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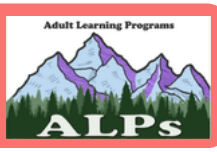
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ABOUT US

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



ILLIBERALISM

DAVID CYCLEBACK:

A CRITIQUE OF ILLIBERAL TRENDS IN LIBERAL INSTITUTIONS

Date: October 18
Time: 4pm, doors open at 3:30pm
Location: Salish Sea Fellowship, 130 Church Lane, Port Hadlock
All are welcome

David Cycleback, Ph.D. is a cognitive scientist, philosopher, and artifacts historian. He is a member of the British Royal Institute of Philosophy and author of 10 university textbooks, including his popular, "Illiberalism: A Critique of Illiberal Trends in Liberal Institutions with a Focus on Unitarian Universalism".

Dr. Cycleback will speak on the narrowing of Unitarian Universalism and what it means for pluralism and open inquiry.

Salish Sea Fellowship
An Independent Community
of Universalists & Unitarians

Learn more at: salishseafellowship.org

FRIENDSHIP SUPPER



October Friendship Supper

October 25

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Home of Penny Ridderbusch & Kathleen Croston

Penny Ridderbusch & Kathleen Croston invite you to join them for October's Friendship Supper at 5:30 PM on Sunday, October 25, at their home in Port Townsend. Sign up at https://tinyurl.com/SSF-FriendshipSuppers

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
uggested donation $10
All are welcome

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

Reverend Dr. 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. Dr. 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

SUNDAY SERVICE





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

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

Sermon 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. Dr. 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

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 of 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!

COMMUNITY POTLUCK



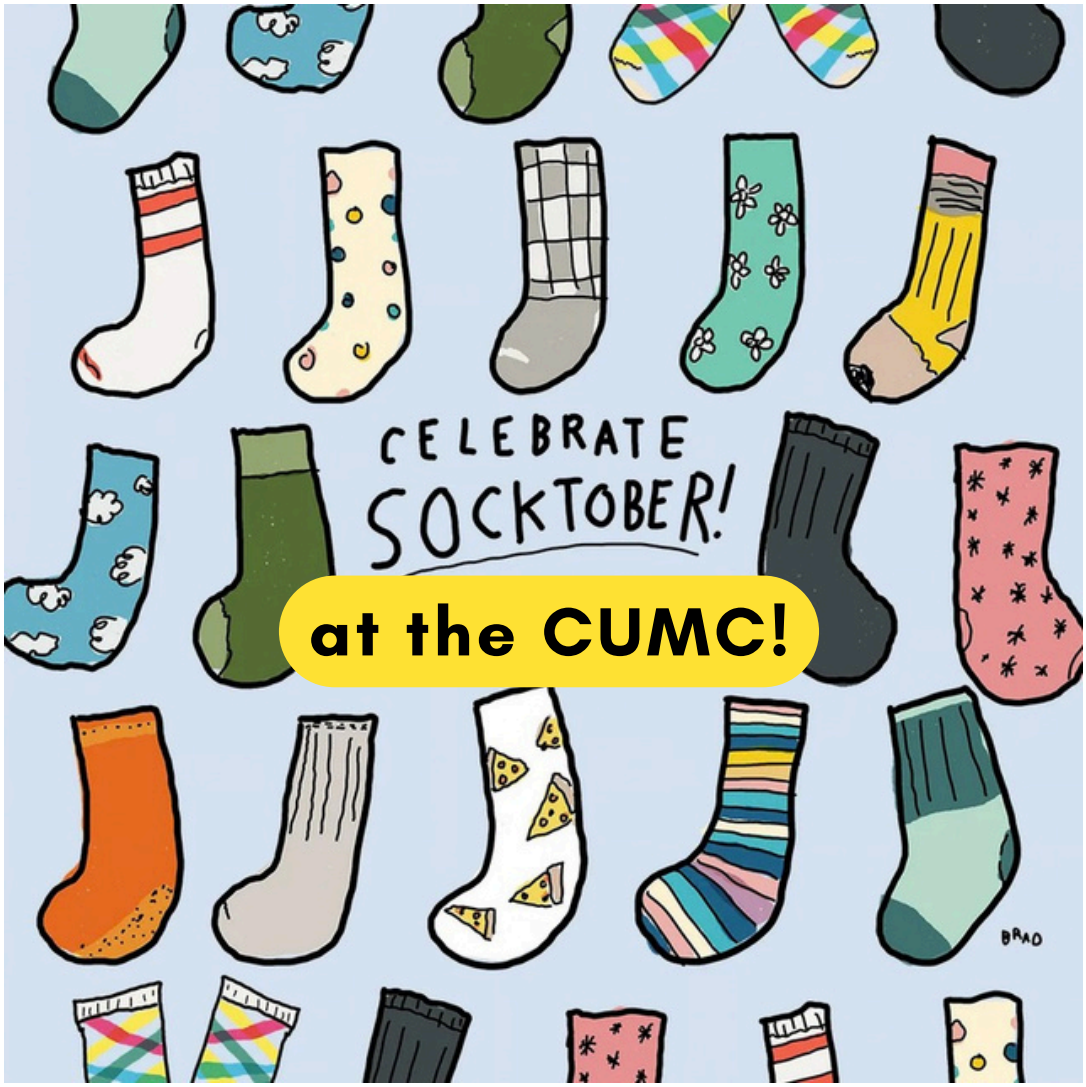
November 8 at 5:00 pm

130 Church Lane, Port Hadlock

Laughter is brightest in the place where food is good.
– Irish Proverb

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.

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!

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

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



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.