:00pm CST

Tea & Talks last for 1.5 hours

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Also June 20  
September 19  
October 31

## 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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