

APRIL UU NEWS

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Salina
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YOU ARE INVITED AND WELCOME to join us for conversation with coffee and treats...the SERVICE BEGINS at 10:30 am



Sunday Forum on April 5th at 9:15 am

The 'Messianic Vision' and the Second Coming of Christ. *What saved the prophets from despair was their messianic vision and the idea of man's capacity for repentance. To repent is to "turn", specifically to turn to God, but also to change your way and your way of thinking.* - Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel. What do you think? Facilitated by Glen Lakes.



Sunday Service on April 5th at 10:30 am

Superhero Sunday.



Today we celebrate superheroes; mythological, fictional, comic book characters, and real life. We need superheroes to show us possibility, to inspire us, and to illustrate great moral character and perseverance. Superheroes illuminate the cultural issues and technology of the time. They remind us that "With great power comes great responsibility" (Uncle Ben, Spider-Man 2002). They remind us that what we do with our own 'gifts' matters. They remind us that weakness and vulnerability are not an excuse for inaction. Bring your superhero selves, your kryptonite and join Lay Leader Barb Gutsch in this service about superheroes.

Sunday Forum on April 12th at 9:15 am

Income Tax, Property Tax, Sales Tax. "Our new Constitution is now established and has an appearance that promises permanency; but in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes." - Benjamin Franklin, 1789. Whose ox is being gored now? Facilitated by Glen Lakes.



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The Neurobiology of Trauma. Former Detective Justin Boardman spent 15 years in Law Enforcement with the West Valley Police Department in Utah. He co-authored a Trauma Informed Victim Interview for adult victims of trauma. He now trains internationally on a variety of subjects including domestic and sexual violence investigations, trauma response, and multi-disciplinary teams. Summer Sasarita will convene.



Sunday Forum on April 19th at 9:15 am

Open Forum. This is your opportunity to talk about spiritual, religious, political, humanitarian or even subjects that are incongruous. Facilitated by Glen Lakes.

Sunday Service on April 19th at 10:30 am

Visual Voices Artist. Steve Hoffman, our current gallery artist, will talk about his artwork and his artistic process. Mike Neustrom will convene.



Sunday Forum on April 26th at 9:15 am

What Do Hogs and Data Centers Have in Common? Saline County Passed Three-Year Moratorium on Data Centers and Energy Facilities. Should they have done that? What did Minneapolis lose by opposing lots of cute little piggies? Is there an ICE Detention Center in your future, how about the mall? Facilitated by Glen Lakes.



Sunday Service on April 26th at 10:30 am

Why Are You Like This? Zi Jensen (he/him) will be speaking about raising radical children, influenced by his own experience of being mothered by a lightly crazy, ethical hippie & his own three short/long years into parenthood. Answering the question "why are you like this?" with discussions on empathy, consent, justice mindedness, and growing up. Zi is an autistic nonbinary creative, mom, and activist. He works with Kansas Impact Coalition, managing the community fridges, and Committed Kansas Activists as a co-lead organizer for local events & protests. He's a student doula with a specific focus on birth equity for queer



folx & maintaining bodily autonomy in all areas.



**IMPORTANT DATES
YOUR CALENDAR THAT
GROWTH OF OUR SALINA UU FELLOWSHIP IN OUR COMMUNITY**

**AND EVENTS TO PUT ON
REFLECT THE LIFE AND**

The UU Fellowship of Salina Board of Directors

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The fellowship board meets once a month on the third Sunday after the service to discuss important items pertaining to our faith community. All members and friends are welcome to attend these meetings. Members are able to vote on issues that come to a vote during the meeting. Your voice and your vote are important to us! The **March board meeting will be on the 19th.**

Interested in Becoming an Official Member of UUFS? Lay Leader Barb Gutsch will be presenting a "new member Sunday service" before the summer to welcome any new members. Possible dates for New Member Sunday include May 3rd or May 17th. If you are interested in becoming a member of UU, let Barb know which Sunday might work best for you? Prior to that service, Barb will meet with potential new members to talk about UUFS membership and answer any questions you might have.

Make Your Pledge Online, go to <https://uusalina.org/pledge-drive-2026-27>



Soul Matters Sharing Circles

Soul Matters groups back to meeting in 2026. Let Barb Gutsch (bjgutsch@cox.net) know if you are willing to step up and facilitate a new group. Also let Barb know if you are wanting to join up with a Soul Matter sharing circle. The topic for March is "Enable Possibility".

