



# SALISH SEA FELLOWSHIP

A Religious Community with Open Hearts and Open Minds

## COMMUNITY UPDATE



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### >>> ABOUT US

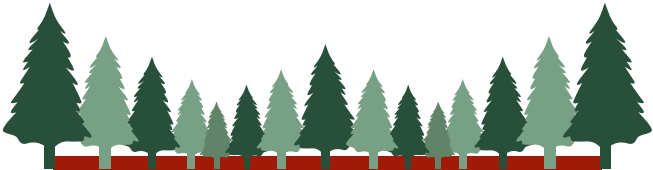
The Salish Sea Fellowship is a center for liberal religion providing an independent educational, spiritual and liberal religious community of mutual support that embraces the traditional *seven principles* of Unitarian Universalism. This is our Community Update for our friends and members. If you have anything you would like to tell the community, please let us know at [salishseafellowship@gmail.com](mailto:salishseafellowship@gmail.com).



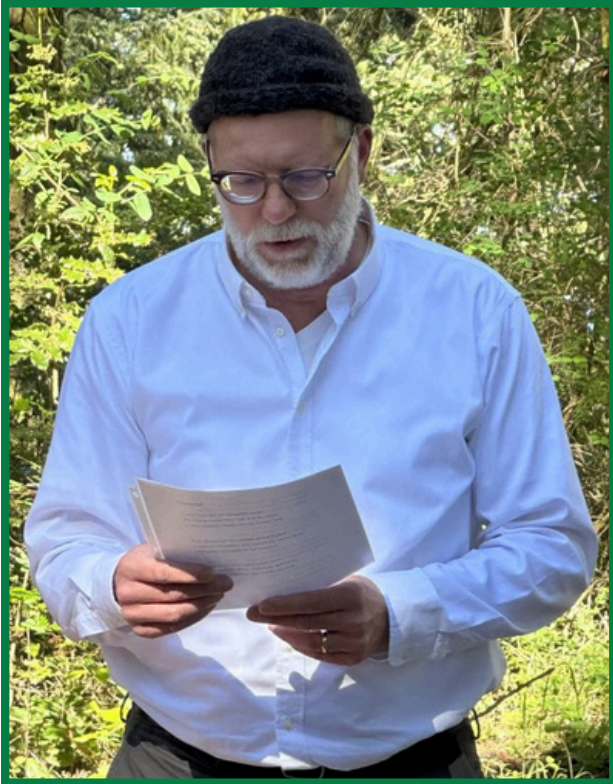
### HOW TO FIND US <<<

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



### Joseph Bednarik: Holding Hands with Grace SUNDAY SERVICE, DECEMBER 15, 4 PM AT CUMC

With holiday spirit in the air, this Sunday we explore what it means to meet strangers at dinner, and what happens when the usual chit-chat turns deep.



### Joseph Bednarik SUNDAY SERVICE, JANUARY 5, 4 PM AT CUMC

Additional information regarding Joseph's first Sunday Service in January will be available in the next Salish Sea Fellowship Community Update. Stay tuned, friends!



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, JANUARY 12, 5 PM AT CUMC**



Doors open at 4:30 to allow 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.



## MEMBERSHIP

### Membership Status:

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.



# CARING AND CONCERNS TEAM

## Breakfast Social:

Sarah Hull and Karen invite you to join them for Mid-week **Breakfast** at **9:30** at the **Roadhouse** (*change of venue*) on **Wednesdays** in **December** on the **11th** and the **18th**.

## Community Potluck:

During our Community Potluck last Sunday, **40 folks gathered together** to chase away the cold and gloom with lots of laughter, chatter, and yummy food! Join us!

## 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](mailto:salishseafellowship@gmail.com). Tell us your preferred pickup location and phone number, and we will figure out a plan.

## 4th Sunday Gathering Ideas:

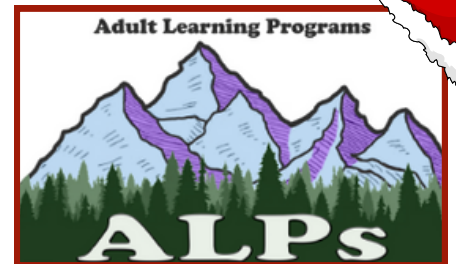
We are looking to generate ideas of ways for us to gather together in community during the 4th Sunday of the month. All ideas are welcome!

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

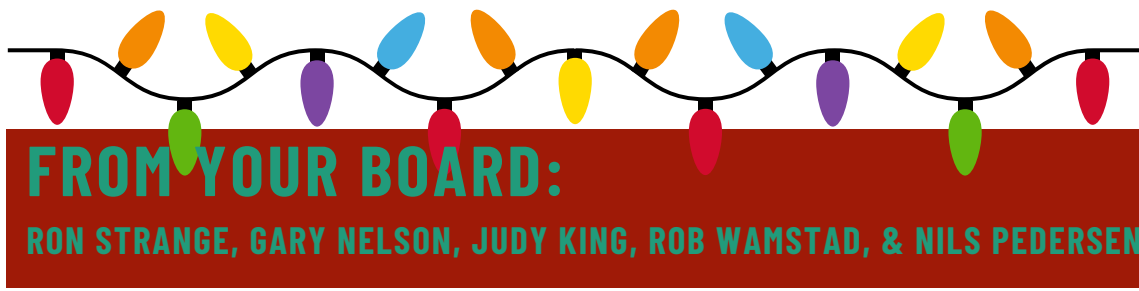
For specific questions, please reach out to **Karen Wamstad** at [kjmwamstad@gmail.com](mailto:kjmwamstad@gmail.com).



