

Salish Sea Fellowship

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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.





Sunday Service
January 4, 2 pm
CUMC, 130 Church Lane, Port Hadlock

Joe Euro -
Cashin' In On My Life's Passions: Wine, Music and Travel

Joe Euro will lead us, with his words and music, through the journey of his life. From a Beatles-loving boy, to finding his love for the guitar in college, to exploring the world of food, wine, and travel, and all the while running his small business downtown Port Townsend for the last 44 years. Joe is a staple of our community.

NOTE: This service will last approximately 30-45 minutes longer than usual, and will not have a question/answer period following.



COMMUNITY POTLUCK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 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.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday Service

January 18, 2 pm

CUMC, 130 Church Lane, Port Hadlock

Richard Meadows: Invitation Cycles

In considering Henry David Thoreau's quote, "We are constantly invited to be what we are," the presentation will explore how life often offers an invitation to step into who we are truly meant to be and how these invitations require a degree of courage.



GAMES & SNACKS WITH FRIENDS

Games & Snacks with Friends will resume after the New Year. Keep your eyes posted for our next Community Update for further details!

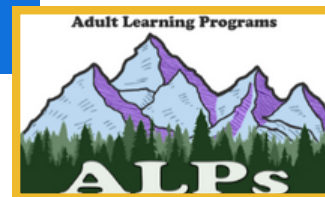
MEMBERSHIP



Membership Status: Consider Becoming a Member this New Year!

Our community is growing and expanding thanks to our members. Speaking of, welcome new Members, Ikue and Tom Goldstein! 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!**

ALPs (Adult Learning Programs)



Get ready for ALPs in 2026!

- 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)
- **The ALPs Brochure and Sign-Up Genius will be available January 4th!**
- The offering of classes will be available as an insert in the Order of Sunday Service on January 4th.
- ALPs will offer 21 programs, that's a 25% growth since last spring's ALPs Term! Awesome job to Joyce Francis and all of the presenters! What a wonderful offering to our community.
- **Sign up quickly, as that there will be an ad in PT Leader on the 14th, classes fill up fast!**

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, Ron Strange, and Brian Rogers. The Salish Sea Fellowship Board wishes you a peaceful and joyour New Year! Cheers to growing friendship and community in 2026!



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

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



LIGHTHOUSE GROUP



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 recently held their first meeting! **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 with getting this group up and running! It takes a village.

SCIENCE AND SPIRIT GROUP



The **Science & Spirit Group** has been meeting for about 15 years and aims to focus on and discuss scientific, biological, psychological, and experiential factors underlying mystical and unity experiences. The giants upon whose shoulders we stand include Thich Nhat Hahn, Carl Jung, Alfred North Whitehead, Iain McGilchrist, Michael Levin, memories of Roland Griffiths, to name a few. We aim to avoid polemics or advocacy for dogmatic religious faith while emphasizing the universality and deep biological hunger for meaning found in direct spiritual experience. We meet weekly and strive to present and share diverse personal accounts, including (but not limited to) those from atheists, skeptics, and religious believers. Before COVID, we met in person, then switched to zoom and have not yet changed. **Beginning in 2026, we will meet in person on the second Monday of each month.** We can welcome perhaps 4 to 6 new courageous explorers. 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 Angeles. Sheila loves receiving both cards and visitors! Laurel Place 1133 East Park Place #113, PA, WA 98362

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 for getting this up and running!



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.

UUNDERWORLD



Are you aware of the compelling and thoughtful online publication, UUnderWorld?! UUnderWorld is a monthly online magazine for freethinking Unitarians, Universalists, and spiritual liberals. Salish Sea Fellowship's own, Joyce Francis, has a piece titled, *I Believe in Grace*, on page 16 of the January edition. You may access it [HERE!](#) Subscribe to the UUnderWorld to receive their monthly publication free in your email inbox!

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:

**Methodist Church General Store, 130 Church Lane,
Port Hadlock**

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. Let's challenge ourselves to give back to our community as much as possible in 2026!

