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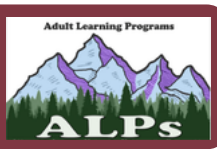
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ABOUT US

The Salish Sea Fellowship is a center for liberal religion, providing an independent, educational, spiritual and liberal religious community of mutual support that embraces the traditional *seven principles* of Unitarian Universalism. This is our Community Update for our friends and members. If you have anything you would like to tell the community, please email us at: **salishseafellowship@gmail.com**.

HOW TO CONNECT

We meet in-person at the Community United Methodist Church (CUMC) in Port Hadlock, 130 Church Lane.
Click **HERE** for our Zoom link for viewing our services, or go to Zoom and enter Meeting ID: 909 702 5487, Passcode: 338490.

SUNDAY SERVICE



A huge thanks to Doug for stepping in for Rev. Peter Morales. We wish Peter a speedy recovery from his surgery.

Doug Rodgers
October 4, 4 pm
CUMC, 130 Church Lane, Port Hadlock

Why Do We Still Need Religion?: As science pushes our knowledge of the world further and as we now have access to as much of this information as we can tolerate, do we still need religion? If you look at the edges, where science runs up against religious beliefs, you will see some surprises. And, of course, we still need each other. This sermon explores that territory and gives some answers for you to ponder.

October 2nd-4th



Join Us!

The NAUA Summit will take place soon, both online and in person in Chicago. You may see the list of sessions and register to attend all sessions virtually at the NAUA website: **https://naunitarians.org/summit-2026/**.

If you do not plan to register, you can attend a Watch Party for both the Keynote Address AND the Sunday Service **(see below)** at the home of Joyce Francis. Coffee & light brunch goodies will be served. Sign up at **https://tinyurl.com/SSF-HomeFellowship**.

Some highlights of the Summit which may be of particular interest to the SSF:

- Session 3 (Friday, Oct 2, 11 AM-Noon) "Liberal Religion in the 21st Century" - The NAUA Academy (ALPs equivalent) will share segments of a July Academy panel. SSF Board President Nils Pedersen was one of the panelists.
- Session 6 (Friday, Oct 2, 3-4 PM) "Principled Living & Morality in a Relativist World" - Frank Casper (author of Used to be UU) and David Cycleback (author of Against Illiberalism) will join a panel discussion hosted by Sunil Wejeyesekera.
- Session 7 (Friday, Oct 2, 4-5 PM) "What is Liberal Religion???" - ALPs chair Joyce Francis will share Rev. Bruce Bode's 3-page statement outlining the "Core Ideas of Religious Liberalism" or "A Free Faith" for consideration and discussion.
- **Session 9 (Saturday, Oct 3, 10-11:30 AM) "Keynote Address by Helen Pluckrose" - Helen is a British author (Cynical Theories and The Counterweight Handbook) who challenges authoritarianism and illiberal actions, both on the right and on the left.**
- **Session 15 (Sunday, Oct 4, 10-11:30 AM) "Sunday Service" - Rev. Denise Tracy leads a service with the UU Community Church of Park Forest, IL, and UU delegates online and in person.**

COMMUNITY POTLUCK



October 11 at 5:00 pm

CUMC, 130 Church Lane, Port Hadlock

Join together in fellowship this fall!

Doors open at 4:30 to allow for more socializing.
As always, bring your own beverages & table settings,
as well as a dish to share.

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICE



October 18, 4 pm
CUMC, 130 Church Lane, Port Hadlock
Dr. David Cycleback:
The Narrowing of Unitarian Universalism

An examination of the Unitarian Universalist church's increasing social and ideological homogeneity and what it means for pluralism and open inquiry.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING



Sunday, November 8, at 3:30 pm
CUMC

Dear Members of the Salish Sea Fellowship,

Under our bylaws we must hold an annual Congregational Meeting within 60 days before the end of our fiscal year. Our fiscal year is the calendar year, and so the Board has decided to hold our meeting along with our monthly potluck at the Community United Methodist Church, 130 Church Lane in Port Hadlock, on Sunday, November 8, 2026 starting at 3:30pm (note, time may be adjusted earlier if the agenda fills more than expected). We estimate the potluck should start at its usual time ~5pm .

