



JULY 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 July 7th at 9:15 am

Deep Listening and Empathy – a variation on the Sour Maters Topic. Do we have to have empathy to do deep listening? If we must have it, how do you define empathy? Is understanding the same as empathy? Facilitated by Glen Lakes.

Sunday Service on July 7th at 10:30 am

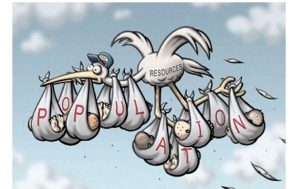
Celebrate! Sister Gilla from the service based on a reading Your Life. Not really religious, but based Jones is one of America's top with *National Geographic* photographing reputation as a world-class service. A handout will be provided.



Motherhouse in Concordia will be presenting a called: Celebrate! Change Your Lens, Change on a lesson written by Dewitt Jones. Dewitt professional photographers. Twenty years stories around the globe has earned him the photojournalist. Sister Marsha will assist with the

Sunday Forum on July 14th at 9:15 am

Did the Population Bomb Fizzle? If overpopulation is the world's major problem, why do we subsidize having more children with our tax structure? Why did China recently approve having three children? Aren't we preaching one thing and doing another? Facilitated by Glen Lakes.



Sunday Service on July 14th at 10:30 am

Musings on Mandalas and Other Such Similar Circumscriptions. Russ Carter says he's no expert on these things but he has woven some circular weavings long ago and will display them for this service. He will explain his process and speak generally about them and others of the same ilk from mostly plagiarized google searches...at least that's honest.



Sunday Forum on July 21st at 9:15 am

Open Forum. It is a time to share your thoughts on something spiritual, religious, perplexing, political or anything else that might be interesting to talk about in the Forum. Facilitated by Glen Lakes.

Sunday Service on July 21st at 10:30 am

To Be Announced. Rodrigo Carrizales will be choosing a pre-recorded video service to share with the fellowship. Stay tuned for more information about this service.



Sunday Forum on July 28th at 9:15 am

Feeling Sad. How can you tell if someone is sad? What can or should you do about it? Would someone know if you are sad? Facilitated by Glen Lakes.



Sunday Service on July 28th at 10:30 am

Christian Nationalism. We welcome for the third time, during and since the pandemic, Max McCoy. Max is an author and journalist who has documented extremist groups in the Midwest and whose work has been cited in the nexus of religious and Ku Klux Klan to the been used as an excuse for deaths of hundreds and McCoy covered the trial of and this year reported on the five of whom are accused of the Oklahoma panhandle. McCoy is particularly concerned about the rise of Christian nationalism in mainstream politics, a movement which holds that being a Christian is a prerequisite for being an American. A link to the WaPo article: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2024/06/02/alito-flag-appeal-heaven/>



the Washington Post, will talk about political violence in America. From the Oklahoma City bombing, religion has hateful acts that have resulted in the caused untold widespread suffering. Oklahoma City bomber Terry Nichols anti-government group 'God's Misfits,' murdering a pair of Kansas women in



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
Secretary – Karin Cumming
Treasurer – Kim Morey

Member-at-Large – Rodrigo Carrizales
Member-at-Large – David Norlin
Member-at-Large – Tamera Von Fange

In addition, the Past President, David Hanson, is a member of the Board.

The fellowship board meets once a month 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!

Drum Circle on **Saturday, July 6th and 20th 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 Tamera at tameraj@rhelectric.net.



Soul Matters Sharing Circles <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 NEWSLETTER SECTION: OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

UUFS Speaker Outreach in Abilene, KS. Several UUFS members have expressed an interest in outreach to the Abilene Community. We are exploring the idea of hosting a Fall Speaker series in Abilene, to show like-minded Abilenians that they are not alone. Anyone with speaker ideas or interested in engaging in this effort should contact Lay Leader Barb Gutsch or Gayle Martin.

UU Climate Justice Revival! UUFS is invited to join the first UU Climate Justice Revival! **“Reimagine Together: from an Extractive Age to a New Era”** on **September 28-29**—Revivals will include conversations, worship, and advocacy as congregations work together to realize climate justice and collective liberation for all. The UU Climate Justice Revival will equip the congregation to enter into a new era of climate action through inspiring collective worship, creative learning, and new intersectional frameworks. Bring your justice teams, problem solvers, and dreamers! All are called to this reimagining. We'll receive everything we need to host a revival in your community, including discussion guides and materials for all ages, training, worship resources, and advocacy actions designed to transform our communities through climate justice. For more information or to sign up, go to <https://www.uuclimatejustice.org/> Anyone interested in engaging in this effort, contact Lay Leader Barb Gutsch or David Norlin.

UU the VOTE! Become a Good Trouble Congregation! Good Trouble Congregations are congregations that answer that call to organize their communities and engage in the multiple and



necessary tactics that will help us win big for our communities in 2022. Whether you're protecting voter access in Georgia, fighting for reproductive justice in Kentucky, or election protection in Pennsylvania, your work is essential to building a strong movement for democracy. Let's all do our part to build a multi-racial democracy by becoming a Good Trouble Congregation and join the 24 congregations that achieved that status during the inaugural effort in 2022. UUFS could commit to being a **Good Trouble Congregation**

by going to https://secure.everyaction.com/peK51bnoFUuLc6J_0zll4g2. UU the Vote will provide reporting mechanisms for our work and hold bi-monthly progress check-ins for Good Trouble congregations to offer support, answer questions and check in about your program. Anyone interested in engaging in this effort, contact Lay Leader Barb Gutsch or Diana Tarver.

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>



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.



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.



Exhibitions at Art at UU are on hold for the time being – Visual Voices are determined by a committee, and in the past have changed 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. 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.

