

AUGUST UU NEWS

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Salina

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YOU ARE INVITED AND WELCOME to join us on Zoom for online services or in person at the Fellowship building... the SERVICES begin at 10:30 am



Please go to our website, www.uusalina.org to find the link for joining the Forum or the Service via Zoom.

Sunday Forum on August 3rd at 9:15 am

Living Love Through the Practice of Freedom. A Soul Matters Topic - Where in your life are you feeling forced to say "No" when your heart really wants to say "Yes"? What is it that you want to use your freedom for? It's not the bars of a prison that make us want to escape; it's suddenly noticing what's on the other side of those bars that makes us want to get out. Do you agree? Facilitated by Glen Lakes.



Sunday Service on August 3rd at 10:30 am

A Memory of Peace, A Lifetime of Peril. Eighty years ago the first nuclear bomb used in wartime destroyed the Japanese city of Hiroshima, killing at least 70,000 instantly and tens of thousands more in the days and weeks to come. Max McCoy was one of two U.S. journalists to be awarded a grant those who had survived the tell their stories to readers of the moment profoundly changed him that the only way to change things lived human experience. Now, a the *hibakusha* are all but gone. Having helped preserve their stories may be his most meaningful contribution in his long journalistic career. But to avoid the unthinkable, we must not only retell their stories but articulate our own fears and desires. What we are left with, now are forever, is a testament of we, the living -- to seek peace or to surrender to a nuclear nightmare.



Sunday Forum on August 10th at 9:15 am

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

Sunday Service on August 10th at 10:30 am

A Theology of Community Organizing. This is not an expert's guide to community organizing—just notes from the field. Organizing is messy, frustrating, & filled with partial wins, yet at its core, it's soul work. We'll explore the UU heart of community organizing—the courage, connection, & persistence it takes to build the world we dream about. And hopefully, give some much needed respite for all of our brave, exhausted activists. Service is led by speaker **Sean Neil-Barron**, Minister for Growth and Transformation, Foothills Unitarian Church, Fort Collins, Colorado and convened by Diana Tarver.



Sunday Forum on August 17th at 9:15 am

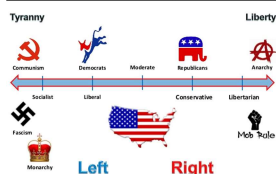
Is Bigger Better? Do towns/cities need to grow or die? Are batteries or hogs a wonderful opportunity for small (rural) towns or a path to ruin? Does your answer depend on your politics, your wealth, or your age? Facilitated by Glen Lakes.

Sunday Service on August 17th at 10:30 am

Visual Voice Artist. Danton McDiffett, our current exhibiting artist, will share with us about his process as a photographer and his subject matter of sports, scenery, and nature, particularly birds.



The Political Spectrum



Sunday Forum on August 24th at 9:15 am

What is the Political Spectrum Continuum? The political spectrum is a tool used to categorize and compare different political ideologies based on their beliefs about government, economy, and society. The continuum typically ranges from radical left to radical right, with moderate positions in between. Where do you belong on the spectrum? Facilitated by Glen Lakes.

Sunday Service on August 24th at 10:30 am

Remedy. An intercultural film crew, including director, Kenya Gillespie, follow a renowned Tibetan doctor through a series of patient appointments, exploring ancient healing practices that challenge our understanding of the modern healthcare system. Kenya will share the journey with us this morning.



Sunday Forum on August 31st at 9:15 am

Can You Really Experience Anything Objectively? The blind man who feels a leg says the elephant is like a pillar; the one who feels rope; the one who feels the branch; the one who feels the fan; the one who feels the belly the one who feels the tusk says They then compare notes and disagreement about what the man walks by and sees the also learn they are blind. The you are right. The reason every one of you is telling a different story is because each one of you touched a different part of the elephant. So actually, the elephant has all the features you mentioned. Facilitated by Glen Lakes.



Sunday Service on August 31st at 10:30 am

A Toolbox of Faith. Everybody needs a toolbox. In fact, we each probably have many toolboxes, some tangible: boxes of useful items for repairing or creating things, and some intangible: repositories of knowledge we turn to for solving problems or making decisions. Today we will kick off our fall RE (religious education) program, in which we will explore the tools Unitarian Universalists use to navigate our lives, centered on the concepts of love, welcome children and families into dedicate the leaders who will guide the next nine months. Lay Leader



respect, and compassion. We will the program and introduce and our children through the program over Barb Gutsch will lead the service.

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR THAT REFLECT THE LIFE AND GROWTH OF OUR SALINA UU FELLOWSHIP

The UU Fellowship of Salina Board of Directors is:

President: John Kingsley
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Member at Large: Rodrigo Carrizales
Member at Large: Tamara Von Fange
Member at Large: Dave Corl
Past President: David Hanson

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 July board meeting will be on the 17th.



Drum Circle meets on **Saturdays, August 2nd, 16th and 30th** at 2:30 pm

This is an invite to all, please come and share in the drumming and the music. We are a welcoming group! If you have questions about the drum circle, contact Rodrigo at carrizales.rodrico@gmail.com

RE Teacher Meeting on **Tuesday, August 5th** at 6:00 pm. **August 31st** service is our kickoff. All teachers and youth will be involved in the service that Sunday so please put that on your calendar.

