

AUGUST 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 August 2nd at 9:15 am

Is It Easier Said Than Done? Bishop Budde spoke to the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association on Saturday June 20th. We'd like to share her powerful and inspirational challenge for us to live more fully into our values, to open ourselves to transformation, and to take bold action for justice and liberation in these difficult times. Facilitated by Glen Lakes.



Sunday Service on August 2nd at 10:30 am

Fighting War with the Power of Art. Max McCoy from the *Kansas Reflector* shares with us this morning on how historically, resistance movements have harnessed the power of human expression — paintings, essays, icons, paper cranes — as paths toward peace. It's easy to feel crushed when confronted by today's challenges. But this is just the moment to use our creativity to share something beautiful and hopeful with the world.



Sunday Forum on August 9th at 9:15 am

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



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Yet To Be Chosen. Russ Carter will choose a title randomly from the "Draft Service Schedule" tab on our uusalina.org website which leads to the "video services" at the very bottom of the spreadsheet. Anyone can choose from this list, so if you see one you'd like to have as part of our service, let Russ know. Russ reckons that letting folks know the path to the video services could enrich their UU spirituality if they wanted to take the time to peruse through them because many if not most will never be chosen to show in our services. So, the best description is one of many yet to be decided



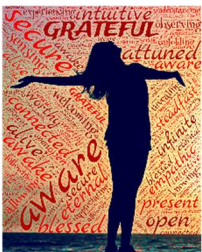
Sunday Forum on August 16th at 9:15 am

What's With Americans Love of Cars? The Legacy Car & Bike Show is more than just a gathering of incredible local machinery; it is an opportunity to fuel the future for youth in our community by supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters. Facilitated by Glen Lakes.



Sunday Service on August 16th at 10:30 am

Connection and Gratitude. We move through this difficult time by connecting with and supporting each other. This morning, we will use a whole church model to connect more deeply through telling our stories and finding our gratitudes. Facilitated by Diana Tarver.



Sunday Forum on August 23rd at 9:15 am

Flourishing Together. From Soul Matters, "One of the most powerful - and often most underrecognized - sources of mutual the threads that weave us together. passed down and shared widely are people." The stories we share with our just adults, but human. When others of pain, we discover that our suffering of reach. When we feel empty, the weak or scared, the stories of others give us strength. One thing you can count on: Where you find flourishing, stories are sure to be close by." Facilitated by Glen Lakes.



flourishing is storytelling. Stories are They are how we bond. The stories the means by which we become "a children are the way they become, not are brave enough to share their stories is not unique and our healing is not out stories of others fill us. When we feel

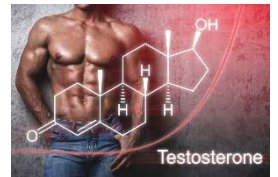
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Visual Voices Artist. Debbie Wagner, our current exhibiting artist, brings a wide range of subjects depicted through her fabric art. Debbie is a long-time artist who has worked with many different mediums, and we are excited to have her display her work with our gallery! She will speak about her art and her process.



Sunday Forum on August 30th at 9:15 am

Are You Testy about Testosterone? Listen to God's authorities — men like me — and follow what we tell you in God's name. Our kind of muscular and male-led Christianity is marching across the land, to conquer the culture and the country. -Chris Highland, taken out of context. Facilitated by Glen Lakes.



Sunday Service on August 30th at 10:30 am

What Future for Farmers, Farming, and Everyone Who Eats? Presented by Nick Levendofsky who serves as the executive director of the Kansas Farmers Union. Nick grew up on a family farm in north central Kansas where his family still raises wheat, corn, sorghum, soybeans and alfalfa, as well as beef cattle. He lives on the farm his great-great grandparents homesteaded in the early 1900s north of Courtland, Kansas.



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

The UU Fellowship of Salina Board of Directors

President: Renee Martin

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Member at Large: David Norlin

Member at Large: Russ Carter

Past President: John Kingsley

The fellowship board meets once a month, usually 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 August board meeting will be on Sunday the 16th.

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

Thursday, August 13th at 7 pm – the **Program Committee** meets via Zoom (go to Forum link on the website uusalina.org) It's easy to attend, please join us.

Soul Matters Sharing Circles

Soul Matters groups are back to meeting in 2026 and may be taking some breaks this summer. Let Diana Tarver (dtarver4@hotmail.com) know if

you are willing to step up and facilitate a new group. Also let Diana know if you are wanting to join up with a Soul Matter sharing circle. The topic for August is What Does It Mean to Be a People of Hope? 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/>



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 John Kingsley (mickandval@sbcglobal.net) if you can help out on the **maintenance** of the building. 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 summer and that means we need to keep working 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 having our workday be on **Thursday mornings at 8:00 am**. Talk to LaNay or send her an email at lanaym@hotmail.com for more details on how you can help out keeping the church **grounds** in good shape.

Religious Education. Thanks to all who have given their time to provide RE for the kids on Sunday mornings. If you would like to join the RE team starting in August/September (the RE program takes a break in the summer months), 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.

Death Café. The Central Kansas Death Care Collective presents a monthly Death Café. A Death Café provides a unique opportunity to gather in a relaxed, supportive setting and talk about dying and death, ponder the big questions, and have a yummy treat! **Every fourth Saturday from 10:30 to noon** at the Salina Art Center, 242 South Santa Fe.

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. 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 [Email newsletter | UU World Magazine](#).

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.

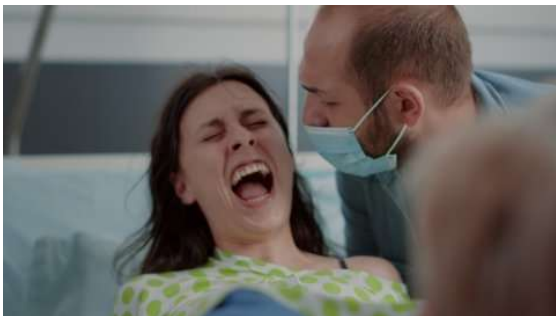
Upcoming Braver/Wiser series

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.

[from Soul Matters Sharing Circle curriculum](#)



“The future is dark.

But my faith dares me to ask: What if this darkness is not the darkness of the tomb, but the darkness of the womb?

What if our America is not dead but a country still waiting to be born?

What if the story of America is one long labor?

What if all the mothers who came before us, who survived genocide and occupation, slavery and Jim Crow, racism and xenophobia and Islamophobia, political oppression and sexual assault, are standing behind us now, whispering in our ear:

Are you brave? What if this is our Great Contraction before we birth a new future? Remember the wisdom of the midwife: “Breathe,” she says. Then:

“Push.”...

Valarie Kaur, A Sikh Prayer for America



VISUAL VOICES GALLERY



First Friday Art Rush

presents Exhibiting Artist, Debbie Wagner

WHEN: Friday, August 7th, 2026 from 4:30-6 PM

WHERE: Visual Voices Gallery at UUFS (Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Salina)

901 Beatrice St, Salina, KS

Debbie will speak about her work at 5 PM.

Debbie Wagner now has more than 2,200 completed paintings - and they are proof that no sunrise is like any other. She is bringing a wide range of subjects depicted through her fabric art. Debbie is a long-time artist who has worked in many different mediums and we are excited to have her display her work in our gallery!
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.

