



From the Administrator,

Welcome to the newsletter for the First of September. You will find contributions from **Jenni Walsh, Susie Tatone, Dave Siegfried, Nick Schweitzer, Portraits Committee, SC ADRC, UUA, Penny Andrews, and SP Theatre Guild**. I think you will find them interesting. Please let me know if I can be of assistance. My Park Hall hours are Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and by appointment. Park Hall Voicemail: 608.643.3131 **Fritz Parks**

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

Date	Program	Speaker	Topic
Sept 7	Spiritual Roundtable	All attending	Advice You Wish You Had Got
Sept 14	U.U. Program	Pema Antoniotti	Faith Through Friendship
Sept 21	Free Thought Forum	Brandon Bloch	German WWII Resistance Movements

We invite you to attend our in-person Sunday programs at our newly restored Park Hall. We have masks available. Childcare is provided each Sunday.

Our Sunday programs are also available live on Zoom.

The **Board of Directors** of the Free Congregation will meet on **Sunday, September 14, at Park Hall at 11:30 a.m.** If you have an issue for us to an address, please email **Dave Siegfried**, President of the Board at [Dave Siegfried](mailto:dave.siegfried@fcsc.org) so that it may be added to the agenda. The meeting will also be on Zoom.

The Adult Ed discussion group, **What I Believe Now**, will meet **on Zoom** as usual on the fourth **Monday, September 22, at 6:30 p.m.** The topic is not yet determined. Please email **Nick Schweitzer**, jnschweitzer@gmail.com, if you'd like to receive a meeting invitation and list of questions in preparation for the gathering.

Facilities Coordinator Note

Please remember that the FCSC Park Hall has great membership discounts for rental space. Congregation and community members are invited to use our space for family reunions, weddings, holiday gatherings, memorials, and social and civic gatherings such as book clubs, youth events, etc. Please contact Jenni Walsh at walshjenni77@gmail.com for additional information.

Mark Your Calendars! Concert on September 20th - 2 bands

\$15 per person - tickets available at the door or prepaid at:

<https://freecongregation.org/home.aspx>

7:00 p.m. **Spare Bones**: delivering original material as well as favorite covers through lush, soul-soaked sounds that cut to the bone. Blending ballads, pop-synth, and indie folk. Standout artists Shawndell Marks (Baraboo), Ginny Kincaid (Madison), and Meghan Hamilton (Madison) combine voices and vibes, trading instruments amongst themselves to provide the audience with a captivating, kinetic performance.

8:00 p.m. **Gin Chocolate and Bottle Rockets**: This group combines the musical styles of three solo-artists-turned-bandmates Jen Farley, Shawndell Marks and Beth Kille. They blend their voices into sublime 3-part harmonies, backed by Marks on keyboard, accordion and bass, Kille on guitar and mandolin and Farley on percussion. This Indie Pop/Singer-Songwriter trio delivers powerhouse harmonies reminiscent of Wilson Phillips, The Wailin' Jennys, and the legendary supergroup of Dolly, EmmyLou and Linda.



Bake Sale items are needed for fundraising at the concert. If you'd like to contribute to the concert bake sale on **September 20**, please drop off your item by 5pm at **Park Hall** or you can make arrangements with Jenni Walsh, 608.370.9075, walshjenni77@gmail.com. Your contributions are appreciated.

Notes from the Portraits on the Wall Committee

The committee previously raised enough money to add two women on our walls: **Mary Wollstonecraft** and **Elizabeth Cady Stanton**. There was not enough money to purchase a frame, and the committee unanimously voted to replace Friedrich Schiller, using that frame for Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

The committee received a generous donation of \$5000.00 from an anonymous Chicago donor to support more women on our walls; we had many men and only 2 women. That money was used to add 5 full size portraits of 5 Free Thinkers, 4 of which were women: Lucy G. Parsons, Anne Nicol Gaylor, Helen Hamilton Gardener, and Cecile Richards; with the permission of the donor, some of this money was used to upgrade Thomas Paine's portrait.

Since Thomas Paine and Mary Wollstonecraft were renowned contemporaries who knew one another and supported similar causes, the committee decided to honor both by placing both portraits on the front wall, next to the windows and above the stage. As you can see by the title of their books they overlapped in many ways: Mary Wollstonecraft, who wrote, A Vindication of the Rights of Men (1790) and A Vindication of the Rights of Women (1792), and Thomas Paine, who wrote Common Sense, Rights of Man (1776).

The congregation was promoted at Cow Chip '25 with an informational table on Saturday, August 30. Please thank our volunteers when you have the chance: Susie Tatone, Ellen Paul, Dave Siegfried, and Lynne Roberts.



Caregiving is Rewarding

The Sauk County Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) is holding a **Powerful Tools for Caregivers Workshop**, weekly for 6 sessions, starting on September 9 at the Frank Fischer Senior Center in Wisconsin Dells. Register with Marina Wittman at ADRC, 608-355-3289.

Virtual Pastoral Care Program for Trans People and their Families

Sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Association, **The Woodlands** will be a monthly online shared meeting with break-out groups for different communities. The first gathering will be **Sunday, September 7 at 3:00 p.m.**, subsequently on each first Sunday.

Registration <https://uua.wufoo.com/forms/qg4n6y51ssh46e/>.

Earth Law for All Online Course

As mentioned by Penny Andrews at the August 21 Program, there's a movement internationally to integrate the needs/rights of the Earth into law. The **Earth Law Education Team** will be holding a 12 week online course from **September 5 to November 21, 2025**. For information, tuition discounts, and applications: <https://tinyurl.com/mrkvx8xa>.

How to join our Zoom Sunday Programs.

1. Go to the Sunday Programs tab of our website:
<http://www.freecongregation.org/sunday-programs.aspx>
2. Refresh the browser page.
3. Click the **"Join Our Zoom Meeting"** link in RED TEXT.

The **"Join Our Zoom Meeting"** link will not be visible until 15 minutes before our meeting; typically this is 9:55 a.m. for a 10:10 a.m. meeting. Early birds will see the option to **"Join a Practice Zoom Meeting"**. Refreshing the page after 9:55 a.m. should reveal the active meeting link.

We publish twice a month to our website. We email announcements 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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September 6, 2025

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\$5 per workshop, sign up for 1 or both workshops

Park Hall
307 Polk St,
Sauk City, WI 53583

WORKSHOP LEVEL 1
8:30am -11:15am
*Parts of the theater and the people who work there
*How to position and move on a stage
*Practice giving lines and monologue
*Acting Games
*How to audition

WORKSHOP LEVEL 2
12:30pm -3:15pm
*Reading with Expression
*Practice giving lines and monologue (bring your own if you would like)
*Skits
*Acting Games
*How to audition

How to Register?

Link: <https://shorturl.at/gPwqu>
Spots are limited so register early!!

Contact: For more information, contact Brigitta Brickl
brigitta@sptheatreguild.org