



From the Administrator,

Happy New Year! Welcome to our newsletter for January 1, 2020, published twice a month to our website. We email web links 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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I welcome your submissions to this newsletter. Send your events, announcements, photos, and recipes to me.

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My usual Park Hall hours are Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and by appointment. Please let me know if I can be of assistance. Park Hall Voicemail: 608.643.3131 **Fritz Parks, Editor.**

Upcoming Sunday Programs (10:10 a.m.)

Date	Program	Speaker	Topic
Jan 5	Spiritual Roundtable	Tony Ring	Digital Age Communication
Jan 12	UU Program	Robin Proud	Local Hero: Zona Gale
Jan 19	Painesfest Holiday	Andy & Dee Hall	Voter Suppression & Misinformation
Jan 26	UU Program	Larry Collins	TBA
Feb 2	Spiritual Roundtable	Susie Tatone	Income Inequality

Notes and Events from/for Members, Friends and Community

The **Board of Directors** of the Free Congregation will meet on **Sunday, January 12**, immediately following the program. This is return to our usual 2nd Sunday schedule. We had briefly considered a 3rd Sunday January meeting but Painesfest, it's potluck and other activities made **January 12** our choice. Members are welcome to attend and listen in. If

you have an issue for us to an address, please email Susan Larkin, President of the Board at larkinarts@gmail.com so that it may be added to the Agenda.

The public is invited to our **Painesfest Holiday Potluck after the program on January 19**. Our members will be bringing wonderful food according to last name: S-Z entree dishes, L-R desserts, and A-K salads & breads.

President's Corner for January 1, 2020

Well here we are, ready or not. 2020 has begun! If it is as busy and chaotic as 2019 has been, I'm calling Elon Musk to sign up to emigrate to Mars!

I have some updates on current projects.

Children's Education classes will begin on January 12! Susie Tatone and Eleanor Chiquoine will be teaching. Tell your friends and relatives with small children! I will be attaching information on the program and a downloadable registration sheet on the new website. Speaking of that, I am hoping to go live with the website on the 2nd of January. The process has been more complicated than I expected and has taken hours of work and collaboration. The techs at Charity Advantage have been very helpful. We just need to add a few more bells and whistles.

I hope to see you all at the 168th Annual Painesfest on the 19th of January. Following the Painesfest program, at noon, there will be a potluck lunch and a Building Unity Gathering. Stay for the potluck and learn about how Building Unity and WI UU State Action Network are supporting communities like ours to promote justice, a sustainable future, and real participatory democracy. Timothy Cordon, the Social Justice Coordinator for the First Unitarian Society will be joining us at 12:30 p.m. to tell you more about this exciting opportunity.

For more information about Building Unity or WUUSAN, call Timothy @ 608-630-3633.

Oh, and make a few extra servings of your potluck contribution! We hope to have some community members, as well as our speakers and guests to feed.

Don't stop reading yet! Check out the poster for our Child Education Program on page 3.

You may pick up the Poster and a Registration Form in the hall. Please share with your friends and post to bulletin boards. Paper and digital copies are available from Fritz.

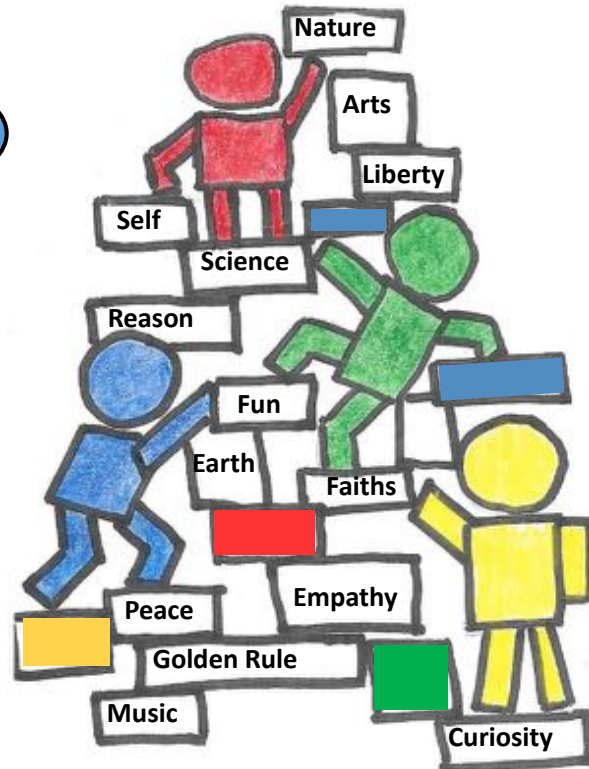
Children's Education

Where?
Free Congregation
307 Polk St
Sauk City, WI 53853

When?
January 12, 2020
10:10 a.m.

Who?
Kids! All Kids
We have a nursery
for your toddlers.

It is not necessary to be a member at the Free Congregation.



Call for more information today.
643.3131

Schedule for Children's Programming: Children's programming occurs on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, so it is easy for busy families to be part of the program without the need for weekly attendance! We use the Unitarian-Universalist curriculum and we offer age-specific programs from preschool on up. We have a nursery for toddlers.

Go to our website at freecongregation.org for more complete information and download a registration form which you can complete and send to us at PO Box 664, Sauk City, or call our Administrator, Fritz Parks at 608.643.3131.

Joyful Path's Conscious Communication Group will meet **Tuesdays, January 14 & 28** from **7:00-8:10 p.m. at Park Hall**. For more information, visit www.JoyfulPath.org or call 608-437-0520.

Here is an Alaska vacation opportunity that benefits U.U. Congregations: **WhaleCoast Alaska**.

Have you ever dreamed of visiting Alaska? If so, WhaleCoast Alaska 2020 is for you! 4 Alaska UU congregations invite you to experience our unique environmental/cultural/spiritual program this summer. See Alaska **through the eyes of local UUs**, with **friendly homestays** and unique tour activities. See wildlife, including moose, bears, caribou, whales, bald eagles, sea lions, etc. Visit Denali National Park. Experience Native Alaskan culture. **Forget the cruise ships** -- our program is truly the best way to visit Alaska! Tours led by Dave Frey, member of the Fairbanks UU congregation and Alaska travel expert. Find out more about this Alaskan trip of a lifetime. For complete info go to: www.WhaleCoastAK.org, email dfrey@whalecoastak.org or call 907-322-4966. Discount for groups of 8 or more. We would love to share our Alaska with you!

Agrace HospiceCare is seeking volunteers in Sauk, Columbia, Juneau, Adams and Marquette counties to visit with and assist local hospice patients. Visits take place in patients' homes, or in nursing homes or assisted living facilities. Agrace will offer **volunteer orientation** at its **Baraboo office Tuesday, January 7, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.** and **Thursday, January 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** Before attending orientation, **prospective volunteers will complete an application and an interview with Agrace staff**. Call (608) 327-7163 to register or visit agrace.org/volunteer to apply online.

Thanks to **Glen Johnson** and **Susie Tatone** for the preparation and mailing of our year-end member pledge letter. Thanks to all whose generosity supports this congregation.

LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER?



THE ADRC IS LOOKING FOR YOU!

The ADRC is always looking for dedicated individuals to support their community as Home Delivered Meal Drivers, Dining Site Helpers, Volunteer Escort Drivers, Office Support, and so much more! Whether it is a few hours a week or a few days a month, let's get you connected. If you would like to learn more about the volunteer opportunities contact Program Coordinator, Brianna Wipperfurth at (608) 355-3289 or brianna.wipperfurth@saukcountywi.gov



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