

Salish Sea Fellowship

Community Update



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WELCOME**

»»» 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.



**JOIN US IN
COMMUNITY**

SUNDAY SERVICE



Sunday Service

May 17, 4 pm

CUMC, 130 Church Lane, Port Hadlock

Rev. Pam Douglas-Smith:

A Curriculum of the Soul: The Spirit of the Holy Isle of Iona

The Holy Isle of Iona is one of those sacred places where the veil is thin and we can pilgrimage into spiritual realms within and without. Iona invites us to journey into the wonders and mysteries that Celtic Christianity offers as inspiration for navigating the challenging times in which we find ourselves today.

FRIENDSHIP SUPPERS

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Friendship Suppers are informal, intimate potluck gatherings held in members' homes or even at the Fellowship (CUMC). It's a simple idea for our 4th Sundays, and we hope a good way to build community and deepen connections through shared meals and conversation. It's not a new idea; at various UU congregations they have been called Circle Suppers, Dinner for Eight, or Small Group Dinners. The basic idea is that a host announces a day and time, and members sign up; the host coordinates the contributions.

**We are going to have our first two
Friendship Suppers on May 24!**

**Virginia Nixon/Dan Servos & Nils Pedersen/Joyce Francis
will be our gracious hosts.**

**All info is available at the SignUpGenius [HERE](#).
Don't delay in signing up, as spaces are limited!**

5TH SUNDAY HOME FELLOWSHIP



Date: Sunday, May 31

Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

**Location: Home of Paul Hinton & Joannie Murphy
131 Timber Heights Drive, Port Ludlow**

We will gather to enjoy one another's company and watch Brené Brown's video on Community Connection, followed by lively discussion. Drinks & light hors d'oeuvres will be provided.

All info is available at the SignUpGenius [HERE](#).

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UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICE

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Joseph Bednarik

June 7, 4 pm

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



We enthusiastically welcome Joseph back to the Fellowship! It's always wonderful to hear what delightful insights and introspections Joseph has to share with us all. What a treasure Joseph Bednarik is to our community.



SUMMER ACTIVITY DATES

We will be modifying our schedule for the summer months, and will resume our regular programming in September. More information will be forthcoming, but please add these dates to your calendar!

- July 12: Community Event**
- July 26: Poetry Sunday Service**
- August 9: Community Event**
- August 23: Sunday Service**



POETRY SUNDAY

Sunday, July 26

We are looking for participants in the upcoming "**SSF Favorite Poet Service**" on **Sunday, July 26**. Some of you may be familiar with Joseph Bednarik's format; or remember our service from last summer.

So what's it all about? The "**Favorite Poem**" service is a "regular" service except that poetry readings at intervals replace the sermon.

There are two main ingredients:

1) **Personal stories -- the more personal the better**

The service should be called "Tell Us A Deep Personal Story About Your Relationship with a Poem." Yes, we are highlighting/honoring a poem, but more importantly we are honoring/celebrating a relationship between a reader and a poem and deepening the congregation's relationship with the reader.

2) **The Congregation: Active Listeners**

The congregation has a major role as an active participant through the quality of their listening and silent applause response; not just a passive receiver.

Joseph's two strict rules:

1) **Four minutes maximum for a person's entire presentation, poem and personal story. This is basic time management and fairness.**

2) **Readers are not allowed to present a poem of a partner or close family member (unless they are published), or their own poem. Period.**

