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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](mailto:salishseafellowship@gmail.com).

**Community Update #6 - October 17, 2024**

## **UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS**

As always, we meet in person at the Community United Methodist Church (CUMC) in Port Hadlock, 130 Church Lane. Our Zoom link for viewing our services is [this](#), or go to Zoom and enter Meeting ID: 844 7353 7286, Passcode: 753350. For upcoming events:

### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Service, September 22, 4 PM at CUMC**

Paul Hinton, *"Do not go gentle into that good night, and other nonsense," the joy and value of aging and the contribution to be made at this end of life's journey.*

### **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Service, October 6, 4 PM at CUMC**

Joseph Bednarik, "Sex and the Dictionary" Book bans are on the rise, and a Florida school district temporarily removed dictionaries to review for sexual content. As a counterweight, we celebrate human sexuality and the Our Whole Lives (OWL) by UU's.

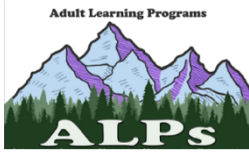
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday SSF Community Potluck, October 13, 5 PM at CUMC** (doors open at 4:30 for more socializing). Please RSVP to [salishseafellowship@gmail.com](mailto:salishseafellowship@gmail.com) so we know how many to expect, and as always, bring your own beverages and table settings, as well as a dish to share.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Service, October 20, 4 PM at CUMC**

Jim Golden, "Things I've Learned/Re-Learned/Have - Yet - to - Learn, Along the Way - UPDATE" In 2018 Jim gave a sermon of the same title. Now 6 years later a lot has changed. Some have disappeared, some become irrelevant, and some lessons learned.

*To learn more about our upcoming services,  
or to watch a service you missed, please go [here](#).*

## ADULT LEARNING PROGRAMS (ALPs)



Sign up Now! The Fall ALPs Program is underway mid-September

And it includes 14 exciting classes and field trips. The brochure with full descriptions and signup instructions is available on our website:

<https://salishseafellowship.org/other-activities-and-events>

## CARING AND CONCERNS TEAM

Yes, we all have needs at one time or another! Sometimes a kind word or deed is enough, but we at SSF want to be able to organize for longer-term health disruptions.

Would you be willing to let Karen Wamstad know which of the following tasks you would be able to take on as your schedule allows? For example:

- making a home visit (or zoom or phone check-in)
- providing a ride to medical appointments or to fellowship services & events
- grocery shopping
- setting up occasional coffee dates in town
- providing a meal from time to time
- performing light household tasks (taking trash/recycling out, reorganizing a storage area so that items are in safe reach, doing laundry, changing a bed)
- offering a guest room to a relative/friend visiting from out of town

Please reach out to Karen via [salishseafellowship@gmail.com](mailto:salishseafellowship@gmail.com) to be on a list of helpers for specific tasks or to notify Karen of someone who wishes to receive personal contact/help from our Team. Names of people in need will never be used in Joys & Sorrows or in this newsletter without their explicit permission to do so.

## COMMUNITY AND CONECTEDNESS

Yesterday at the SSF potluck, 31 met for delicious dining and conversation punctuated by laughter, reportedly heard out in the parking lot. Continuing the theme of community enrichment from David Rymph's service a week ago, we explored ways to deepen our connectedness. Not unexpectedly, gathering in small groups with food was a dominant choice! If you wish to join an initial small group meeting to work on priorities and details, please send a note to Karen Wamstad at [salishseafellowship@gmail.com](mailto:salishseafellowship@gmail.com).

## NEW CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

Lily Gold has joined us this week as the new SSF Administrator. She was born and raised in Irondale where her parents still live. Lily proudly attended Chimacum schools, kindergarten through 12th grade. After high school, she spent some exciting summers in Sitka, growing and exploring. Then it was on to Portland working with developmentally disabled adults and learning about herself. Later she ended up at Northern Arizona University where she received a double major in elementary education and in special education. There her fire for education and equity was lit. Lily taught 5th & 6th grade in central Phoenix for 7 years, then became an instructional coach for middle school teachers at an inner city school of 1,600 students. These 15 years in Phoenix were integral to her development as an educator.

In 2016 Lily relocated to Eugene, Oregon, and became the English Language Development Coordinator for the Eugene 4j school district. It was Lily's honor to serve her teachers and students for the last 8 years as organizer and advocate. Supporting the most marginalized students and their teachers has been her life's work.

Lily's greatest pride and joy is her 20 year old son, Liam, who is currently a junior at Oregon State University. Lily finds her daily happiness exploring nature with her rescue pups, Atticus and Olive Oyl, attending yoga classes, and reading and learning as much as possible while she's on this beautiful planet. Finally, after 30 years, Lily has incredible gratitude to have returned to this community that raised her so well. It indeed did take an entire village. She is also eager to get to know everyone in the Salish Sea Fellowship and to learn how to serve this group to the best of her abilities. She encourages everyone to reach out with any questions or suggestions.

### **FROM YOUR BOARD** - Ron Strange, Gary Nelson, Judy King, Rob Wamstad & Nils Pedersen

The board next meets on October 9, 2024. If you are interested in coming to our meeting, please let us know by dropping an email to [salishseafellowship@gmail.com](mailto:salishseafellowship@gmail.com). We will be working on:

- a membership directory,
- onboarding our part-time administrator, and
- planning an annual meeting, complete with board member elections, a budget for 2025, and another pledge campaign!

In the meantime, please consider how you might help. We can use volunteers in many different ways!

### **MEMBERSHIP**

We welcome all those interested in our spiritual community. If you would like to join us, please simply fill out the application [form](#) and return it to our Membership Chair, Judy McCutchen, at [judy@eagleroost.net](mailto:judy@eagleroost.net) or by snail mail to 2775 Claremont Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368. Your contact information may be shared among members of the Fellowship but will otherwise be kept confidential. You officially become a member once our board of directors approves the application.

### **FINALLY**

If you have announcements you'd like to make, suggestions for this Update, or anything else on your mind about our community, let us know at [SalishSeaFellowship@gmail.com](mailto:SalishSeaFellowship@gmail.com).