

A Little About Us,

This congregation began as the Freie Gemeinde (The Free Congregation) in 1852. Its founders — most of whom came to the United States from the German states and principalities after the failed liberal revolutions of the 1840s — were seeking freedom to practice their beliefs, express their thoughts, and search for the truth without interference from government and church. Park Hall, still known locally as Freethinkers Hall, was constructed in 1884, designed by Sauk City born architect Alfred Clas.

Of the many Free Congregations established in America by free-thinking German immigrants in the 19th century, most did not survive the First World War and the pervasive anti-German prejudice that accompanied it. Only a dozen or so Free Congregations survived World War II. In 1955, faced with declining numbers and an aging membership, our congregation affiliated with the American Unitarian Association, a movement for liberal religious thought and practice. In 1961 the Unitarian Association and the Universalist Denomination merged, and we took on the name that we bear today: The Free Congregation of Sauk County—a Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Our values and the diversity of our heritage are reflected in the programs and services that we hold at Park Hall. The 2nd and 4th Sunday programs generally follow a UU order of service. These include reflections by our speaker, a visiting UU minister, or other guest. The first Sunday of the month we hold a roundtable Spiritual Reflection Hour on a variety of topics. The Third Sunday is our Free Thought Forum, in which a guest presenter engages an historical, cultural, philosophical, or social issue of special significance to this free religious community. Child care is provided every Sunday.

Upcoming Sunday Programs

Date	Program	Speaker	Topic
May 3	Spiritual Roundtable	All	Moral Responsibilities & Obligations
May 10	U.U. Program	Rob Brink	
May 17	Fruhlingsfest	Bill Volkert	Bird Migration

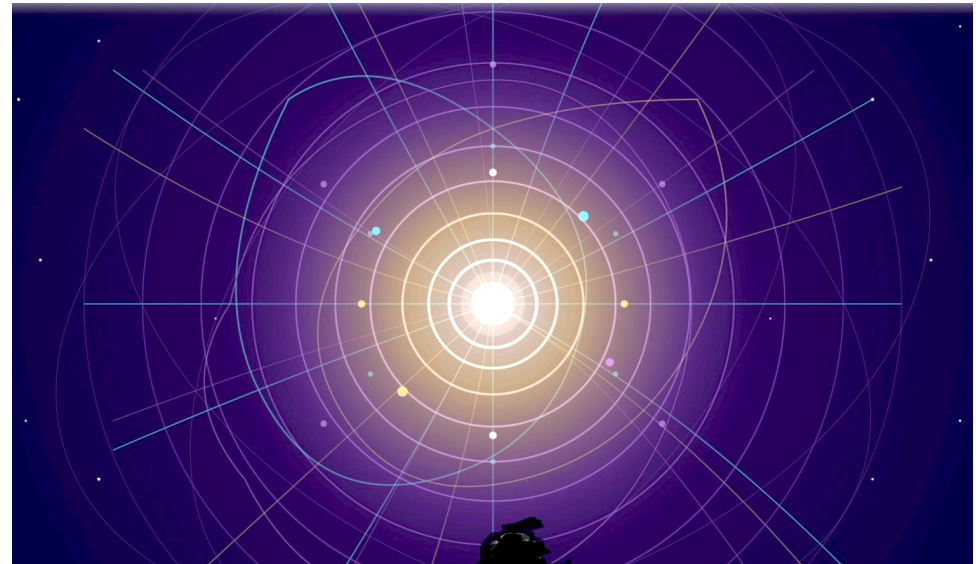


We are proud to support our LGBTQ members and friends.

The Free Congregation of Sauk County
A Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

April 26, 2026

New Tools for Tending the Unified Field Perceiving the Universe



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Gathering: **Prelude in C major**, J.S. Bach Kimberly Fisher

Welcome Rev. Penny Andrews

Story for All Ages: **Everything is Connected**, Jason Gould Penny

Announcements Fritz Parks

Lighting of the Candle and Congregational Reading All

I breathe in the warmth of this light, its glow filling the spaces where fear and doubt reside.

I breathe out the tension I carry. I release what no longer serves me.

I breathe in the strength of our community, a sanctuary of diverse voices and shared purpose.

I breathe out the urge to go it alone. I embrace the power of togetherness.

I breathe in the courage to speak truth, even when it trembles on my lips.

I breathe out the silence that holds me back. I make space for honesty and justice.

I breathe in the hope of transformation, knowing we are here to build and to heal.

I breathe out despair, trusting that change is born in small acts of love.

As we light this candle, may each breath remind us of the sacred rhythm of life, the pulse of creation, and the power we hold to shape the world around us.

Prelude: **Alla Tarantella**, Edward MacDowell Kimberly

Opening Hymn: **#298 Wake Now My Senses** Kimberly

Joys and Concerns Penny

Offering: **A Celtic Dream**, Michele McLaughlin Kimberly

Perceiving the Universe

Meditation: **Three-Circle Meditation** Penny

Reflection: **New Tools for Tending the Unified Field** Penny

Dialogue Congregation

Closing Hymn: **#302 Children of the Human Race** Kimberly

Closing Reading: **All the Blackness Around It**, Christina Koch Penny

Postlude: **Waltz in F Minor**, Franz Schubert Kimberly

Announcements and Events

Guided Spring Ephemerals Walk, today at noon, See website home tab and Facebook (Events/Posts) for directions and information.

Mindfulness Sessions with Diane Matzke, in Park Hall, Wednesdays, April 29, May 13 & 27, 6:30 – 7:30pm

What I Believe Now Discussion on Zoom, topic: Rules and Regulations, Monday, April 27, 6:30 – 8:00pm. WIBN will be on hiatus in May & June.

Board Meeting Sunday, May 10 at 11:30 a.m. in Park Hall

To keep up with the dates and topics of upcoming programs, announcements, news and other content, you have several options:

Our **newsletter** is published on the 1st and 15th of every month and is available on our website. Please send your contact information to our administrator to receive issue announcements.

Our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/FCSC2017/>

Our website: www.freecongregation.org.