

JULY 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 July 5th at 9:15 am

Is the Democratic Party Too Conservative? Over the past five years, the Democratic Party has seen a wave of newly elected officials, many aligned with progressive or liberal platforms. These include members of Congress, governors and state legislators who have won office in recent elections. What do you think about this? Facilitated by Glen Lakes.



Sunday Service on July 5th at 10:30 am

Moments that Made US. Jennifer Toelle, curator of exhibits at the Smoky Hill Museum, will speak about the 250th exhibit currently on display at the museum, and an interesting connection to our UU Fellowship history.

Sunday Forum on July 12th at 9:15 am

Is god by any other name still God? My goodness, only God/god knows! Facilitated by Glen Lakes.



Sunday Service on July 12th at 10:30 am

Praise the Buddha for the Nighttime. the recognition regarding the traditions. Today we will discuss meditation. Dr. David Hanson will convene.



One of the unique strengths of UU is contributions of various wisdom Buddhist Wisdom for evening present and Janet Hanson will

Sunday Forum on July 19th at 9:15 am

Are Liberals or Conservatives Too Weird? What would you like to ban forever...books or guns? Facilitated by Glen Lakes.



Sunday Service on July 19th at 10:30 am



Wake Up. We must wake up and take action, but first "the Ancestors invite us into the Gap, One Breath Deep...Here is Blessing, Healing, Transformation, Worship. A recorded service by Rev. Jen Youngsun Ryu from the UU church in Eugene, Oregon. Facilitated by Diana Tarver.

Sunday Forum on July 26th at 9:15 am

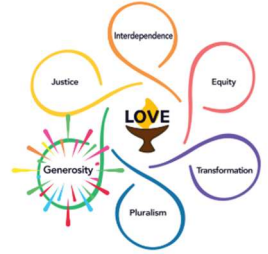
Welcome to Flourishing Together. This is the June 2026 Soul Matters topic. A theme like flourishing carries the connotation of blooming, about helping each other blossom brightly into the fullness of all we can be. But maybe it's also about softening. About waking up to the reality that our culturally-encouraged pursuits of independence haven't made us safe; they've only made us brittle. Facilitated by Glen Lakes.



Sunday Service on July 26th at 10:30 am

To be announced.

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

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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!

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 July is The Gifts of Justice and Equity. 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 8:30 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.

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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.

“Principles”

from Soul Matters Sharing Circle curriculum

I don't want America no more.

i want to be a citizen of something new...

i want a country that keeps its word...

i want a country that don't treat its people like a virus.

i want a country not trying to cure itself of me...

I want a nation under a kinder god.

I want justice the verb not justice the dream.

i want what was promised to me

i want 40 acres and a vote that matters.

i want no prisons and a mule...

i want peace. i want equity. i want guns

melted into a mosque, or a church

or a place for us to pray

and i wanna stop praying for my country to be mine

Danez Smith

[2016 - Brave New Voices - Danez Smith - "Principles"](#)

(this YouTube link is definitely worth watching to put a voice and a face to these words.)



VISUAL VOICES GALLERY



First Friday Art Rush

presents Exhibiting Artist, Debbie Wagner

WHEN: Friday, July 3rd and 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.

