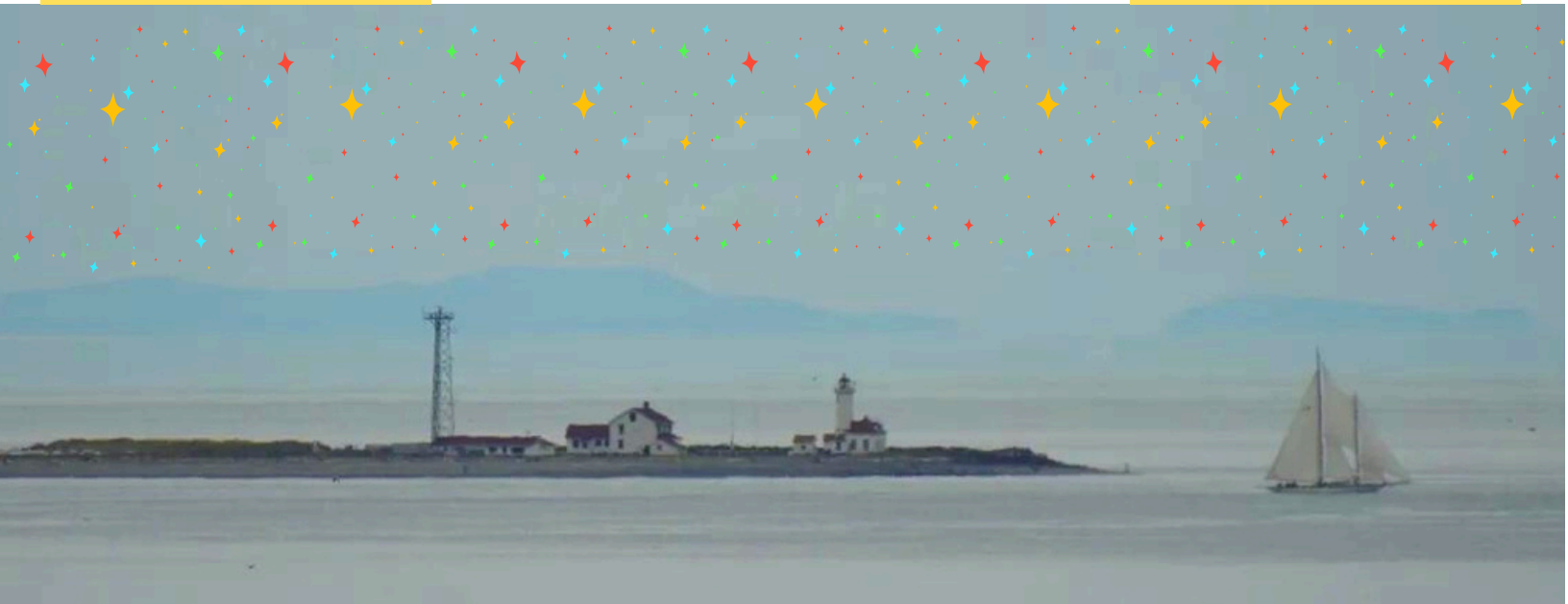




SALISH SEA FELLOWSHIP

A Religious Community with Open Hearts and Open Minds

COMMUNITY UPDATE



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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.



HOW TO FIND US ◀◀◀

We meet in-person at the Community United Methodist Church (CUMC) in Port Hadlock, 130 Church Lane. You may also access the Sunday services online. Click [HERE](#) for our Zoom link for viewing our services, or go to Zoom and enter Meeting ID: 844 7353 7286, Passcode: 753350.

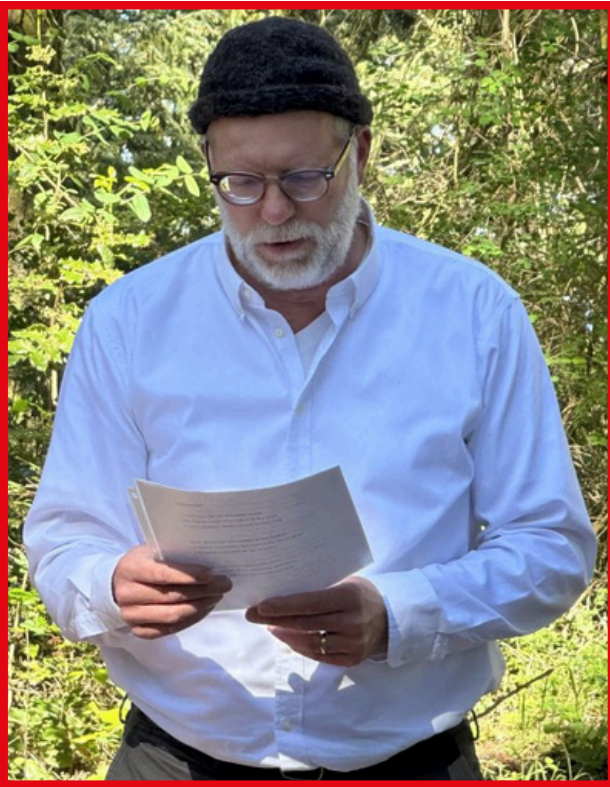





UPCOMING EVENTS

NOTE:

All Sunday Services from
January 5 - March 1
will take place at **2:00**



Joseph Bednarik: What Matters Most is Waking Up SUNDAY SERVICE, JANUARY 19, 2 PM AT CUMC

There is a brief, profound, and provocative poem by Antonio Machado that tells its readers "Beyond living and dreaming, what matters most is waking up." Where does this poem guide us and what, exactly, is the condition of wakefulness? This wide-eyed sermon joyfully wanders into those two questions.




