

JANUARY 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 January 4th at 9:15 am

The Year That Was. What do you believe were the major events of 2025 in the world, the USA, the state and locally? What do you predict will be on this list for 2026? Facilitated by Glen Lakes.

Sunday Service on January 4th at 10:30 am

Burning Bowl Ritual. This service has become an annual tradition in our fellowship. It is both simple and powerful and will cleanse your mind and spirit. We choose the changing of the calendar year to release the past and make space to create change in your life. Each day is a new opportunity to live in the present and be the architect of your earthly experience.



Sunday Forum on January 11th at 9:15 am

Small Moral Decisions. We all face "small" moral decisions. Even if we know what is right and what is wrong, do we do it? Can we do it? Why or why not? Facilitated by Glen Lakes.



Sunday Service on January 11th at 10:30 am

Mythology and Magical Places in the World. Summer Sassarita will give a presentation on the magical places in the world and what makes them so inspiring. Attendees will be asked to contribute their own ideas about what makes a place magical.



Sunday Forum on January 18th at 9:15 am

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



Sunday Service on January 18th at 10:30 am

Thirty Days of Love - Reimagining the World as It Could Be. Each year *Side With Love*, the Organizing Strategy Team of the UUA kicks off the New Year with 30 Days of Love. This year, the program runs from January 19th - February 16th. "At a time when fear, violence, and extraction dominate our politics and our planet, we practice another way. We believe love is not fragile; it is fierce. It grounds our organizing, fuels our imagination, and sustains our communities. Over five weeks, we will move through a journey from imagination to action, rooting our freedom dreams in faith and bringing them to life in our world." Join Lay Leader Barb Gutsch to kick off **30 Days of Love** at UUFS. Additionally, each week there will be a link on the UUFS Web Site connecting to written reflection from Side With Love staff; a conversation with a UU theologian; a multigenerational family activity; reflection questions for journaling; a meditative body practice; and a coloring sheet connected to the weekly theme.



SIDE WITH LOVE

Sunday Forum on January 25th at 9:15 am

The State of Religion. How can we measure the state of religion in the United States? How do we rank the quantity or quality of faith? Can you have "more faith" than another? Facilitated by Glen Lakes.



Sunday Service on January 25th at 10:30 am

Welcome Back! Our presenter this morning will be Kiernyn J. McCann, a disabled,

genderqueer/aporagender/"jstegender" novelty who uses the neopronouns per/pers/pers and thon/thon/thons which sounds like, "Per needs per coffee per'll make it perself in the month that's pers." or "Thon needs thon's coffee thon'll make it thonsel in a month that's thons." Kiernyn is a parent, poet, and activist [light-hearted] in that order. Per spoke with the fellowship in June of last year and will have a new topic to share with us to be announced soon!



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

Vice President: Renee Martin

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Member at Large: David Norlin

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 **January board meeting will be on the 18th.**

The Souper Bowl of Hope wants 60K cans of soup to fight hunger and there is already a basket in the Fellowship entryway. Salina donating cans of soup. Project its drive , which runs from January \$30 enables the purchase of 50 need. Donations can be made by Hope in the collection basket or by 67402-2861. Cash or checks also may be dropped off at Central National Bank, labeled "Kristina Litchman, Souper Bowl," to ensure proper credit.



residents can help fight hunger by Salina aims to collect 60,000 cans during 24th to February 7th. A cash donation of cans of soup, directly aiding families in placing a check payable to Souper Bowl of mailing it to PO Box 2861, Salina, KS

Soul Matters Sharing Circles

Soul Matters groups are taking a holiday break. Let Barb Gutsch (bjgutsch@cox.net) know if you are willing to step up and facilitate a new group after the holidays. Also let Barb know if you are wanting to join up with a Soul Matter sharing circle. The topic for January is “**Practicing Resistance**”. 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 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.

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://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

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.

VISUAL VOICES GALLERY

First Friday Art Rush

WHEN: Friday, January 2, 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

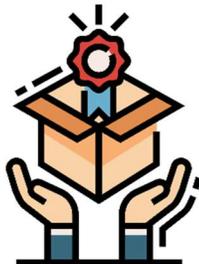
KEVIN PETERSON'S "POETOGRAPHS"

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@cox.net. 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.



Ethics



Values



Morals



Attitude

Revolution is not, ultimately, a political calculation. It is a moral one. It is grounded in a vision of another world, another way of being. It is driven, in the end, by a moral imperative, especially since many of those who begin a revolution do not survive to see its fulfillment. Revolutionaries know that as Immanuel Kant wrote: "If justice perishes, human life on earth has lost its meaning." And this means that, like Socrates, we must come to a place where it is better to suffer wrong than to do wrong.

Words of [Chris Hedges](#) from the Soul Matters curriculum on Practicing Resistance



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.