

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 5	Spiritual Roundtable	All attending	Acts of Kindness and Connection
May 12	U.U. Program	Pema Antoniotti	A Journey to India
May 19	Fruhlingsfest Holiday	Dr. Kim Reilly	Reproductive Rights

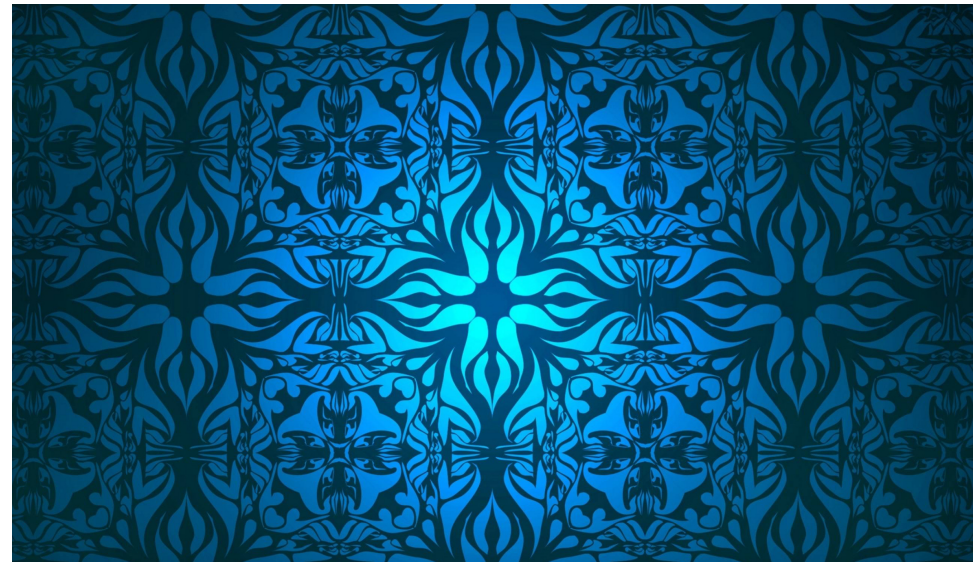


We are proud to support our LGBTQ members and friends.

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Trusted Patterns In Changing Times Some of Us Are Still Catching Up to Who We Truly Are



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Trusted Patterns In Changing Times

Gathering: **Prelude in C major**, J.S. Bach Karlos Moser

Welcome Rev. Penny Andrews

Story for All Ages: **The DNA Story**, by Penny Andrews Penny

Announcements Fritz Parks

Lighting of the Candle, **Different Yet United** Penny

Prelude: **Pavanne**, Fauré Karlos

Opening Hymn: **#299 Make Channels for the Stream of Love** All

Joys and Concerns Penny

Offering: **Turn, Turn, Turn**, Pete Seeger Song leaders

Some of Us Are Still Catching Up

Meditation: **We Do Not Become Healers**, Clarissa Pinkola Estes Penny

Reflection: **Trusted Patterns In Changing Times** Penny

Dialogue Congregation

Closing Hymn: **#146 Soon the Day will Arrive** All

Closing: **It Is Patterns Which Connect**, Gregory Bateson Penny

Postlude: **'Gigue' from Partita in B-flat**, J.S. Bach Karlos

Announcements and Events

Board of Directors will next meet at 11:30 a.m. on May 12 at Park Hall and on Zoom.

The Laughlin Fund supports elder U.U. lay persons with needs such as eyeglasses, hearing aids, food assistance, dental expenses, medical treatment, and housing assistance. The Midwest UU Conference administers this program. Please contact Fritz for assistance for yourself or a member in need.

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.