



From the Administrator,

Welcome to the newsletter for the Fifteenth of September. You will find contributions from Nick Schweitzer, 6:8, UU Women's Retreat, Sauerkraut Team, Jenni Walsh, Brandon Bloch, Cemetery Committee, Volunteer Committee, Building Committee, and the UU Church of the Larger Fellowship. 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 21	Free Thought Forum	Brandon Bloch	Protestant Resistance in WWII Germany
Sept 28	U.U. Program	Pema Antoniotti	What Is Love?
Oct 5	Spiritual Roundtable	All attending	Emotional Unavailability

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 **October 12 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](#) so that it may be added to the agenda. The meeting will also be on Zoom.



Our next **Free Thought Forum Program** will be **Sunday, September 21, at 10:10 a.m., in Park Hall** and on **Zoom**. Our guest speaker will be Assoc. Professor **Brandon Bloch**, of the UW-Madison History Department. Brandon's presentation will follow his recently published book, **Reinventing Protestant Germany: Religious Nationalists and the Contest for Post-Nazi Democracy**. How did resistance happen during the war and how is it remembered afterwards? Please join us; daycare provided, masks available. Use this link to [find the Zoom Meeting](#).

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 pending. 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.

6:8 will hold its **Sauk Prairie Against Hunger - Pack Event**, to prepare meals for shipments to 70+ countries. This 3 day event will happen **Thursday, October 30 - Saturday, November 1**. Packing shifts are 2 hours; groups and individuals are welcome. Location: Grand Avenue Elementary School, 225 Grand Avenue, Prairie du Sac. Link: [Sauk Prairie Against Hunger](#).

Facilities Coordinator Report - September 14, 2025

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.

Events at Park Hall:

- Bi-Weekly: Mindfulness Sessions with Diane Matzke, Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm
- Sauk Prairie Theatre Guild Kids Drama Workshops – August 23rd and September 6th

Upcoming:

- Saturday September 20th: 7pm: Spare Bones; 8pm Gin, Chocolate, and Bottle Rockets. \$15 per person at the door or purchase online. Refreshments and snacks for sale. Need baked items for bake sale.
- Saturday, November 1st: Songs of America sponsored by Sauk Prairie and Baraboo Indivisible Organizations

UU Women's Connection

Tea & Talk Zoom Chat, Saturday, September 20, 2:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84407764862>

Fall Retreat, October 17-19, at the Cedar Valley Retreat Center, near West Bend, Wisconsin. Theme: (Re)Connect with Mother Earth. Links: [Poster](#), [Registration](#).

Membership Committee

We need volunteers to reactivate the Membership Committee, to develop and encourage membership growth for this small but singular congregation. Please contact Dave Siegfried for more information. davewsiegfried@gmail.com

Thanks to:

Work Day Volunteers on August 31: Susie Tatone, Kathi Kemp, Dave Siegfried, Lynne Roberts, Gil Williams, John Lichtenheld.

Front Door Lock Repair: David Roberts



Sauerkraut Crew on September 7: Chuck Park, Gil Williams, Jenni Walsh, David Eagan, Kathi Kemp, Kristy Torres. Photos by Kristy Torres.

Sauerkraut Report

In preparation for the Celebration of the Season event, the kitchen crew made a 5 gallon bucket of sauerkraut (22 lbs) plus 4 lbs in a separate crock. It took our crew of 6 about 2 hours to complete. The smaller batch will be out for a tasting at the Founder's Day potluck. We had a good discussion at the end of the project. We agreed to serve dinner with a well constructed buffet line. We will use the Founder's Day Potluck as a test run for the kitchen, taking note of what we will need. - Gilbert Williams

Volunteer Opportunities

September 28 and October 12

Opening the hall, preparing the coffee, water, etc. to take upstairs.

Closing the hall, taking the coffee etc. down to the kitchen and generally cleaning up, either loading and starting the dishwasher or washing all the cups, etc.

More volunteers opportunities

to be backup for A/V duties,

to serve on the Outreach Committee,

to serve on the Volunteer Committee.

to serve on the Membership Committee.

Please contact **Ellen**, eap313@gmail.com or text to 608-963-8451 if you can volunteer.

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.

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