NOVEMBER UU NEWS



The 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 November 1st at 9:15 am

Hot Topics in Politics. "Politics is war without bloodshed, while war is politics with bloodshed." ~Mao Tse-Tung. "Democracy is…a form of religion, it is the worship of jackals by jackasses." ~H. L. Menchken. What do you think? Facilitated by Glen Lakes.

Sunday Service on November 1st at 10:30 am



This I Don't Believe: A Fulfilling Life without Meaning. Rather than simply rehashing well-known theological and philosophical arguments, Robert Jensen, the author of the book titled *This I Don't Believe*, through his own life experience, makes a case for: resisting the temptation to answer questions to which we cannot know the answers; accepting the limits of human understanding and learning to be comfortable with not-knowing; recognizing how little we understand not just about the world but about ourselves; and finding joy in everyday activities without assigning deeper meaning to them.



Sunday Forum on November 8th at 9:15 am

Round Table Discussion about the Midterm Elections. Also known as Sunday morning quarterbacking! Facilitated by Glen Lakes.



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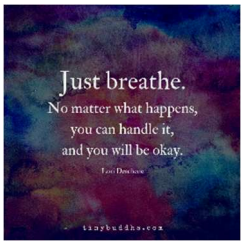
Farm Policy. Nick Levendofsky, Executive Director of the Kansas Farmers Union, widely sought after for commentary nationally on Farm Policy, will return to Salina UU to speak about his assessment of agriculture and food policy, and its effect on farmers, ranchers, and eaters in this area and in this era.



Sunday Forum on November 15th at 9:15 am

Liberation Theology. It is based on theories developed by Karl Marx who was a 19th-century German philosopher, economist, and revolutionary socialist whose ideas laid the foundation for Marxism and influenced global political movements. Facilitated by Glen Lakes.

Sunday Service on November 15th at 10:30 am



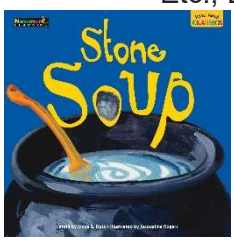
Election Over: Now What? After months of living with anxiety, dread, engagement, enthusiasm, activism, and hope, the 2026 midterm elections are over. At the writing of this service note, the outcome is yet unknown. Today, Lay Leader Barb Gutsch will address the myriad of feelings woven into making change; triumph and disappointment, elation and frustration, and the aftermath. Bring your exhausted selves to our sanctuary, and breathe.



Sunday Forum on November 22nd at 9:15 am



Funding for Schools. Suppose that taxpayers funded all schools, both public and private. Chaos, anarchy, blood flowing in the streets, better schools for all, lower salaries for public school teachers, higher salaries for private school teachers. Etc., Etc., Etc. ??? Facilitated by Glen Lakes.



Sunday Service on November 22nd at 10:30 am

Stone Soup. Inspired by the beloved folktale of *Stone Soup*, where a community comes together to create a nourishing meal from humble beginnings, we reflected on how we, too, can combine our unique gifts and experiences to build a stronger, more connected community. Followed by a potluck lunch.

Sunday Forum on November 29th at 9:15 am



Religious Beliefs. New religious beliefs contradict each other. How would you respond to these criticisms of Unitarian Universalism? With reference to a letter to the Salina Journal on March 26, 1994 (which will be sent out before the Forum discussion.) Facilitated by Glen Lakes.

Sunday Service on November 29th at 10:30 am



Mystery Service. Russ Carter will guide us through a recorded service from the UUA archive of services. His choice will be based on the results of the November election and what sort of timely messages will support our fellowship at that time.

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! The November board meeting will be on Sunday the 15th.

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

Soul Matters Sharing Circles
The topic for November is **Healing.**

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/*



If you want to be part of a generative effort this Saturday that will strive to make our community better, consider attending **Central Kansas Interfaith Justice Organization's Community Problems Assembly** at Trinity United Methodist Church from **10:00 am to 12:00 pm October 31st.** The church is located at 901 E. Neal, Salina, KS. Listening Sessions have listed four major areas of concerns: *affordable housing, affordable healthcare, elder care and mental health*. You will be surrounded by people with similar concerns. This is the initiative that Sr. Loretta Jasper spoke about when she spoke at UU several weeks ago. If you have questions, I will try to answer them (Janet Hanson at djhanson87@att.net) or you can reach out to Sr. Loretta at ljasper@csjkansas.org.





"A Taste of Soul" on **Tuesday, November 10th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.** For any of our fellowship and friends who have never been part of a Soul Matters group, Russ Carter (joybroth@gmail.com for email contact or (785)416-1608 for text) is holding an opportunity to attend a "Taste of Soul" event. This is for anyone considering joining a Soul Matters small group to experience an abbreviated version since experience is better than just information. If you have any curiosity this is the way to check it out. Please let Russ know if you will be attending.

Workshop on UU Values and Covenants on **Saturday, November 14th from 9:00 am - Noon**. Lay Leader Barb Gutsch will present a workshop on Unitarian Universalism. Whether you are new to UU or want to learn more about the UU Values and Covenants, that replaced the Seven Principles in UUA Article II, this workshop is for you. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Barb via phone, text, or email (785-829-1821, bjgutsch@cox.net)





Death Café on **Saturday, December 5th from 10:30 am to noon**. The Central Kansas Death Care Collective hosts a monthly Death Café on the first Saturday of the month at the Salina Art Center. A Death Cafe is an informal, participant-led event where people come together to talk about death in a safe and welcoming environment with treats. The discussions are agenda-free, meaning there are no set topics, conclusions, or expert panels guiding the conversation. Also, take some time to check out the art exhibit at the Salina Art Center, **The Art of Leaving This Place** (from October 21st to November 22nd) with the opening on First Friday on **November 6th.**

Shamanic Cacao Ceremony on Saturday, December 5th, 2:00-8:00 pm. For more details or to register, contact Jonathan Chack at (978) 464-1048, text or call.





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.

Religious Education. If you are interested in helping out with RE with the UU youth, please contact Nyla Romeiser at nromeiser@cox.net Everything you need will be supplied and it's a great way to get to know the kids that come to the fellowship! .

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.

Headline News: The Prairie Sage Leadership Experience launches in January!
Are you ready to step up your UU leadership skills? To nurture your soul? To build connections across congregations? Consider participating in this new program for UU lay leaders! Two weekend retreats will bracket five small group Zoom meetings. Save the weekend of January 22–24, 2027, Friday evening through Sunday morning at Shawnee Mission Unitarian Universalist Church (SMUUCH) in Lenexa, KS. The second weekend will be at the First Unitarian Church of Omaha, NE on April 16-18. Watch for registration info this fall.

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.

From Soul Matters Sharing Circle curriculum

Healing may not be so much about getting better,
as about letting go of everything that isn't you
- all of the expectations,
- all of the beliefs
- and becoming who you are.

~Rachel Naomi Remen

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.

VISUAL VOICES GALLERY

First Friday Art Rush

Presenting the Artwork of Tom Fleming

WHEN: Friday, November 6th 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



His ceramic creations explore themes of Old and New Testament tropes, along with characters inspired by Greek mythology and the Christian Gnostic legends. In this exhibit, he has created a variety of biblically inspired figurines.

Tom will speak about his work at 5 PM.

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.