



From the Administrator,

Welcome to the newsletter for the First of October. You will find contributions from **Dave Siegfried, Nick Schweitzer, Jenni Walsh, and Gilbert Williams**. 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
Oct 5	Spiritual Roundtable	All attending	Emotionally Unavailable
Oct 12	U.U. Program	Robin Proud	Annie Besant: Victorian Freethinker
Oct 19	Stiftungsfest Holiday (Founders Day)	Paul Soglin	My Years as Madison's Mayor

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.

Our Sunday programs are also available live on Zoom.

The **Board of Directors** of the Free Congregation will meet on **Sunday, October 12, at 11:30 a.m. at Park Hall**. If you have an issue for us to an address, please email Dave Siegfried, President of the Board at [Dave Siegfried](mailto:Dave.Siegfried@freecongregation.org) so that it may be added to the agenda. The meeting will also be on Zoom.

The Adult Ed discussion group, **What I Believe Now**, will meet **on Zoom** as usual on the fourth **Monday, October 27, at 6:30 p.m.** The topic will be: **Identity**. Please email **Nick Schweitzer**, jnschweitzer@gmail.com, if you'd like to receive a meeting invitation and list of questions in preparation for the gathering.

173rd Stiftungsfest, Founders Day Holiday Program & Potluck

We have been celebrating Stiftungsfest since 1852. Please join us **Sunday, October 19, in Park Hall**. **Paul Soglin** will be our guest speaker; his topic will be **My Years as Madison's Mayor**. The **program will start at 10:10 a.m.** and will be followed one of our delicious potlucks. Come as you are. Childcare provided. See the last page for potluck suggestions.

Our September 20 Concert was a great success!



The concert was produced by local musician and friend of the congregation, Shawndell Marks.



The duo Spare Bones (Shawndell Marks & Ginny Kincaid/Meghan Hamilton) led off the evening.

Then, Shawndell's trio Gin, Chocolate & Bottle Rockets (with Jen Farley and Beth Kille) took the stage.

We had 45 people in attendance and a great group helping to run the event (Jenni Walsh, Kathi Kemp, David Roberts, Joe Frost, Natasha Frost, Ellen Paul, Colin Walsh, Dave Siegfried, Eleanor Chiquoine, Fritz Parks). Photos by Jenni Wash.

Besides our profit from tickets and concessions, we received over \$250.00 in concert donations.

Positive feedback included a note from visitors Fred & Marla Henry:

"It was very nice having a chance to chat with some of you at the concert Saturday. Marla and I hope to see you again when we're in the area. Wishing the best for your community into the future. Peace."





September's **Free Thought Forum** completed a busy weekend on the 21st. **Prof. Brandon Bloch**, from the UW-Madison History Department was the guest speaker on the topic: **Reinventing Protestant Germany: Religious Nationalists and the Contest for Post-Nazi Democracy**.

Upcoming Events from Facilities Coordinator Jenni Walsh

October and November - Sauk Prairie Theatre Guild "Wizard of Oz" auditions and rehearsals

October 8th and 22nd - Mindful Meditation with Diane Matzke

November 1st - The Songs that Shaped America Concert - A Program of Patriots and Protests, 7pm - more details to come

Stiftungsfest Potluck information.

Our kitchen crew will be providing desserts on October 19. They will meet on **Friday, October 17, at 1:00 p.m.**, for a dessert-making-baking workshop. The workshop is open to all; we need an evening volunteer to clean up after all the baking is done; contact **Gilbert Williams** earthdogghw@gmail.com or phone 608.574.6656.

Our members are invited to contribute potluck dishes as follows:

Last name S-Z: entree dishes; last name L-R: side dishes; last name A-K: salads, breads.

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.

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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