Our agenda will include at least the election of Board Members (all seven positions will be open), approval of our annual budget and an opportunity for motions and new business items from the floor. If you are interested in joining our Board, please let Nils Pedersen know at nilsepedersen@gmail.com, the earlier the better. Note, officers of the Board are chosen by the elected Board itself and not by the Membership.

I**f you are not a currently a member or are not sure of your status, and you would like to be a member and be eligible to vote at our annual meeting, then please inform Nils Pedersen no later than October 8, 2026.** Our bylaws require that only members approved by our board 30 days or more before a Congregational Meeting are eligible to vote at that meeting. All friends that are not members are nonetheless invited to attend the meeting, but may not be recognized to speak, depending on the circumstances and the issue at hand. We hope to see everyone there!

NEW SSF SIGN!



A huge shout-out to Board Members Rob Wamstad and Brian Rogers for arranging the posting of our NEW SIGN on Chimacum Road! It's amazing to see just how far our little fellowship has come. It's so special to have a soft place to land during times of challenge, and a community to celebrate with during times of joy. A big thanks to everyone's unique contributions towards making this dream of fellowship a reality!

ALPS NEWS!



Adult Learning Programs

ALPs



The Fall ALPs season has arrived! Check out the wide variety of offerings in the **2026 ALPs Fall Brochure** HERE.



FALL ALPS PROGRAMMING HAS LAUNCHED!

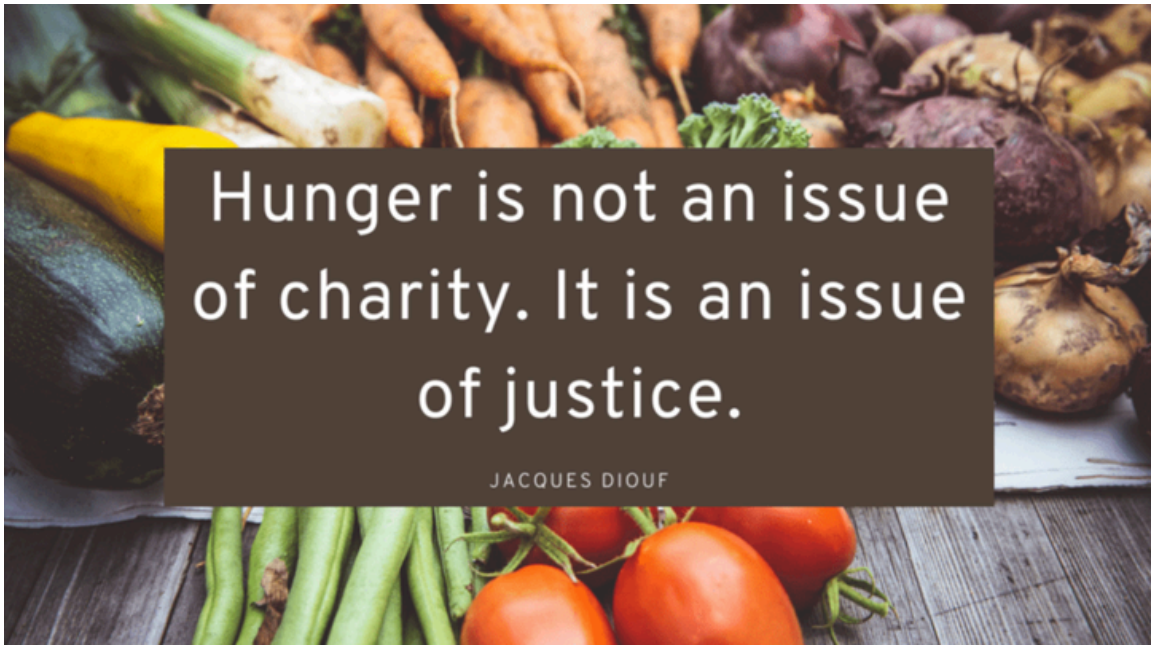
SIGN-UP ASAP AS SPACES FILL UP QUICKLY!