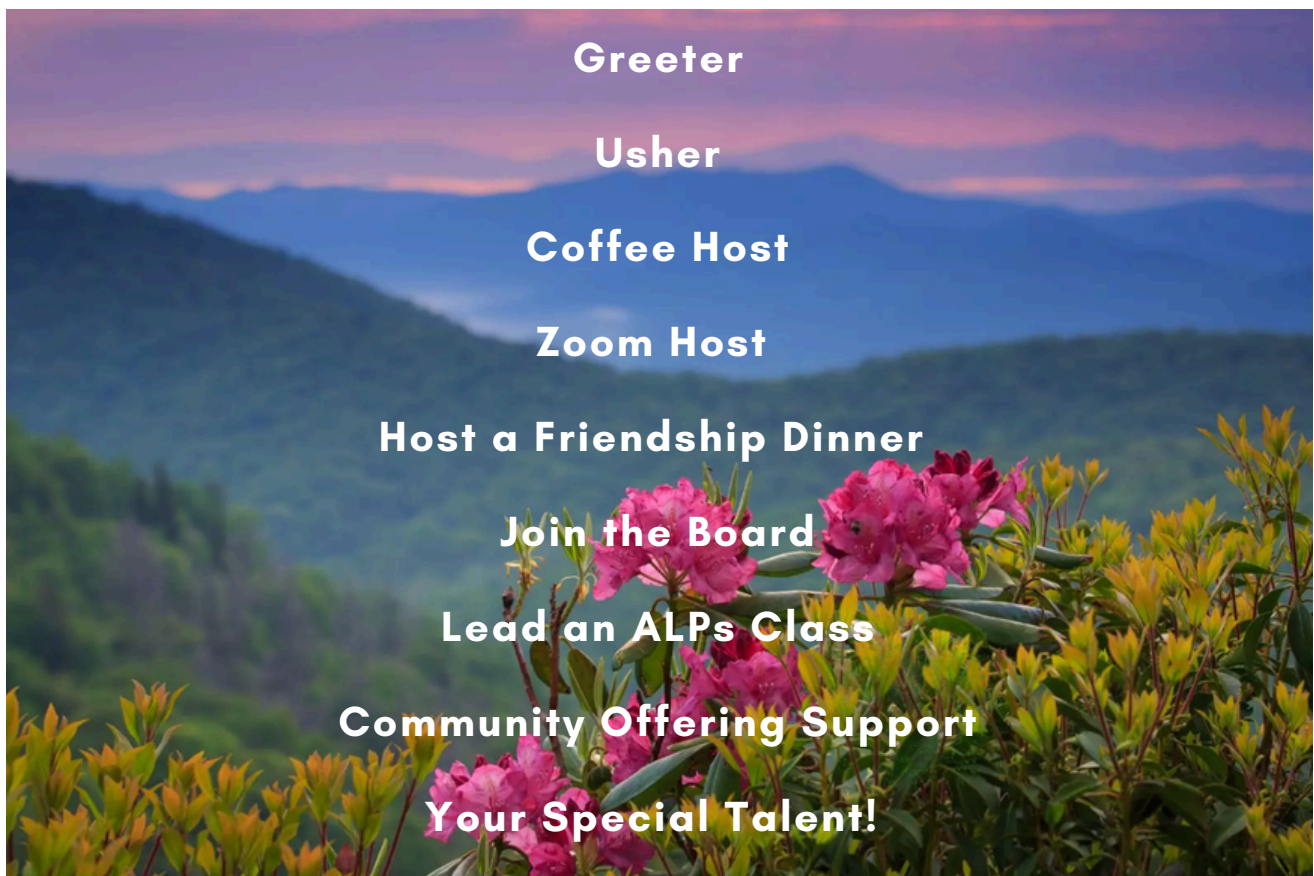
If interested, please submit your name, contact information, and the name of your poem/author to Rob Wamstad at wamstad.pt@gmail.com. It is anticipated that there will be time for 8 or 9 readings. **New presenters will have priority!**

GROW TOGETHER: GET INVOLVED

This summer our little Fellowship turns 2!

We're so thankful to all of our members and friends who have been along with us on this journey. Having a welcoming, supportive place to gather together is such a gift. We all need a soft place to land, especially during these challenging times.

Getting involved in the Salish Sea Fellowship is both easy and rewarding, and there's a role for everyone! Please consider volunteering for one of these support opportunities. Thank you so much. We belong to each other!



Email [**salishseafellowship@gmail.com**](mailto:salishseafellowship@gmail.com) to get involved today!

Sunday Service Over Zoom



Can't Join us in-person for a Sunday Service, join by Zoom!

Gail Sandlin has been working diligently to increase our Zoom experience; making sure that our Zoom friends are feeling included and involved. Gail has even been hosting conversations after the service, giving everyone the opportunity to debrief and discuss the sermon. Join us some Sunday over Zoom in your favorite cozy clothes and a hot cup of coffee!

You may access our Zoom link [**HERE**](#).

Join Us!

BRUNCH & WALK

Chris Copeland & Joyce Francis have discovered a new, fun activity -- walking the PT Golf Course at **1 PM on the first Sunday of the month**. Adding to our pleasure, we've discovered that the restaurant at the golf course offers wonderful brunches. **Reach out to Chris or Joyce to join along!**

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 am. **Join us, friends!**

Judy McCutchen: Our dear friend, Judy McCutchen, has moved to Bellingham to be closer to family. We know Judy will miss her friends at the Salish Sea Fellowship, and we will miss her tremendously. Send Judy a note letting her know she is in our hearts. Her address is: 4415 Columbine St. #306 Bellingham, 98226. Her landline is: 360-671-5965. **Let's flood Judy's mailbox with LOVE!**

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 May:

Jefferson Healthcare End of Life Services



The goal of Jefferson Healthcare end-of-life services is to provide holistic, compassionate care that honors patient dignity, manages pain and symptoms, and supports emotional and spiritual needs. The mission emphasizes allowing patients to live as meaningfully as possible, ensuring they feel in control and supported in their personal environment.

Thank you, Members & Friends! Through your generosity, Salish Sea Fellowship has donated nearly \$10,000 to local nonprofits, including: Jefferson County Immigrants Rights Advocates, Jefferson County Food Bank Association, National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI), Chimacum Commons Project, Habitat for Humanity, Dove House, Sunfield Land for Learning, Center Valley Animal Rescue, Bayside Housing, Food Bank Growers, Jumping Mouse, ECHHO, Olympic Angels, and JC MASH. We continue to be so humbled by the kindness of our community.

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. 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 lug into a receiver. The earbuds are free for you to use. After use, take the home and use them again for as many times as they survive. Then take a new set.

Auracast Compatible Hearing Aids:

(All require a smartphone app)

Beltone: [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)





Membership Status: Consider Becoming a Member this Spring!

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.



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](#).



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

Doug's video is a wonderful resource when folks inquire about our sweet little fellowship. Share it with friends and neighbors!

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!