Find out more by following these links.

<https://www.soulmatterssharingcircle.com/>

Find musical inspiration on each theme by following our monthly Spotify lists:

<https://www.soulmatterssharingcircle.com/spotify-lists.html>

Get daily inspiration on the monthly theme by liking our Soul Matters Facebook Inspiration Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/soulmatterssharingcircle/>



Spotify

New Facilitator Training - Coming August & September 2026

This two-hour online training for new small group facilitators covers the Soul Matters facilitation model, our unique approach to deep and disciplined listening, tips for handling facilitation challenges and start up strategies. Soul Matters founder and Team lead, Rev. Scott Tayler, leads the training. Designed for new facilitators but also serves as a great tune-up training for long-time facilitators! Ask Diana Tarver about this possibility at dtarver4@hotmail.com

UUFS Compassion Fund. If you know of a Fellowship member or friend (person who attends) who might be in need of the Fellowship's support with a food card, cash, or through connections with a local agency, please contact one of our compassion fund team, Teri Harrington, Mona Hargrave, Dianne Neustrom and Barb Gutsch. We want the Fund to be active - with funds and other help coming in and going out. The purpose of the Fund is to show that we care and take care of each other.

Cards for Fellowship Celebrations and Concerns.

Please let Teri Harrington know if there is someone that you believe could benefit from receiving a card from our Fellowship. She can be contacted by email at teriyaki315@hotmail.com or by cell phone at 785-342-4817.

How Can You Help Out? – Needs at our Fellowship.

Please look for opportunities to help out our fellowship and contact a board member about the area that you'd like to help out or see a need...you can find a way to express your talents and creativity! Contact David Hanson (dchanson46@att.net) if you can help out on the **grounds**. Interested in becoming a **convener** for Sunday services? Want to know more about how a UUFS service is created? Contact Barb Gutsch (bjgutsch@cox.net) to find out more about our UU services.



It is spring (well maybe most days). And that means it is time to get to work on the yard. We need volunteers to help with keeping the weeds down, trash picked up and trimming bushes, etc. Lots of volunteers! So, we have decided to try changing our workday to Saturday mornings at 8:30 am.

Hopefully, **EVERYONE** can come for a half hour each Saturday. Talk to LaNay or send her an email at lanaym@hotmail.com for more details.

Religious Education. Thanks to all who are giving their time to provide RE for the kids on Sunday mornings. If you would like to join the RE team, please contact Barb Gutsch (bjgutsch@cox.net or 785-829-1821).

Podcasts: Have you missed a service that you really wanted to attend? You can listen to a podcast of the service by going to the webpage at <http://uusalina.org/> and clicking on the Contact Us link. Let us know which service you would like to listen to and someone will get back to you with a resource for connecting to the service.

NEWSLETTER SECTION FOR OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES



UU World Launches Digital Newsletter

Want to stay updated on the latest from UU World? You can now sign up for the magazine's free twice-a-month emailed newsletter, Wayfinder, which launches in October. As a Wayfinder subscriber, you will get the latest news and storytelling from UU World to help you chart a course that aligns with the Shared Values of Unitarian Universalism. Expect moments of insight, inspiration, joy, spiritual nourishment, and more! Sign up at the UU World website.

Expand your Knowledge: Take a class at the **UU Institute** (<http://uuinstitute.org>), a service of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) and is administered by UUA Staff, underwritten by congregations' gifts to the UUA's Annual Program Fund. The UU Institute is an online learning community offering trainings and other learning experiences that support members, leaders and professionals in Unitarian Universalist communities. The UU Institute's trainings and other learning experiences include readings and video presentations that you can access online at your own pace, paired with discussion questions and activities you can share with others in "real time". Read and/or sign up to receive the MidAmerica Region newsletter: <https://www.uua.org/midamerica/news>

Sermon of the Month. Each quarter an email will be received with the video links and a link to the PDF for each service for that quarter. Each video comes with elements listed in their PDF of the transcript as well being listed and linked in the description of each video on Vimeo. You will also continue to have access to the video and the video with captions on screen. You can use them in any order and at any time. Also you can always access all the videos at our [showcase](#) using the password **sermon2025**.