WHERE TO WATCH



Services you missed, are available [HERE](#). Sunday services that are available include the sermon and readings. Also, we now have 18 subscribers to our YouTube channel! You may access our YouTube channel [HERE](#). Finally, you may also click [HERE](#) to access our Sunday services live on Zoom.




UPCOMING EVENTS



SALISH SEA COMMUNITY POTLUCK SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 5 PM AT CUMC

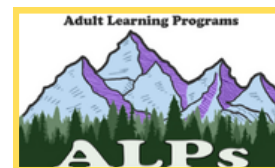


Doors open at 4:30 to allow for more socializing.

Please RSVP to 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. (PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TIME OF OUR COMMUNITY POTLUCK IS **NOT** CHANGING!)



ALPs (Adult Learning Programs)



Upcoming ALPs classes you won't want to miss:

- **INVITED TO SPEAK** - Saturday, Jan 25, 2-4 PM at CUMC. Joseph Bednarik will offer a one-time workshop on writing and delivering a sermon.
- **FISH WARS** - Monday, Jan 27, 10 AM-Noon in Blyn. Celeste Dybeck will share a documentary on tribal struggles to affirm their fishing rights, followed by a tour of the new, beautiful Tribal Library and lunch at 7 Brothers Restaurant for those who wish (at her 20% discount).
- **IS THE PROBLEM CLIMATE CHANGE OR SOMETHING ELSE?** - Wednesday, Feb 5, 4:30-6:30 PM at PT Library. Ron Strange will share a curated video presentation.
- **WINTER BIRDING** - Wednesday, Feb. 12, 8-11 AM at Fort Flagler. Master Birders Dave Rugh & Penny Ridderbusch will lead a walk along the shoreline & more.
- **CLIMATE TIPPING POINTS** - 3 Thursdays, Feb 12-27, 2-3:30 PM at CUMC. Environmentalist Mark Cooper will present 16 climate tipping points for your consideration.

See full descriptions and enrollment information at our Salish Sea Fellowship website [HERE](#).



CARING AND CONCERNS TEAM

Breakfast Club:

Breakfast Club meetings are back on after the bustle of the holidays!

Sarah and Karen will hang out on Wednesdays (**ALL Wednesdays of the month**) at **9:30 AM** at the **Bay View Restaurant**. Join together for coffee, tea, breakfast or even pie! You could add ice cream (in the dairy group)!

Community Potluck:

Please join us to chase away the cold and gloom with lots of laughter, chatter, and yummy food! Community fills up our hearts during cold winter months.

Carpooling to Events:

Have you noticed how dark it is lately? It's that time of year; if you are interested in carpooling, please send an email to salishseafellowship@gmail.com. Tell us your preferred pickup location and phone number, and we will figure out a plan.

4th Sunday Gathering Ideas:

We are looking to generate ideas of ways for us to gather together in community during the 4th Sunday of the month. All ideas are welcome!

If you have suggestions, please complete a brief Google Form [HERE](#).

For specific questions, please reach out to **Karen Wamstad** at kjmwamstad@gmail.com.

Small Group Offerings

The **Salish Sea Fellowship Political Discussion Group** began as an ALPs group with a goal of becoming an Interest Group. Currently five members are delving into national and global politics from the viewpoints of history and culture. Some of us are certainly more knowledgeable than others, but all are committed to study and discussion as world events change around us. Are past/current events just one thing after another? Or can we discern trends? **This is an ongoing group which meets regularly by Zoom on the first and third Thursdays from 3:30-5:00.** Are you interested in joining us at this developmental stage? Please call Martha Moyer at cell 360-460-2528 with questions.





FROM YOUR BOARD:

BRIAN ROGERS, RON STRANGE, GARY NELSON, JUDY KING, ROB WAMSTAD, & NILS PEDERSEN

If you have not already turned in your pledge for 2025, this is a kindly reminder to please do so. Having all pledges in hand, lets us make sure that we can plan for the coming year. Thanks so much, and if you need a pledge form, you may find it [HERE](#).

Happy New Year everyone,

Your Salish Sea Fellowship Board



HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS



Want to help our neighbors be warm and fed?

Our hosts, the Community United Methodist Church (CUMC) staff a free foodpantry and clothes closet on Saturdays from 10 to 1:00. With winter upon us, donations of individual pull-tab cans of chili, stew, hash and spam are exceptionally helpful, along with packets of hot chocolate, coffee and pasta with sauce. Warm coats, shirts, pants, scarves, gloves and blankets are also needed, but for now no lightweight clothing due to limited storage space. Please give nothing that is not clean, in good condition and something you would wear yourself.



CUMC also runs a weekly soup kitchen, and Salish Sea provides the soup (a gallon of vegie and a gallon with meat) on the third Saturday of the month. We are set through February, but 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.



Membership Status: Consider Becoming a Member in 2025!

As you may know, you become a member of the Salish Sea Fellowship by filling out the application form (available [HERE](#)), and then being approved by the Board. All membership applications we have received have been approved by the Board. However, we have not had any formal, or even informal, welcome ceremony to the Fellowship. We do think, though, that we should have an open recognition and welcome of our new members, and we will figure out how to put this in place. We value and welcome all our members, and we certainly hope no one has felt neglected.



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

