



Salish Sea Fellowship

COMMUNITY UPDATE



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>>> ABOUT US

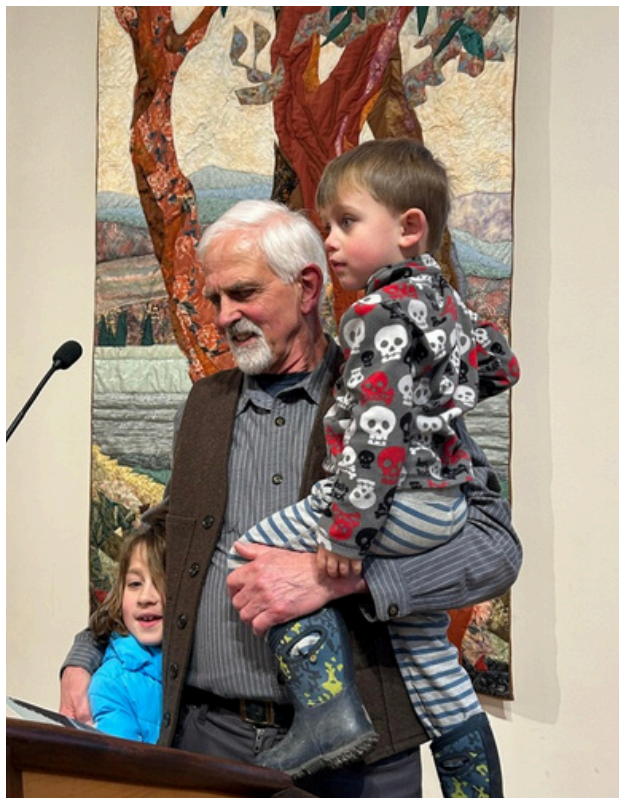
The Salish Sea Fellowship is a center for liberal religion, providing an independent, educational, spiritual and liberal religious community of mutual support that embraces the traditional *seven principles* of Unitarian Universalism. This is our Community Update for our friends and members. If you have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

HOW TO FIND US <<<

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday Service
December 7, 2 pm

CUMC, 130 Church Lane, Port Hadlock

Kurt Hoelting: Embracing the Storm

Kurt explores the “embracing the storm” metaphor, which is the title of the conclusion of his new book, in relation to both the challenges and the opportunities of the tumultuous times we are living through. Hoelting describes how this book began as a letter to his grandchildren, Neve and Ethan, now six and three years old. He wanted to paint for them a picture of what he lived for, and how he has attempted to keep alive for them what feels most precious about the world they still share.



STARTING 11/16
WE SHIFTED TO OUR
2:00 START TIME FOR
SUNDAY SERVICES FOR
THE WINTER MONTHS!



WILD ROSE CHORALE

Come enjoy a jazzy holiday with the Wild Rose Chorale! Christmas is in the air!

Saturday, December 13, 3:00 pm
Trinity United Methodist Church
609 Tyler Street, Port Townsend

Listen to the **Wild Rose Chorale** and hear more about their upcoming winter concerts **HERE!**



CHRISTMAS IN THE AIR
a *jazzy holiday* with

WILD ROSE CHORALE
LESLIE LEWIS, director

3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13
Trinity United Methodist Church
609 Taylor St., Port Townsend, Wash.

\$20 suggested donation at the door
INFORMATION: wildrosechorale.org,
wildrosechorale@gmail.com, 360-643-3345

UPCOMING EVENTS

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COMMUNITY HOLIDAY POTLUCK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 5 PM, CUMC

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.

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Scotty Scott: A Winter Celebration of Circles

This will be a Winter Celebration of Circles that affirms our 1st principle, the inherent worth and dignity of every person and their beliefs. The 3rd, which promotes acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth. And, finally, the 4th, the free and responsible search for truth and meaning. This is a special celebration of the Solstice with Christmas, we will be reflecting on the simple gift of life, which gives us grace.



GAMES & SNACKS WITH FRIENDS



Games & Snacks with Friends will be put on hold through November and December, but will return in January. Keep your gaming skills sharp by playing with your friends and family this holiday season!

ALPs (Adult Learning Programs)

NEWS

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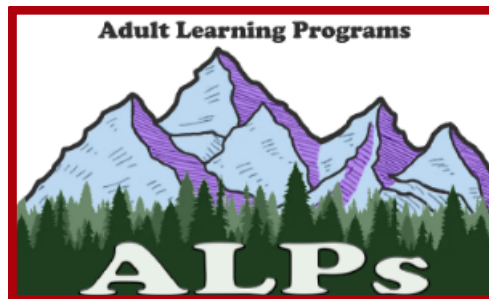
It's that wonderful time of year again, our beloved ALPs program is underway!

Fall ALPs programming runs from Sept. 19 through the end of the year. A flyer of ALPs offerings, as well as a link to sign up, are available on our Salish Sea Fellowship website [HERE](#).

ALPs Spring Term NEWS!

Calling all folks interested in volunteering to present a Salish Sea Fellowship Adult Learning Program (ALPs) class, event, or field trip. Details, and a proposal submission form, are available below:

- ALPs activities are open to all without cost (except for possible class books/materials or transportation/admission fees for field trips) and free of commercial content. Presenters are volunteers.
- The Spring ALPs Term 2026 will run Feb. 1 through May.
- ALPs classes and events occur at Community United Methodist Church in Port Hadlock (or in local venues by special arrangement).
- **Please complete and submit the form [HERE](#) by December 15.**



FROM YOUR SSF BOARD



Follow up to Our Annual Meeting:

Our Annual Meeting was held Sunday, Nov. 9, and we passed a budget for 2026 of \$73,100. Click [HERE](#) to access the 2026 Pledge Form to continue your contribution to the expansion of our dear Fellowship. Please return your pledge to our Treasurer, Judy King: 260 McMinn Rd. Port Townsend, 98368, email: judith.king2@icloud.com. We appreciate your support as we look forward to another year of community and connection!

