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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](mailto: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



Featuring  
The Madrigal  
Singers!

**September 20, 4 pm**

**CUMC, 130 Church Lane, Port Hadlock**

**Scott Rosecrans: The Separation of Church and State**

While the Church and State often want the same things for the people they serve they can't be one and the same. There must be a healthy separation for each to survive and function effectively according to their calling.

# FRIENDSHIP SUPPER



**September 27, 5:30 pm**  
**Nils Pedersen & Joyce Francis**

September Friendship Supper - Nils Pedersen & Joyce Francis invite you to join them for September's Friendship Supper at 5:30 PM on Sunday, Sept 27, at their home in Port Townsend. Main course and needed offerings will be noted soon. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/SSF-FriendshipSuppers>



October  
2nd-4th



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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.

# UPCOMING 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.

# COMMUNITY POTLUCK

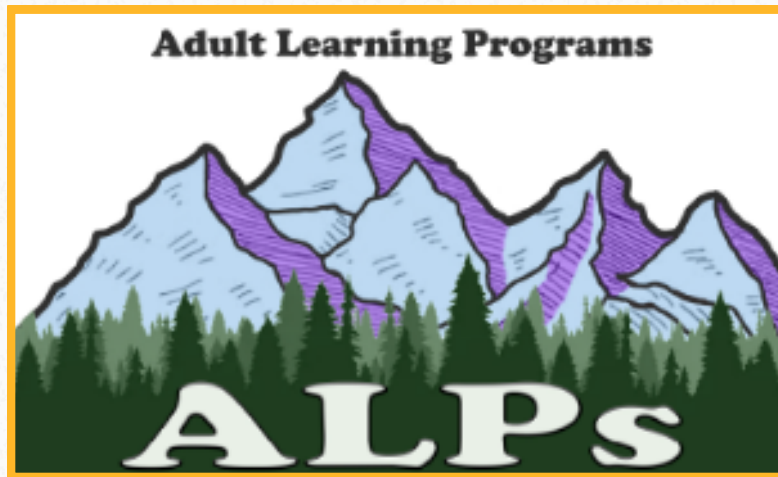


**October 11 at 5:00 pm**  
**CUMC, 130 Church Lane, Port Hadlock**

*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.

# ALPS NEWS!



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

Learn more about the  
**Port Townsend Psychedelic  
Society**  
**HERE!**

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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](mailto:salishseafellowship@gmail.com). Please make sure that these groups are local non-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) status.

## Community Offering for September: **Port Townsend Psychedelic Society**



Port Townsend Psychedelic Society aims to cultivate appreciation and respect for entheogens and their healing potentials within our community. We support decriminalization, a grow-gift-gather approach, and are committed to ensuring these medicines are equitably accessible. We seek to educate and empower our community members to engage with psychedelics in safe, respectful, and effective ways. We believe entheogens can help us cultivate a healthier community of individuals connected with themselves, one another, the more than human world, and spiritual well-being.

**Please send any ideas for future community offering recipients to:  
Barbara McCaughin at [barbaraj6834@gmail.com](mailto:barbaraj6834@gmail.com)**



# Sunday Services this Fall



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**Oct 18: Dr. David Cycleback**, Director, Center for Artifact Studies, and author of university textbooks in cognitive science and philosophy

**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 easily donate electronically! You may donate to our General Fund or our Community Outreach Fund on our SSF website [HERE](#)! Thanks again, Paul!



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](mailto:kjmwamstad@gmail.com). *We belong to each other!***

# CUMC GENERAL STORE



The Methodist's General Store is once again accepting donations - on a limited basis. **(Note: They always need more men's clothing than women's, and never need office wear or really dressy clothing.)**

Here are the particulars:

Men: jeans, hooded sweatshirts, sweatpants, gently used and clean socks, shoes and boots, both long- and short sleeved t-shirts, lightweight jackets.

Women: shoes and boots, handbags, gently used and clean socks.

All donations need to be clean, in good repair (no rips, tears, or stains), and have plenty of life left in them. Also, donations must be unscented. For shoes, please make sure they are in good repair and have plenty of wear left in them. If you would go into a resale or second hand shop and buy the items you are donating and use them as is, the store will be most happy to take them. The store is open Saturdays from 10 to about 1, or you may give your items to Kate Madson and she will pass them along.

# SUNDAY SERVICES ON ZOOM

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## 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!**



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



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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)**

Belton: [Commence](#), [Envision](#), [Serene](#)

Bernafon: [Encanta](#) (APP version  $\geq$  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  $\geq$  1.3.0 & with latest Companion app) , Zeal

Philips: Hearlink 9050 (firmware  $\geq$  1.3.0)

Resound: Enzo IA, [Nexia](#), [Savi](#), [Vivia](#)

Starkey: Edge AI, Omega AI

Widex: Allure (firmware  $\geq$  5.1.20)



# RECYCLING AT CUMC



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Since the county no longer provides free recycling bins, we ask fellowship members with curbside recycling to take the church's recyclables home for disposal. Kindly inspect the storeroom adjacent to the kitchen, as well as the clearly marked recycling bins located in both the sanctuary and office. This will help us avoid the cost of our own curbside service.

## 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](mailto:kmadson3of9@gmail.com) or Kendra Golden at [kendrajgolden@gmail.com](mailto:kendrajgolden@gmail.com)**. Thank you so much to Kate and Kendra for their dedication to feeding our neighbors.

