

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 6th at 9:15 am

Agree or Disagree? The Supreme Court just finished its 2025 session. How do you feel about their major decisions? Do you feel that any of these changed the balance of powers we discussed last week? (Surprise – the answer is YES!) Facilitated by Glen Lakes.

Sunday Service on July 6th at 10:30 am

Mystery's Meetingplace. Rev. Heather Janules talks about Mystery's Meetingplace. Unitarian Universalists often name the experience of "transcending mystery and wonder" as a foundational element of a spiritual life. This service will reflect on two contemporary stories about the intermingling of the sacred and the secular, inviting us to consider how we welcome mystery and wonder, within and beyond sanctuaries on Sunday morning. Presented via video by Rev. Heather Janules, UUA Congregational Life Staff in the New England Region. Service will be facilitated by Kim Morey.



Sunday Forum on July 13th 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.

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Indivisible. Mona Hargrave will share how the grassroots movement of Indivisible came to be. She will also share how Salina's Indivisible group formed and some of the recent accomplishments that they have achieved locally.



Sunday Forum on July 20th at 9:15 am

Do Wars Ever Solve the Problems of Countries and Governments? *"If you're asking whether the American Revolution solved the colonists' grievances against Britain—taxation without representation, lack of self-governance, and British military presence—then yes, it did. It led to independence and the birth of a new nation founded on Enlightenment ideals of liberty and democratic governance (at least for some)."* – CoPilot Facilitated by Glen Lakes.

Sunday Service on July 20th at 10:30 am

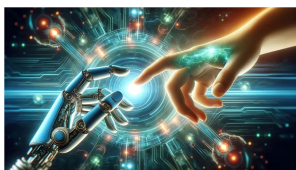
General Assembly 2025 Reflections. Delegates who attended this year's UUA General Assembly will offer reflections on their experience, including key themes, discussions and decisions. The service will offer space to consider how these developments connect to the life of our own congregation.



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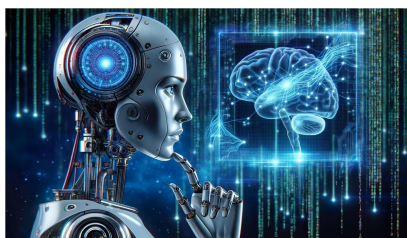
Sunday Forum on July 27th at 9:15 am

The Promise and the Threat of Artificial Intelligence. Participants may remember hearing the author Richard Heinberg at the Land Institute. Please read the attached article in preparation for the discussion. It's a little long but I will pick some key points to discuss. **AI Utopia, AI Apocalypse, and AI Reality**, By Richard Heinberg, originally published by Resilience.org June 12, 2025, [AI Utopia, AI Apocalypse, and AI Reality - resilience](#) Facilitated by Janet Hanson.



Sunday Service on July 27th at 10:30 am

AI is a Teenager Becoming an Adult... Will It Bring Utopia or Dystopia? Aaron Tarver was a distinguished engineer, developer, and product manager of eight pebibyte-scale big data platforms for Verizon. Aaron spent most of his career building software tools for engineers and automating Verizon's network management. Seven months ago, he volunteered to be laid off from his 25-year-long career with Verizon. Since then, he has been writing a science fiction duology about humanity's future with AI. Aaron holds a great deal of hope that AI will eventually bring principles. Especially the UU reverence for the natural world and the UU principle, "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part." AI is here, and we are at a tipping point. Political and moral challenges are already before us. Aaron will elaborate on his views and discuss the possibilities of dystopia and utopia that AI may bring.



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: 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 July board meeting will be on the 20th.

Drum Circle meets on **Saturdays, July 5th and 19th** 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.



UU **Service Planning Committee** meeting will be by Zoom (forum link) on **Tuesday, July 8th** at 7 pm. All are welcome to participate and add ideas to our programming.



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 in October, focusing on Love and Death, during Death Awareness month.

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 Intention.***



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).

Russ Carter is looking to gather helpers for **staining the fence** behind the church. Those who are interested can contact him at the days and morning times 785-416-1608 and let him know you are available.

There is some concern that time out of the Sunday important; they keep us communities. We, therefore, have an announcement to (verbally or in writing) to service.

It will help if you list someone to contact if there are questions. She will type it up and send it to Glen and he will send all the announcements out to everyone on Monday. If you are online, type your message in the Zoom chat and the tech team will get it to Diana to include in the written announcements. Of course, if your announcement is regarding an event happening that day, within the next 24 hours of service, feel free to come to the microphone as always. As I said, this is an experiment. We'll see if everyone (that includes **YOU**) feels comfortable with this solution. Thank you for participating.



announcements are taking too much service. Our announcements are connected to each other and our wider are going to try an experiment: If you make on Sunday morning, please bring it Diana T or her substitute before the



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.



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Welcoming Congregation

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**.)

VISUAL VOICES GALLERY



The UU Visual Voices Gallery presents
DANTON MCDIFFETT PHOTOGRAPHY

July 11, 2025 4:30-6 PM

Refreshments and Treats

For more information, contact heikesneva@gmail.com

Second Friday Art Rush (due to the first Friday falls on July 4th)

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

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.