



JUNE 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



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP



Sunday Forum on June 7th at 9:15 am

Open Forum. An open forum discussion is a structured or informal gathering where people can freely exchange ideas, opinions, and information on a specific topic or range of topics, with broad participation from anyone interested. The goal is to encourage open dialogue, inclusivity, and diverse perspectives, rather than one-way communication. Facilitated by Glen Lakes.

Sunday Service on June 7th at 10:30 am

Rites of Spring, Oure Annual Meeting and Potluck. Join us for a Rites of Spring celebration, with room for rhythmic expansion. Today we review the past congregational year and look to the next, we will also make music and drum together. In the service, you will hear Grand Canyon-esque reverberations and soundscapes seldom heard from our organ, rendered skillfully by David Hanson. David Norlin will provide music, both self-composed and from the pen of poet Bob Dylan. Drumming at beginning and end of service will be led/kept on track by master drummer and rhythmician, Russ Carter. To augment our

rhythmic experience, Jonathan Chack will sing about the stars (Agua de Estrella) and then there may be a "Surprise!" Bring a drum or rhythm instrument if you are so inclined. We'll have some at the fellowship, so no pressure! A short annual meeting and potluck will follow the service. Bring food, if you are able and stay to eat with us whether you are able to bring food or not. Seems there's always plenty to share!



Sunday Forum on June 14th at 9:15 am

No Forum meeting this morning. Bring your open mind (and body) to the 50th anniversary celebration of the Smoky Hill River Festival!

Sunday Service on June 14th at 10:30 am

No Sunday morning service either, click on the link below for more info:

[Smoky Hill River Festival – Connecting people through an arts experience celebrating the creative spirit.](http://www.smokyhillriverfestival.com)

Sunday Forum on June 21st at 9:15 am

Dream a Little Bit with Me. I have never really understood dreams. Do you? Let's talk about those nighttime images. Facilitated by Glen Lakes.



Sunday Service on June 21st at 10:30 am

Visual Voice Artist. Sandy Clanton, our current gallery artist, will present a service about her art and process. She is a member of the Ottawa County Arts and Humanities Council and the Bennington Kansas Figure Drawing Group.



Sunday Forum on June 28th at 9:15 am

Population. For a couple of years now, I have been unable to shake two key facts about the American population: One, that 40% of all births in America are to unmarried women. And two, America has the world’s highest rate of children living in single-parent households. How, if at all, has this changed our country?

Sunday Service on June 28th at 10:30 am

All or Nothing. Our speaker this morning is Isaiah Marcotte, a Midwest independent filmmaker from Salina, Kansas, known for his ambitious, self-funded projects blending live-action, animation, and original music. He began making films at age 16 and has since built a career as a writer, director, producer, and multi-tool crew member on various productions.



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

President: John Kingsley
Vice President: Renee Martin
Secretary: Karin Cumming
Treasurer: Kim Morey

Member at Large: David Norlin
Member at Large: Russ Carter
Member at Large: Dave Corl
Past President: David Hanson

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!

The following slate of candidates for the Fellowship's **Board of Directors** will be submitted to the members for approval at the **Annual Meeting** on **Sunday, June 7, 2026**.

President: Renee Martin
Vice President: Open
Secretary: Karin Cumming
Treasurer: Kim Morey
Member at Large: David Norlin

Member at Large: Russell Carter
Member at Large: Dave Corl
Member at Large: Miranda Bachman
Past President: John Kingsley

Absentee ballots shall be accepted for the Board of Directors elections. These ballots must be sealed and presented to the Secretary prior to or at the time of the election.

The **agenda** for the meeting includes:

- Approval of minutes of last year's annual meeting;
- Treasurer's Financial Report and presentation of our budget for next year;
- Acknowledgement of new members and those leaving;
- Safety Team Report;
- Recap of the year's accomplishments and events;
- Announcement of upcoming events; and
- Election and presentation of the Board for the new year.



Make Your Pledge Online, go to <https://uusalina.org/pledge-drive-2026-27>

Tuesday, June 9th 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 June is **Flourishing Together**.

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 spring, moving into 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 Saturday mornings at 8:30 am. Hopefully, **EVERYONE** can come for a half hour each Saturday. 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 are gave 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.

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. 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

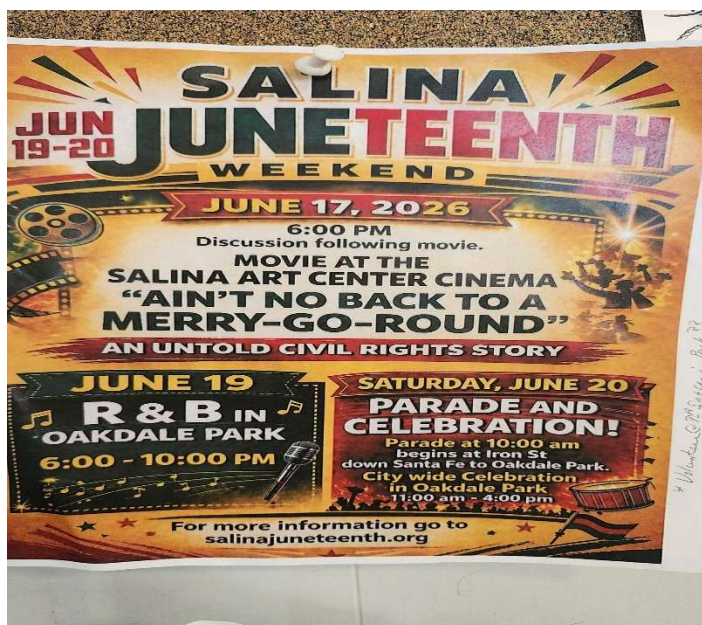
Braver/Wiser will offer a 3-part series by Rev. Rina Shere about trauma, moral injury, and healing among military service members. ([You can subscribe here](#), if you don't already receive our Wednesday dose of courage + compassion.) As Braver/Wiser's Editor, I (Erika) am grateful for the opportunity to invite compassion and curiosity about how our UU theology responds to this form of pain.