Our new UUA virtual hymnal, **Sing Out Love**, is taking shape in beautiful ways and is available for purchase! Over 235 congregations have subscribed to *Sing Out Love*, and hundreds more attended our seven guided tours of the virtual hymnal (a recording is [available on Vimeo](#)). Our Song Selection Team continues to invite new music for *Sing Out Love*. If you—or someone you know—is a songwriter, please consider [submitting a song or two](#) to the hymnal. Ask Nyla for more information.

If you haven't visited [WorshipLab](#) recently, please check out its growing resources. (WorshipWeb's [Words for Worship search page](#) is filled with thousands of pieces of worship content, whereas WorshipLab is a spacious warehouse for worship collections, blog posts, and inspirational ideas for holidays like [Earth Day](#) and the [Flower Ceremony](#). [WorshipWeb](#) invites you to explore and celebrate the following:

Addiction & Recovery

In collaboration with the UU Addictions & Recovery Ministry Team, WorshipWeb has published [new resources related to addiction and recovery](#). We hope these offerings bring comfort, healing, and strength to all whose lives have been touched by addiction.

Upcoming Braver/Wiser series

Braver/Wiser will offer a 3-part series by Rev. Rina Shere about trauma, moral injury, and healing among military service members. ([You can subscribe here](#), if you don't already receive our Wednesday dose of courage + compassion.) As Braver/Wiser's Editor, I (Erika) am grateful for the opportunity to invite compassion and curiosity about how our UU theology responds to this form of pain.

[Abolition, Transformation, and Faith Formation](#) was selected as the 2025-2028 Congregational Study Action Issue (CSAI). [Read the entire CSAI](#).

The [MidAmerica Region of the UUA](#) provides congregational services in 13 states to 185 congregations and 9 covenanting communities. As President of the [Board of the MidAmerica Region](#), it is my pleasure to work with staff on the MidAmerica Regional team, while we as a Board provide fiduciary accountability, coordinate work with other Regional committees, and offer programs that dismantle white supremacy culture. In this capacity I invite you to contribute to the fall campaign of Friends of MidAmerica. The Region now offers two grants to MidAmerica congregations. The BIPOC Leadership Grant provides up to \$1000 per grant to support BIPOC congregational leaders in Unitarian Universalism to attend Leadership Development and Governance events and programming, both digital and in-person. The Congregational Dismantling White Supremacy Culture Grant provides grants of between \$1000 and \$3000 to support congregational projects to dismantle white supremacy culture in congregations and Communities. Along with these grants are innumerable Regional services to congregational Boards, members, youth, children, religious professionals, administrators, and staff teams through various [programs](#) and many individual services.



The most meaningful futures rarely arrive because we forced them into existence.
They emerge because we noticed something true and stayed with it.

A question that would not let us go.

A grief that clarified what mattered.

A longing that persisted beneath distraction.

A quiet conviction that shaped our choices over time...

The invitation is not to perfect your plans,
but to tend your attention;

not to demand transformation,

but to notice what is already changing;

not to rush toward the future,

but to stand here long enough to hear what it is asking of you.

Words of [Cameron Trimble](#)

from Soul Matters Sharing Circle curriculum



Soul Matters

VISUAL VOICES GALLERY



First Friday Art Rush

Presents Exhibiting Artist, Steve Hoffman

WHEN: Friday, April 4, 2026 from 4:30-6 PM

WHERE: Visual Voices Gallery at UUFS (Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Salina), 901 Beatrice St, Salina, KS

Steve's work has a strong conceptual foundation. It is intentionally grounded in an idea or a question. Purely decorative art is not his forte. More comfortable working in three dimensions; making sculptures and assemblages with clay, metal and found objects is more typical of his work. However, for this show Steve has produced oil paintings which he still views with mystery—half science and half alchemy. He has responded to the challenge of painting and drawing more than usual. Steve will speak at 5 PM about his work.

Refreshments & treats will be served.

FOR MORE INFO: mneu@twinvalley.net

Exhibitions at Art at UU – Visual Voices are determined by a committee, and change every two months. Artists interested in showing their two-dimensional work at Art at UU – Visual Voices can receive an application; please send an email to uusalina@gmail.com. Anyone can make an appointment to see the current exhibition by emailing same address as above. The work is also on view Sunday mornings during the Forum discussion group at 9:15am and the UU service which begins at 10:30am. All are welcome.



The mission of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Salina:
To provide a place for personal spiritual growth within an open and affirming community, actively promoting peace, reason, and the transformation of our world.