COMMUNITY OFFERING

Our Sunday Service offering is now taken in support of organizations doing important work in our community. If you know of deserving groups doing good work in our community, please send us your suggestions for such organizations by email to salishseafellowship@gmail.com. Please make sure that these groups are local non-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) status.

Community Offering for October:

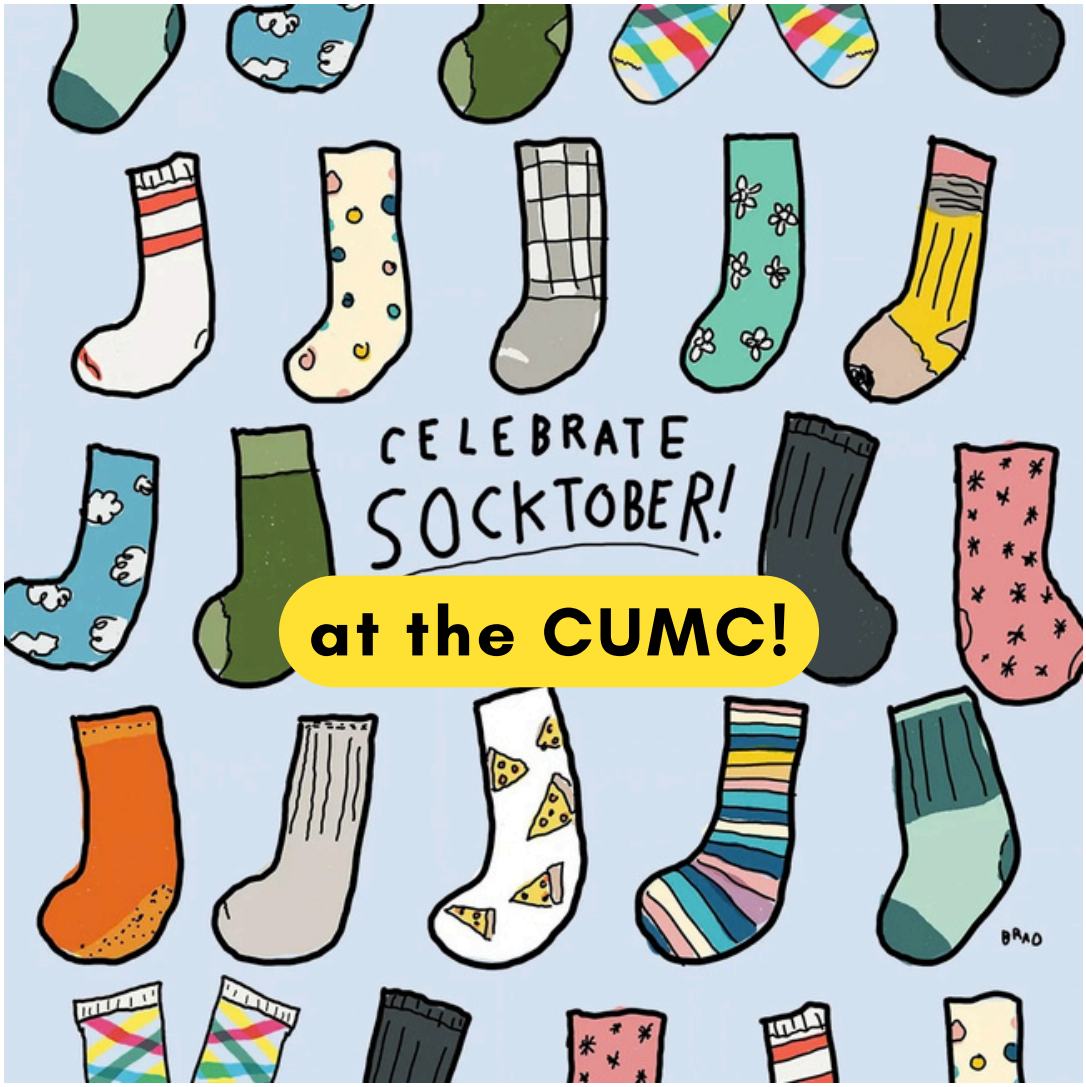
WAVE Annual Food Drive



The **WAVE Food Drive** (What A Valuable Experience) in Jefferson County is an annual community and church-supported event held each fall to benefit local hunger relief efforts, including the **Jefferson County Food Bank Association**. The Jefferson County Food Bank supports our friends and neighbors in the Tri-Area, Quilcene, Brinnon, and Port Townsend. We belong to each other.

Please send any ideas for future community offering recepients to:
Barbara McCaughin at barbaraj6834@gmail.com

SOCKTOBER



Please join our hosts, the Community United Methodist Church, in supporting Sock-tober! Donatate socks and other cozy clothing during the month of October to those in need. Donations may be made Saturday mornings between 10 and 1 o'clock at the CUMC, or during our SSF Sunday Services. Let's keep our neighbors warm this winter!

Sunday Services this Fall & Winter



Nov 1: Rev. Dr. Todd Eklof, Minister, Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane

Nov 15: Rev. Dr. Barry Andrews, Minister Emeritus of the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock, Long Island and author of books on Emerson, Thoreau, and the Transcendentalists

Dec 6: Joseph Bednarik, speaker, author, and former co-publisher of the Copper Canyon Press

Dec 20: Red Pine (Bill Porter), writer and translator of Taoist and Buddhist Texts

Jan 3: Joseph Bednarik, speaker, author, and former co-publisher of the Copper Canyon Press

Jan 17: Holly Hughes, poet, essayist, editor and teacher, and co-publisher of the Empty Bowl Press



DONATE TO THE SSF!