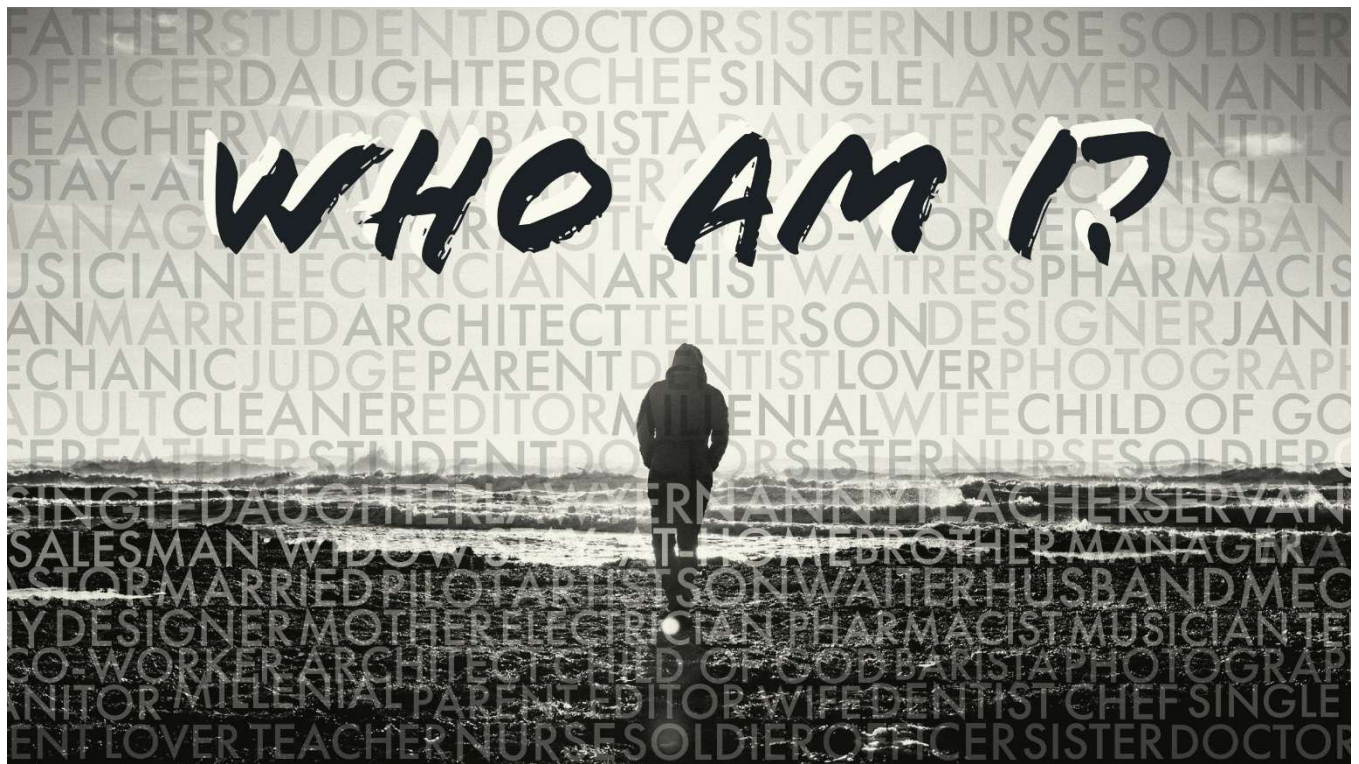
[Abolition, Transformation, and Faith Formation](#) was selected as the 2025-2028 Congregational Study Action Issue (CSAI). [Read the entire CSAI](#).

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.

Side With Love's The Gathering's 250th Anniversary Series. Join us for this special series as we examine the limits and possibilities of American democracy and begin shaping a multiracial, interdependent democracy where everyone can thrive. Together with faith leaders, organizers, and scholars, we will tell the truth about the stories that formed this nation, confront narratives that have justified exclusion, and create new ones rooted in solidarity, collective power, and shared freedom.

[Register today!](#)





Douglas Steere, a Quaker teacher, says that the ancient question,
“Who am I?”

inevitably leads to a deeper one,
“Whose am I?”

– because there is no identity outside of relationship.

You can't be a person by yourself.

To ask, “Whose am I?” is to extend the question far beyond the little self-absorbed self,
and wonder,

Who needs you?

Who loves you?

To whom are you accountable?

To whom do you answer?

Whose life is altered by your choices?

With whose life, whose lives, is your own all bound up, inextricably, in obvious or invisible ways?

Submitted by [Victoria Stafford](#) from [Soul Matters Sharing Circle curriculum](#)



VISUAL VOICES GALLERY



First Friday Art Rush

presents Exhibiting Artist, Sandy Clanton

WHEN: Friday, June 5th, 2026 from 4:30-6 PM

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

Sandy is bringing a wide range of subjects depicted through paintings. Sandy is a long-time artist, and we are excited to have her display her work with our gallery! Sandy will speak at 5 PM about her work.

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.