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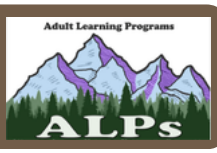
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ABOUT US

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.

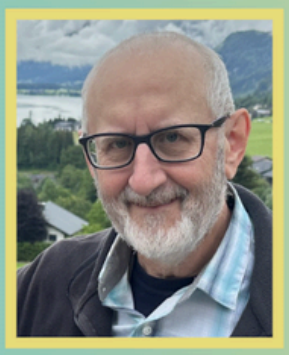
Click **HERE** for our Zoom link for viewing our services, or go to Zoom and enter Meeting ID: 909 702 5487, Passcode: 338490.

SPECIAL EVENT

Salish Sea Fellowship

Presents a Special Event & Public Discussion





Date: October 31
Time: 3:00 - 5:00
Location:
130 Church Lane, Port Hadlock
Audience discussion with Q&A will follow
Suggested donation $10
All are welcome

AI: *TO RISK OR NOT TO RISK, THAT IS THE QUESTION*

Rev. Todd Eklof makes the case for the good that AI is already doing and its future potential. That we should not let our fear of change stop us from leveraging the transformational potential of AI. Rev. Eklof has written and continues to give sermons in support of AI.

Ken Ing has produced and presented both online classes and in-person classes on the foreseeable downsides of AI. He holds that these downsides significantly exceed the anticipated benefits. He states that we should exit the AI highway while we still can.

Learn more at:
salishseafellowship.org

This Event will be available to watch and discuss over Zoom! (link: HERE)

SUNDAY SERVICE





BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES WILL START AT 2:00 PM

Rev. Todd Eklof
November 1, 2 pm
130 Church Lane, Port Hadlock

Title: A Kinder, Gentler Nation—Really?

In 1988 George H. W Bush ran for U.S. President expressing his desire to help create a "kinder, gentler nation" by encouraging Americans to care for others through volunteerism, as "a thousand points of light," and by promoting "decency" in public life. He didn't succeed. But his remains a common and human wish, even for those who, in practice, consciously or unconsciously, work against it. In this sermon we'll consider what it means to be kind and gentle, and why these qualities ought to be expressed and extended to others.

Bio: Rev. Todd Eklof has been a Unitarian minister since 1999, and has served the UU Church of Spokane since 2011. In addition to having also served Clifton Unitarian Church in Louisville, Kentucky, he worked for 16 years in television news and corporate video production. His diverse professional background is complemented by academic degrees in philosophy, communications, religious studies, and ministry. He's also been a certified member of the American Philosophical Practitioners Association (APPA) since 2004. He and his wife Peggy have been married since 1988 and have two children.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, November 8, at 3:30 pm
CUMC

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, so the Board has decided to hold our meeting, along with our Community Potluck, on Sunday, November 8, 2026 starting at 3:30pm at the Community United Methodist Church, 130 Church Lane in Port Hadlock. We estimate the potluck should start at its usual time of 5pm, immediately following the meeting.
Attached you will find our Annual Meeting Agenda, a ballot, a proxy form, the budget. and biographical statements for Board candidates, Chris Copeland and Virginia Nixon.

Finally, 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!
~The Salish Sea Fellowship Board

VIDEO UPDATE: For those members who missed the last potluck and Joyce's NAUA PowerPoint presentation, please take the time to view her short video, offering an update on the NAUA, and reasons why the SSF might join as an institutional member. We will be voting on a proposal at the Annual Meeting on November 8. Watch Joyce's video about the NAUA **HERE**.



COMMUNITY POTLUCK



November 8 at 5:00 pm

130 Church Lane, Port Hadlock

Thankful and grateful for every plateful that November has to offer. — Unknown

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.

SUNDAY SERVICE





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Rev. Dr. Barry Andrews
November 15, 2 pm
130 Church Lane, Port Hadlock

Title: Transcendentalism and the Cultivation of the Soul

It has been a vital part of my ministry to make contemporary Unitarian Universalists aware, not only of the importance of Transcendentalism historically, but also to consider the ways in which the teachings of Emerson, Thoreau and other Transcendentalists might continue to enrich the spiritual lives of Unitarian Universalists today.

Bio: Rev. Dr. Barry Andrews served UU congregations in Spokane, New York City, San Diego and Long Island. He is minister emeritus of the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock. In the course of his ministry he has preached, lectured, written and led conversations on topics relating to Transcendentalist writers and their spiritual practices. He is the author of numerous books, most recently *Transcendentalism and the Cultivation of the Soul*, *American Sage: The Spiritual Teachings of Ralph Waldo Emerson*, and *The Gospel According to This Moment: The Spiritual Message of Henry David Thoreau*, all published by the University of Massachusetts Press. Since their retirement, Barry and his wife Linda have been living on Bainbridge Island.

ALPS NEWS!

Adult Learning Programs

ALPs

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



Expand you mind and engage with your community. Sign up today!

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 November:

Camp Beausite Northwest







"At Camp Beausite, we believe in an environment that respects the inherent dignity and rights of all individuals, regardless of their abilities, backgrounds, or experiences."

The mission of Camp Beausite Northwest (CBNW) is to provide a safe, inclusive and joy-filled camp experience for people with special needs and their families. Located on 55 acres in Port Hadlock and accredited by the American Camp Association, its annual offerings include week-long camp sessions during the summer and weekend respite programs during the rest of the year. It serves over 350 campers ages 10-99+ and 1000 caregivers annually.

Campers can experience new friendships, fun, laughter, and a break from their daily routines without skipping a beat in their development and progress. The maximum staff to camper ratio is 1:4. To support campers in wheelchairs or those who require ADL [activities of daily living] care for all needs the ratio may be 1:1. While at camp, all attendees have access to arts and crafts, nature hikes, scavenger hunts, field games, STEM activities, basketball games and archery, as well as campfires, singing, star gazing, skits and silliness. The campers savor ordinary delights, and their regular caregivers have a breather.

Sunday Services this Fall & Winter

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



SSF SOUP CHEFS



A huge shout-out to our Salish Sea Fellowship soup chefs for donating their cooking skills to help feed our neighbors at the CUMC's Saturday Soup Kitchen every 3rd Saturday.

Some of these folks have made soup three or four times!

If you would like to join this list of soup chefs, please email Kendra Golden at kendragolden@gmail.com.

Thank you to: Anne Virtue, Caroline Miner, Carolyn Salmon, Celeste Dybeck, Celeste Archambault, Clara Mason, David Rymph, Elaine Nelson, Gail Sandlin, Jo Ellen Thompson, Joyce Francis, Judy McCutchen, Judy King, Karen Wamstad, Kathleen Croston, Kendra Golden, Lily Gold, Liz Barnes, Pam Daly, Pam Clise, Penny Ridderbusch, Scotty Scott, Shary Irwin, Sherry Modrow, Susan Kriegel, Terry Copeland, & Virginia Nixon

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.