Thank you to member, Paul Hinton, for setting us up so we may now safely and easiliy donate electonically! You may donate to our General Fund or our Community Outreach Fund on our SSF website **HERE**! Thanks again, Paul!



BENEVOLENCE FUND

Our Fellowship has a 'Benevolence Fund' for the benefit of individuals and families that find themselves in financial difficulties. Its purpose is to meet basic, temporary needs such as food, shelter, clothing, utilities, medical care, etc.
This fund is for anyone in need, whether SSF members, friends or the general public of East Jefferson County.

If you or someone you know is in such need, please contact Karen Wamstad, our Caring and Concerns Coordinator, at kjmwamstad@gmail.com. *We belong to each other!*

SUNDAY SERVICES ON ZOOM



Zoom Conversation Time

After each service, we invite you to stay connected through our post-service conversations, where you can share about your week, reflect on the service, and meet fellow participants who are also joining online. These warm, informal gatherings are led by a zoom host and are meant to create meaningful space beyond the service hours, ensuring that even those participating from home feel truly welcomed and included, regardless of where you might be located. Our Zoom conversation time is designed to offer a friendly pause, cultivating connections where community moves beyond spatial boundaries.

Our zoom host is Gail Sandlin, who has been a member of the Salish Sea Fellowship since its conception. Our zoom link is available **HERE**. After the service ends, stay online if you have time, to either just listen or join in the conversation. The Order of Service is posted by Lily Gold in the Zoom chat just prior to the start of service, so check that out if you would like to follow along with the readings and songs.

We hope to see you at the next service, either at CUMC or online!

MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME

Just as a reminder, here is our commitment to one another when we join:

We have each separately chosen to be part of an independent community of free faith. We have organized not only as a religious and charitable institution, but one offering spiritual, growth oriented and community-building education.

