

SEPTEMBER 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 September 6th at 9:15 am

The Military-Industrial Complex. What would we lose if it all suddenly disappeared?
Facilitated by Glen Lakes.

Sunday Service on September 6th at 10:30 am

Coming Home, Like Rivers to the Sea. As summer draws to a close and fall routines are re-established, we settle back in to fellowship and begin a new church season. Today we celebrate this traditional in-gathering service by bringing water that represents our return to this community. Water represents many things: strength, life, perseverance, refreshment, restoration, calmness, power, tears, and much more. Bring water to mingle with others, prepared to share a word or two about what the water represents for you. We will also kick off the 2026-27 Religious Education season. Lay Leader Barb Gutsch presents.

Following the service, we will enjoy a **potluck lunch** and talk about social activities we'd like to do during the next few months. Bring a dish to share if you are able. ALL are welcome to attend.



Sunday Forum on September 13th at 9:15 am

Horizontal versus Vertical Christianity. UU has always been horizontal in approach to the practical aspects of Christianity. Vertical Christianity is unfortunately dogmatic and attracts the conservative elements of society. Facilitated by David Hanson.

Sunday Service on September 13th at 10:30 am

Grandparent's Day. Celebrate the wisdom of aging with Mona and Willow! We will join in a UU sort of way on an international day to honor elders in our lives and in our community.



May the elderly
be cherished
and honored in
their families
and society.



Sunday Forum on September 20th at 9:15 am

Daily Outrages. We have Salina citizens outraged about tax money spent on sign regulations and about 'putting down' puppies with Parvo (supposedly without official sanction), resulting in calls for heads to roll in the Animal Services department. Oh, and then there's water pipe replacement. This is visible on our streets (with Salina from the city—by private interests) feeding/support services, including and Social Security. Plus, drastic results in thousands of deaths. The outrages, what one should we feel attention to? Or should we find peace by retiring into our own private quest, however we define that? Facilitated by David Norlin.



Sunday Service on September 20th at 10:30 am

Mabon. Mabon is a Wiccan and modern pagan holiday that celebrates the Autumn Equinox, the astronomical time of the year when day and night are equal. Come learn more about this holiday from Jesseka Green.



Sunday Forum on September 27th at 9:15 am

Open Forum. An open forum is a public gathering designed to facilitate the free exchange of ideas, opinions, and information on a specific topic or range of topics, *allowing for broad participation and diverse perspectives*. Everyone is welcome! Facilitated by Glen Lakes.

Sunday Service on September 27th at 10:30 am

To Be Announced. This service will be presented by our Lay Leader, Barb Gutsch. Stay tuned for more details.

**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: Renee Martin
Vice President: Dave Corl
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Member at Large: Miranda Bachman
Member at Large: David Norlin
Member at Large: Russ Carter
Past President: John Kingsley

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 August board meeting will be on Sunday the 16th.

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



Soul Matters Sharing Circles

Nyla is gathering names of people who would like to join one of the new **Soul Matters** groups forming now. Time is short so PLEASE let her know if you are interested. Contact her at nromeiser@cox.net
The topic for September is **Beginnings**.
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

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.



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 8:00 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. We still need a couple of volunteers to help with youth RE this fall. Barb supplies everything you need. The goal is to have 8-10 teachers, so you only work once every couple of months. Please contact Nyla if you are willing to help. nromeiser@cox.net

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.

Death Café. The Central Kansas Death Care Collective presents a monthly Death Café. A Death Café provides a unique opportunity to gather in a relaxed, supportive setting and talk about dying and death, ponder the big questions, and have a yummy treat! Every fourth Saturday from 10:30 to noon at the Salina Art Center, 242 South Santa Fe. There will **NOT** be a Death Café in September, due to the last Saturday in September is the 50th anniversary of the Prairie Festival at The Land Institute. The next one will be Saturday, October 24th along with other events for Death Awareness month.

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.

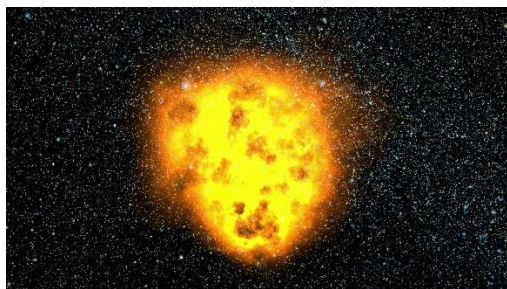
Upcoming Braver/Wiser series

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.

From Soul Matters Sharing Circle curriculum



One day you finally knew
what you had to do, and began,
though the voices around you
kept shouting their bad advice...
little by little,
as you left their voices behind,
the stars began to burn
through the sheets of clouds,
and there was a new voice
which you slowly
recognized as your own.

-words of [Mary Oliver](#)



VISUAL VOICES GALLERY



First Friday Art Rush

Presenting the Artwork of Leslie Hargis

WHEN: Friday, September 4th from 4:30-6 PM

WHERE: Visual Voices Gallery at UUFS (Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Salina)

901 Beatrice St, Salina, KS

Leslie is relatively new to creating art. After retirement she embarked on a new adventure by learning to create art. Learning from other artists in the area she is discovering new mediums to find her voice. She will speak about her work and this journey at 5 PM.

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.