At its most recent meeting, your new Board elected officers as follows: President Nils Pedersen, Vice-President Rob Wamstad, Secretary Gary Nelson and Treasurer Judy King, with members at large Megan Cate, Ron Strange, and Brian Rogers.



View Doug Rodger's "An Introduction to Salish Sea Fellowship" video [HERE](#)!

Doug's video is a wonderful resource if folks inquire about our fellowship. Well done, Doug!



MEMBERSHIP



Membership Status: Consider Becoming a Member this Holiday Season!

Our community is growing and expanding thanks to our members. We'd love to have you join us too! 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. Make community a priority in 2026!

CHRISTMAS DAY POTLUCK



Would you like to gather with friends on Christmas Day? If so, Joyce and Nils will be hosting a **Christmas Day Potluck at their house in Port Townsend at 1pm** for anyone interested in enjoying some holiday cheer! Thank you to Joyce and Nils for opening up their home!

Please contact Joyce at joyce.francis.pt@gmail.com or 301-512-6815.

LIGHTHOUSE GROUP



GOOD NEWS!



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Do you seek deeper spiritual and personal connections? Do you enjoy opportunities to talk meaningfully and openly about your hopes, fears, and beliefs? **If so, join our new Lighthouse Group!** The new Lighthouse Group has scheduled its orientation meeting for **Tuesday Dec. 9 at 1:00-3:00 at Anne Virtue's home. There is still room for 2 additional members.** If you are interested, please contact **Anne at annevirtue@yahoo.com** or **Virginia at nixonvirginia@gmail.com**. Thanks so much to Virginia for her guidance and to Anne for opening up her home! Community fills up our hearts.

SCIENCE AND SPIRIT GROUP



The **Science & Spirit Group** has been meeting for about 15 years and aims to discuss scientific, biological, psychological, and experiential factors underlying mystical and unity experiences – the confluence of science and spirituality. We will explore the giants upon whose shoulders we stand, including Thich Nhat Hahn, Carl Jung, Alfred North Whitehead, Iain McGilchrist, and Roland Griffiths, to name a few. We aim to avoid polemics or advocacy for any dogmatic religious faith, while emphasizing the universality and deep biological hunger for meaning found in direct spiritual experience. Before COVID, we met in person, then switched to Zoom, and have not yet changed back. We are discussing an option to meet in person once per month. **We can welcome 4 to 6 new courageous explorers.** Join us! If interested, come for a visit. Contact Gary Nelson, porpoiseseeker@gmail.com, 360.531.2395.

CARING AND CONCERNS TEAM



Breakfast Club: Breakfast Club continues during the winter months! As the seasons change, get together for good friends and lively conversation. Sarah, Karen, and others hang out on Wednesdays at **9:30 AM** at the **Bay View Restaurant**. Join together for coffee, tea, breakfast, or even pie. You could also add ice cream (it's in the dairy group)!

Carpooling to Events: If you are interested in carpooling to events, please send an email to salishseafellowship@gmail.com. Tell us your preferred pickup location and phone number, and we will figure out a plan. We belong to each other.

Friend of the Fellowship, Sheila Harwood, is in the life care facility in Port Townsend, Room #111. Sheila loves receiving both cards and visitors! Sending Sheila our very best this holiday season.

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](#). **Please contact Gary Nelson at gnelson.zynrgy@gmail.com for additional support.** Thanks so much to Gary and Doug Rodgers for all of their hard work and expertise. It takes a village, folks!



SUPPORTING OUR NEIGHBORS



Supporters of The General Store at the United Methodist Church in Port Hadlock!

We are reaching out for your help once again because "the times, they are getting hard." Food Banks are losing significant governmental funding. We have seen our shopper numbers rising Saturday after Saturday. The General Store is the only store in the Tri-Area giving out totally free food, clothing, shoes, and more! This is where you come in. The General Store at CUMC is collecting a specific list of items that are in high demand in our community. Please see the listed items that are needed [HERE](#). **The CUMC General Store asks that we only donate the items that they've requested, as that they have very limited storage space.** Donations can be delivered between 10:00 am and 12:30 pm Saturday mornings ONLY to:

Methodist Church General Store, 130 Church Lane, Port Hadlock

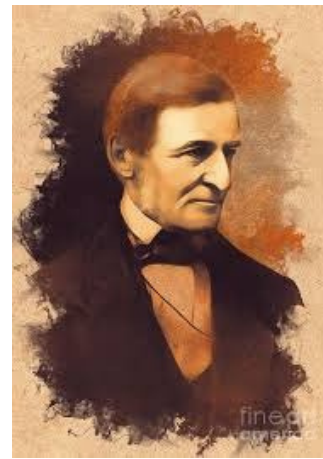
Our Salish Sea Fellowship Community appreciates and supports all the work that the CUMC does to tend to our neighbors in need.

UU JOKE OF THE WEEK



Did you hear about the latest UU miracle?

A member saw the face of Ralph Waldo Emerson on a block of tofu at the Blue Moose Cafe last week!



“Nothing can bring you peace but yourself.”

-Emerson

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](#). Enjoy a past service in the comfort of your own home with a warm cup of coffee!



HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS

Let's support the CUMC General Store during these cold winter months by donating warm scarves, gloves, socks, and sleeping bags to those in our community! Donations can be delivered between 10:00 am and 12:30 pm Saturday mornings ONLY to:

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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. We belong to each other.