Agenda for Tuesday

- list of youth participants (that we know of)
- general outline for the process and procedures for Sunday morning youth RE
- handout and review safety guidelines
- create an initial calendar (who will work which Sundays)
- answer questions

Thank you for your willingness to work with the children this fall and thank you for your effort to make this meeting.



Friday Night Film on **August 22nd** at 6:30 pm at our UU Fellowship featuring the GA 2025 Ware Lecture. Each year, the UUA President extends an invitation to a prestigious guest to captivate the General Assembly as the esteemed Ware Lecturer. This year, she chose Imara Jones. An award-winning journalist, thought-leader, and changemaker, Imara is known for challenging conventional thinking and inspiring bold action to transform our world. Imara Jones, whose work has won Emmy and Peabody Awards, is the creator of [TransLash](#) Media, a cross-platform journalism, personal storytelling and narrative project, which produces content to shift the current culture of hostility towards transgender people in the US. As part of her work at TransLash, Imara hosts the nominated, *TransLash Podcast* the investigative, limited *Machine: A Plot Against Equality*. on the cover of [Time](#) Magazine as Revolution special edition. In 2019 ever [UN High Level Meeting on Gender Diversity](#) with over 600 participants. Imara's work as a host, on-air news analyst, and writer focuses on the full-range of social justice and equity issues. Imara was also the first Journalist-in-Residence at WNYC's The Greene Space where she hosted the monthly program Lives At Stake. Imara has been featured regularly in The Guardian, The Nation, MSNBC, CNBC, NPR, Mic, and Colorlines. Imara has held economic policy posts in the Clinton White House and communications positions at Viacom. Imara holds degrees from the London School of Economics and Columbia. Imara is a 2021 Nathan Cummings Foundation Fellow and a 2019 [Soros Equality Fellow](#). She was appointed by Mayor Bill de Blasio to serve on the New York City Commission on Gender Equity. She also serves on the boards of the [Transgender Law Center](#), [Anti-violence Project](#), [GLSEN](#), the [LGBTQ+ Museum](#), and the [New Pride Agenda](#). Imara is also part of the Move to End Violence. She goes by the pronouns she/her.



Shamanic Healing Circle will be held on **Saturday, September 6th** from 2 pm to 8 pm. Contact Jonathan Chack for more information or to register at (978) 464-1048. There will also be a Shamanic Healing Circle on October 4th, focusing on Love and Death, during Death Awareness month.



UU **Service Planning Committee** meeting will be by Zoom (forum link) on **Thursday, September 11th** at 7 pm. All are welcome to participate and add ideas to our programming.

Soul Matters Sharing Circles

Soul Matters groups are taking a break for the summer months. 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/>



Soul Matters Theme for July is ***Living with Embracing Possibility.***

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 (bigutsch@cox.net) to find out more about our UU services.

Thursday mornings at 8:30 am the **yard crew** will be working now through early fall. Please come whenever you are able. If you have questions, contact LaNay (lanaym@hotmail.com). If there is a cancellation due to weather, watch for an email from Glen (glendon50@gmail.com).



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.

IMPORTANT: In order to make it easy for you to submit announcements for Sunday mornings, [HERE IS A LINK](#) to an easy-to-complete form. There will soon be a link available on the website and in the email that Glen sends out with the forum and service announcements to this same form. If you want to bring your announcement Sunday, that is OK. But it helps save time for service if you send this form before Sunday morning.



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.

Democracy Festival?! In May 2023, First Parish UU in Concord, MA hosted its first Democracy Festival to celebrate democracy and encourage civic engagement. It was such a success that the congregation will repeat the festival this year, in early June. The festival was the brainchild of Reclaim Our Democracy, an inclusive, collaborative, and multi-partisan movement at First Parish that seeks to educate about democracy, raise awareness about attacks on it, and limit the corrupting influence of big money on elections and politicians, explains its leader, Fred Van Deusen. For more information go to <https://www.uuworld.org/articles/democracy-fair>. Anyone interested in engaging in a UUFS effort or this sort, contact Lay Leader Barb Gutsch, David Norlin, or Diana Tarver.

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>

Our new UUA virtual hymnal, **Sing Out Love**, is taking shape in beautiful ways!

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](#).)

Have you considered the possibility
that everything you believe is wrong,
not merely off a bit, but totally wrong...
How different the world seems then:
everyone who was your enemy is your friend,
everything you hated; you now love...
Words of [Federico Moramarco](#)



VISUAL VOICES GALLERY



The UU Visual Voices Gallery presents
DANTON MCDIFFETT PHOTOGRAPHY

August 2, 2025 4:30-6 PM

Refreshments and Treats

For more information, contact heikesneva@gmail.com

Danton retired from teaching after 41 years and turned his efforts to photography. His work encompasses sports, scenery, and nature, particularly birds. He is an avid photographer and bicyclist. Danton also volunteers at the Salina Public Library and Salina Food Bank. He will speak about his exhibit at 5 PM. BRING A FRIEND!

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

Art Rush is this Friday, August 1. Danton McDiffett is our artist, and we really need to show up for him. Our artists deserve and appreciate our support so, even though you can view the art on Sunday mornings, being there for Friday Art Rush is important. Come see Danton for a few minutes between 4:30 and 6:00 pm Friday 8-01-2025.

Exhibitions at the Visual Voices Art Gallery at UU *Visual Voices exhibitions are determined by a committee, and will remain in the gallery space for 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@cox.net. 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.