We hope to be a center for liberal religion, growing out of unitarian and universalist traditions while embracing the seven principles of unitarian universalism adopted in 1985.

As such, our objectives include the promotion of freedom of faith and the creation of a forum in which reason will guide religious thought and expression.

In the pursuit of this, we will strive for an atmosphere of fellowship and a community of mutual support.

We believe that if we hold each other in community and without judgement - with care, respect and kindness - there should be no issue of our time that we can not take on.

You may become a member of the Salish Sea Fellowship by simply filling out the application form **HERE**, and being approved by the Board. All membership applications have been approved. **All are welcome!**







ASSISTIVE LISTENING AVAILABLE



We are happy to announce that we have installed an Auracast ™ transmitter at the CUMC to support our friends and members with hearing challenges. Those with the latest hearing aids can now receive clear sound broadcasts. We've also procured miniature receivers and neck loops so that those wearing T-coil equipped hearing aids can enjoy Auracast ™ broadcasts, as well. Finally, we've purchased headphones equipped with an Auracast ™ receiver so those without hearing aids can also enhance their hearing and understanding. Learn more about how Auracast ™ may enhance your listening experience at the Salish Sea Fellowship **HERE**.

Hearing Assistance

We now have Auracast hearing assistance operational in the Sanctuary and on the roll-around HDTV.

If you have Auracast compatible hearing aids, then use your smartphone app to select Auracast Broadcast and then choose:
Auracast - Sanctuary
Or
Auracast - HDTV.

We also have six Auracast receivers that can presently be used in the Sanctuary for those with hearing aids that can receive Telecoil audio. First, choose one of the neckloops in the left drawer next to the AV screen. Then, plug it into a receiver and set your hearing aids to "Telecoil".

If you could benefit from hearing assurance but don't have compatible hearing aids, we also have individual earbuds that also plug into a receiver. The earbuds are free for you to use. After use, take them home and use them again for as many times as they survive. Then just take a new set.

Auracast Compatible Hearing Aids:
(All require a smartphone app)
Beltone: Commence, Envision, Serene
Bernafon: Encanta (APP version ⩾ 1.6.1)
Cochlear: Baha 7 Sound Processor
GN: Danalogic Extend
Jabra: Enhance Pro 20, Enhance Pro 30, Enhance Select 500, Enhance Select 700
Nuear: Noble AI 24
Oticon: Intent (firmware ⩾ 1.3.0 & with latest Companion app) , Zeal
Philips: Hearlink 9050 (firmware >= 1.3.0)
Resound: Enzo IA, Nexia, Savi, Vivia
Starkey: Edge AI, Omega AI
Widex: Allure (firmware ⩾ 5.1.20)



RECYCLING AT CUMC



T**he Community United Methodist Church now has recycling!**
Thank you so much to the people who were kind enough to take home the recycling during this transition time. It takes a village!

CARING AND CONCERNS TEAM



Breakfast Club: Breakfast Club continues into the summer months!
Get together for good friends and lively conversation. Sarah, Karen, and others hang out on Wednesdays at 9:30 at the Bayview. **Join us, friends!**

ARCHIVE OF SUNDAY SERVICES

If you miss a Sunday Service, don't forget that we have a **Salish Sea Fellowship YouTube Channel** with a full archive of all of our Sunday Services! Access our YouTube Channel **HERE**, or go through our webpage **HERE**.



Attention, Home Chefs!

CUMC also runs a weekly soup kitchen, and Salish Sea provides the soup (a gallon of veggie and a gallon with meat) on the third Saturday of the month. If you would like to join the list of folks who provide soup and/or assist with set-up and clean-up in the future, **please contact Kate Madson at kmadson3of9@gmail.com or Kendra Golden at kendrajgolden@gmail.com.** Thank you so much to Kate and Kendra for their dedication to feeding our neighbors.