



From the Administrator,

Welcome to the newsletter for the 15th of November. You will find contributions from **Nick Schweitzer, Annette Kuhlmann, John Lichtenheld, Susie Tatone, and SP Conservation Alliance**. 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
Nov 19	Free Thought Forum	Annette Kuhlmann	Native Americans & Criminal Justice
Nov 26	U.U. Program	Robin Proud	Buckminster Fuller: Troubled Genius
Dec 3	Spiritual Roundtable	All attending	What Are our Collective Values?

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 **December 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 discussion group, **What I Believe Now**, will meet as usual by Zoom on the fourth Monday of the month, **November 27**, from **6:30 to 8 p.m.** The topic will be **Values That Keep Us Going in Tough Times**. If you aren't already on the email list, please contact **Nick Schweitzer**, jnschweitzer@gmail.com, to receive the zoom invitation and some discussion material.

Please join us **November 19**, for this month's Free Thought Forum with guest speaker **Annette Kuhlmann**. Annette's presentation will focus on **Native Americans & Criminal Justice**: "The recent events surrounding George Floyd's murder has drawn attention to the special and problematic relationships between ethnic minorities and the criminal justice system. However, this public attention has focused mostly on African Americans. This presentation will lay out the role of criminal justice in the larger historical context of the Native American experience and re-examine definitions of crime."



Dr. Kuhlmann is a recently minted Professor Emeritus of the University of Wisconsin Platteville in Baraboo where she has been teaching Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice for 30 years. Her background in Native American Studies and Criminal Justice is both theoretical and practical. Both of her dissertations focused on native issues (ethnography and research collaboration and the political economy of Indian gaming). To this end she lived and worked for a year with the Kickapoo tribe. The opportunity to teach college level courses in a federal prison initially brought Dr. Kuhlmann to Wisconsin. She continued to work in this role for 15 years, learning much from her students, including her native students, about their experience inside an out-of-the-prison environment. **Free Thought**

Forums continue the legacy of free and open inquiry established more than 150 years ago by the founders of the Free Congregation. As their Sunday programs did then, today's Forums express our commitment to free thought in religion, guided by reason, and inspired by the books of nature and world history. The program will start at **10:10 a.m. on Sunday, at Park Hall**. It will also be live on Zoom. See the last page for Zoom instructions. **Childcare is provided.**

John Lichtenheld reports a generous gift to the Congregation: "**Kurt Breunig**, our neighbor in the white house on the corner to our east, recently gave us a \$500 contribution. He did it in appreciation of our continued upkeep and upgrade of the building and property. Kurt lives in the house that was originally owned by his grandfather. Now retired, Kurt dabbles in art work as a hobby. Many of you have noticed the art displays that he has in his yard. We recently gave him permission to put some of his artwork on our property at the corner across from his house."

Our board wishes to be active in helping members in need. Do you know or are you a member who could use some help at home? Perhaps a household task that requires climbing a ladder or lifting? Susie Tatone, statone01@gmail.com, is our board contact for help at home. Send referrals and requests to Susie or contact a board member.

Sauk County Conservation Alliance is holding a silent auction for a variety of items generously donated by nearly 70 area businesses and organizations, artists, authors, book sellers, and Alliance members from North Freedom, Baraboo, Spring Green, Black Earth, Prairie du Sac, Sauk City, Madison, Viroqua, Lodi, Green Bay, Weyerhaeuser, Edgerton, Albuquerque (New Mexico), Lincoln (Nebraska) - and Kenya! **This fundraiser ends November 17**. All bidding is online. [Click this link for the auction.](#)

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.

We publish twice a month to our website. We email announcements to our list as each issue appears online. If you no longer desire email reminders, feel free to tidy up our email list with an unsubscribe message. Keep our website bookmarked for future use.

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