

# FEBRUARY 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**

**King, Dictator or Autocrat, Which Will It Be?** What does PRESIDENT Donald Trump want to be and who or what will he have to control to get there? How strong should the executive branch of our government be? Facilitated by Glen Lakes.



## Sunday Forum on February 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:15 am

**The Keepers of the Dream.** "Let us remember our offering, to sustain and strengthen this space which we hold so dear. A community of memory and hope, we are the keepers of the dream." Each year, as we prepare our budget to keep the lights on and the dream alive, we conduct a pledge drive to estimate the amount of money we will have to work with. Today, Jaleah Morgan and Renee Martin kick off that pledge drive by sharing their stories.

## Sunday Service on February 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am

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



## Sunday Forum on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am



**Affirmation.** Kieryn McCann will be returning to our fellowship to build a little bit from the topic of identity, but this time with emphasis on transforming conceptualization of self into embodiment. Per will spend some time talking about values as a compass vs hierarchy and intentional movement towards what we value over moving away from things we don't.

## Sunday Service on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am

**Free Speech Flips.** Is free speech only for liberals? Facilitated by Glen Lakes.



## Sunday Forum on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am

**Love and Dating.** Focusing on this modern era for adults, Miranda Bachman has an interactive presentation that uses the MASH game as a playful but meaningful way to reflect on dating, relationships, gender roles, and sexuality- from childhood to now.

## Sunday Service on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am



## Sunday Forum on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:15 am

**How Much Does It Cost to Live?** \$140,000 per year, seriously! Facilitated by Glen Lakes.

## Sunday Service on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 am

**Poetographs.** Kevin Peterson, the current artist exhibiting in the UU Visual Voices Gallery has created and has a copywritten the name "poetographs" as a wild hair of his creativity. It defines an art form that combines poetry and photography. The completed piece allows a person an opportunity to view a photograph and read the poetic thoughts of the person who generated the picture.



## 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 **February board meeting** will be on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**How Will We Keep the Lights ON?** It's time to budget for the new year!!! This year we will once again be hosting Stewardship Gatherings. members and friends to get together about UUFS, how to improve what like to see happen, as well as the talent, and treasure.



These gathering are designed to encourage UUFS with others and talk about what you like and dislike we are doing and gather ideas of what you might ways in which you might contribute with both time,

**February Stewardship Gatherings** are scheduled to take place at 6:00 pm on **February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> and at 2:00 pm on February 11<sup>th</sup>**. Additional times and a zoom meeting are TBD. Meetings will take place at Barb and Nyla's house. Sign up is required. NOTE: To sign up for a Stewardship Gathering or Make Your Pledge Online go to <https://uusalina.org/pledge-drive-2026-27>

**Program Committee** meeting is on **Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** at the Fellowship building. Anyone is welcome to come share ideas and be a part of the Sunday services that will come in the future. All suggestions and comments will be listened to and considered.

**The Souper Bowl of Hope** wants 60K cans of soup to fight hunger and there is already a basket in the Fellowship entryway. Salina residents of soup. Project Salina aims to collect from January 24<sup>th</sup> to February 7<sup>th</sup>. A purchase of 50 cans of soup, directly be made by placing a check payable to basket or by mailing it to PO Box 2861, also may be dropped off at Central National Bank, labeled "Kristina Litchman, Souper Bowl," to ensure proper credit.



can help fight hunger by donating cans 60,000 cans during its drive , which runs cash donation of \$30 enables the aiding families in need. Donations can Souper Bowl of Hope in the collection Salina, KS 67402-2861. Cash or checks

### Soul Matters Sharing Circles

Soul Matters groups back to meeting in 2026. Let Barb Gutsch ([bjgutsch@cox.net](mailto: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 February is **"Embodying Resilience"**.

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/>





**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:bjgutsch@cox.net)) to find out more about our UU services.

**RE (Religious Education for the Youth) Teachers.** Calling all RE Teachers, PLEASE sign up for RE classes ASAP! The curriculum is **Moral Tales** (as usual, you are welcome to create your own lessons if you prefer - just let Barb know). If you are willing to take a week to spend the service with the children, please talk to Barb soon.

**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://uuiinstitute.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* hundreds more attended our seven guided tours of the virtual is [available on Vimeo](#)). Our Song Selection Team continues to for *Sing Out Love*. If you—or someone you know—is a consider [submitting a song or two](#) to the hymnal. Ask Nyla for



*Out Love*, and hymnal (a recording invite new music songwriter, please 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*

Starting on October 22nd, 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](#).

#### Monthly Conversations on Abolition

As your congregation engages with the CSAI, join CLF's Monthly Conversations on Abolition.

["Using Restorative Justice with Children and Youth"](#) on Tuesday, February 10, 8–9:30pm ET  
[Register now](#).

["From Principles to Practice: Restorative Justice in Oklahoma"](#) on Monday, February 23, 6:30–8pm ET

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.

## VISUAL VOICES GALLERY

First Friday Art Rush

**WHEN:** Friday, February 6, 2026, from 4:30-6 PM

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

Refreshments & treats will be served.

**FOR MORE INFO:** [mneu@twinvalley.net](mailto:mneu@twinvalley.net)

### **KEVIN PETERSON'S "POETOGRAPHS"**

Creating and copyrighting the name "poetograph" was a wild hair of Kevin's. It defines an art form that combines poetry and photography. The completed art piece allows a person an opportunity to view a photograph and read the poetic thoughts of the person who generated the picture. Kevin will speak at 5 PM about his work.

*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](mailto: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.*



Kintsugi is the Japanese art of putting broken pottery pieces back together with gold, built on the idea that, in embracing flaws and imperfections, you can create an even stronger, more beautiful piece of art. It is also a metaphor for resilience: embracing your wounds as part of your path of evolution. Your scars show the path travelled, and you are more beautiful and stronger for having been broken.

~ [Paige Bradley](#) from February 2026 Soul Matters curriculum.



**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.