

## 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.

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## Upcoming Sunday Programs

Date	Program	Speaker	Topic
Mar 15	Free Thought Forum	Philip Matthews	Working Art on Working Land
Mar 22	U.U. Program	David Butler	Christian Nationalism
March 29	5th Sunday	Work Day?	



We are proud to support our LGBTQ members and friends.

## The Free Congregation of Sauk County A Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

March 8, 2026



**Mercy Otis Warren**  
**Muse of the Revolution**

**Robin Proud**  
**Associate Speaker of the FCSC**

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## Mercy Otis Warren

Gathering: **Prelude in C major**, J.S. Bach Caleigh Judd

Welcome Robin Proud

Story for All Ages: Robin  
**Can't You Make Them Behave, King George?** Jean Fritz

Announcements Fritz Parks

Lighting of the Candle and Reading from Mercy Otis Warren  
**The rights of individuals ought to be the primary object of all government, and cannot be too securely guarded by the most explicit declarations in their favor.**

Prelude: **Sheep May Safely Graze**, J.S. Bach Caleigh

Opening Hymn: **#119 Once to Every Soul and Nation** Caleigh

Joys and Concerns Robin

Offering: **Waltz in A flat major**, Johannes Brahms Caleigh

## Muse of the Revolution

Reading: **On Corruption in Government**, Mercy Otis Warren Robin

Reflection: **Mercy Otis Warren, Muse of the Revolution** Robin

Dialogue Congregation

Closing Hymn: **#287 - Faith of the Larger Liberty** Caleigh

Closing Words from Mercy Otis Warren Robin  
**Democratic Principles Are the Result of Equality of Condition**

Postlude: **Pescador De Hombres**, Cesáreo Gabaráin Caleigh

### Announcements and Events

Wednesdays, March 11 and March 25, Mindfulness Sessions with Diane Matzke at 6:30 a.m. in the hall. No charge.

Friday, March 14 and March 21, Grounds clean up sessions, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., lunch will be served.

The board will meet at 11:30 a.m.

March 22 will be our Pledge Drive Lunch. Presentation at noon, potluck afterwards.

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](http://www.freecongregation.org).