Spring Term of the ALPs Program will run from **January 20- May 31!** Please contact **Joyce Francis** at [joyce.francis.pt@gmail.com](mailto:joyce.francis.pt@gmail.com) with any questions. All courses will be shared in an upcoming Community Update. Keep your eyes peeled!







The first **Annual Meeting** of the **Salish Sea Fellowship** was held on **December 8, 2024**. About **80% of our members** were present either in person or on Zoom! As a result, the Membership has elected the following Members to the Board of Directors:

- Judy King (currently Treasurer),
- Gary Nelson (currently Treasurer),
- Nils Pedersen (currently President),
- Brian Rogers (new Member of the Board),
- Ron Strange (currently Member at Large), and
- Rob Wamstad (currently Vice-President).

Each member is elected for a two-year term. The Board officers will be chosen by the Board itself. The Board expresses its gratitude to the Membership for its participation in the meeting and its trust in the newly elected Board.

The Annual Meeting also approved a **budget for 2025**, which may be found **[HERE](#)**.

As Rob noted in the meeting, we included no reserve in the budget as we are very likely to conclude 2025 with a surplus. Forms were also handed out at the meeting for all to make their **pledge of contributions** toward the budget. If you did not get the form at the meeting, you can find it **[HERE](#)**. We hope for all pledge forms to be returned by the end of the current year; your contribution toward your pledge may be made later.

At the meeting, **we also decided to move our Sunday Services to 2pm in January and February**, *assuming that works for our speakers of course* (we have not heard back from all of them yet). Also, in the summer we will go to a lighter schedule, with one service only and a community event (e.g. picnic or potluck) in each of July and August. The Annual Meeting was asked to be moved to a pre-holiday time; we will aim for the 2nd Sunday in November to give good time before Thanksgiving.





>>> Salish Sea Fellowship volunteers will provide soup and meal assistance at the Community United Methodist Church (CUMC) soup kitchen on **December 21st**, and the **third Saturday of future months**. We need two folks to each deliver a gallon of soup (which you can make at home) to the church by 9:45. One soup needs to be veggie and the other can have meat. The church has crockpots to borrow, or you can bring soup in your own pot and transfer it or keep it warm on the stove. Help with set-up, serving, and clean-up is also valuable. Lori Oberlander of CUMC will be on hand to show volunteers what's needed. If you would like to be added to the list of folks who might provide soup and/or assist on a **future third Saturday between 10 and 1 or 1:30**, or if you have any questions, please contact Kate Madson at [kmadson3of9@gmail.com](mailto:kmadson3of9@gmail.com) or Kendra Golden at [atkendrajgolden@gmail.com](mailto:atkendrajgolden@gmail.com).



>>> The Community United Methodist Church Bell Choir would like to invite any Salish Sea Fellowship members and friends to join them! The group meets at **10:30 on Tuesday mornings** in the conference room (beyond the nursery) at the church. They currently have 6 bell members and would love to add more! It is important to be able to ready music, but they can teach the rest, such as how to hold the bells, or ring them, and the different styles of ringing. They have a director, and just a lot of fun! Their group is currently beginning preparations for the Holiday Season. Please contact Kathi VanCamp at [cumc@olympus.net](mailto:cumc@olympus.net) to join along!

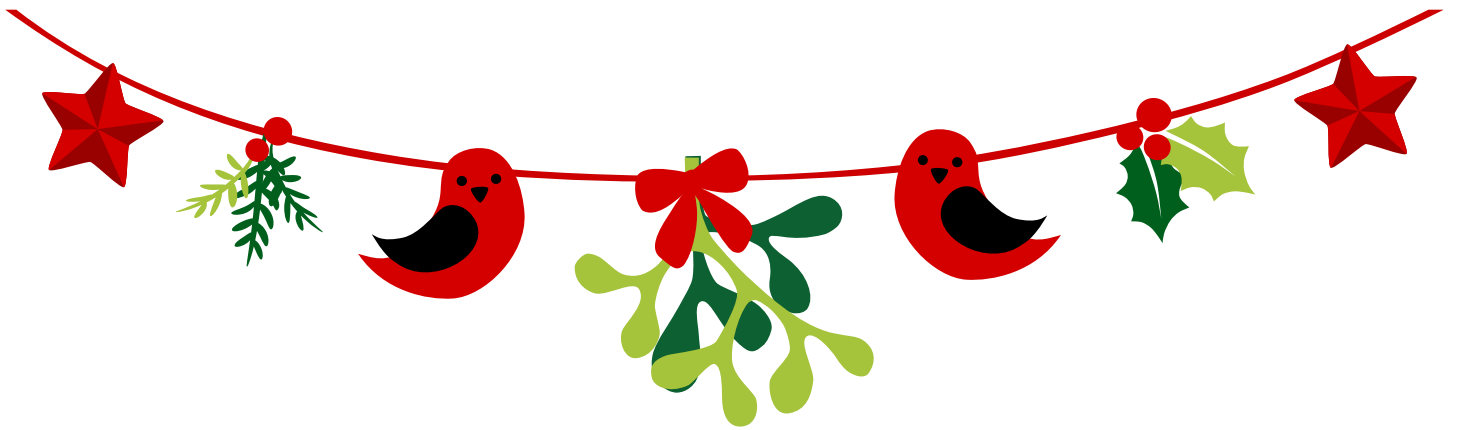




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If you have announcements you'd like to make, suggestions for this Community Update, or anything else on your mind about our community, let us know at [SalishSeaFellowship@gmail.com](mailto:SalishSeaFellowship@gmail.com).



# Happy Holidays

