

## 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.

The Free Congregation of Sauk County  
A Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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## Hinduism

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### Upcoming Sunday Programs

Date	Program	Speaker	Topic
May 18	Fruhlingsfest	Fred Clark	Wisconsin's Green Fire
May 25	U.U. Program	Rob Brink	Uncheatable Tests: Building Trust
June 1	Spiritual Roundtable	All attending	



We are proud to support our LGBTQ members and friends.

**Pema Antoniotti**  
**Associate Speaker of the FCSC**

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## Hinduism

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

Welcome Pema Antoniotti

Story for All Ages: **Namaste Is A Greeting**, Suma Subramaniam Pema

Announcements Fritz Parks

Lighting of the Candle Pema

Prelude: **Enchantment**, Kimberly Fisher Kimberly

Opening Hymn: **#185 Your Mercy, Oh Eternal One** Kimberly

Joys and Concerns Pema

Offering: **Realization**, Kimberly Fisher Kimberly

## Hinduism

Meditation Pema

Reflection: Hinduism

Dialogue Congregation

Closing Hymn: **#197 There Are Numerous Strings** Kimberly

Closing Words Pema

Postlude: **Awakening**, Kimberly Fisher Kimberly

### Announcements and Events

The Board will meet at **11:30 a.m. today**, in the Hall and on Zoom.

Member Support Meeting on Zoom, **Monday, May 12**, at **6:30 p.m.** Join from the Support tab on the website.

Mindfulness Meditation Group with Diane Matzke, **6:30 p.m., May 14 and 28**, in the Hall. All invited.

173rd Frühlingsfest Program to celebrate the return of Spring, **Sunday, May 18, 10:10 a.m., Potluck** after the program.

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).