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# Salish Sea Fellowship

A Religious Community with Open Hearts and Open Minds

## COMMUNITY UPDATE



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**ALL ARE  
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](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.

**UPDATE: OUR ZOOM LINK HAS CHANGED AS OF 2/10/25**

Click [HERE](#) for our updated Zoom link for viewing our services, or go to Zoom and enter Meeting ID: 909 702 5487, Passcode: 338490.

**JOIN US IN  
COMMUNITY**



# ≡ International Women's Day ≡



## Happy International Women's Day!

Don't think about making women fit the world —  
think about making the world fit women.

-Gloria Steinem



### UPCOMING EVENTS



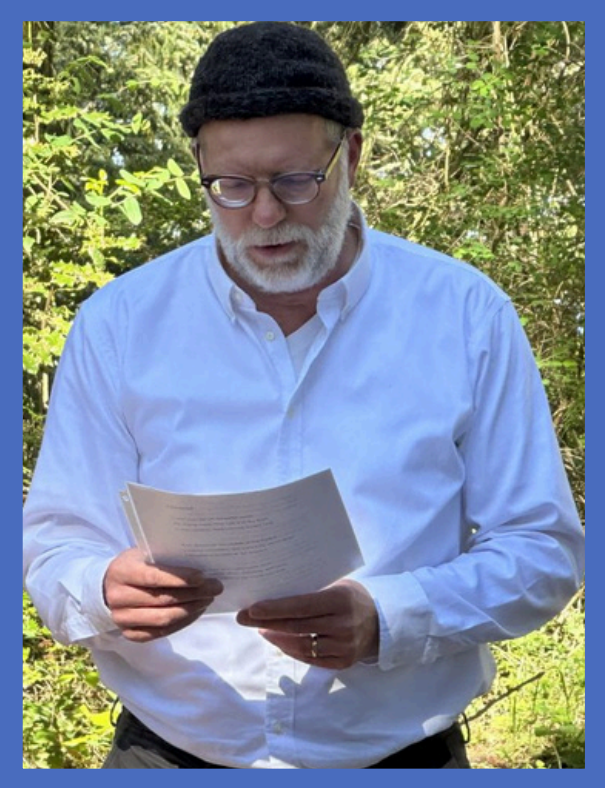
### DOUG BENECKE AND SALLIE SPIRIT

SUNDAY SERVICE, MARCH 16, 4 PM AT CUMC

There are times of connection when we find an ever-flowing stream, a river of grace, and peace that surpasses our normal understanding. In those times we find change may occur – just like that. Thoughts on transcendent change through connection, by songwriter and speaker Doug Benecke, in musical collaboration with Sallie Spirit.

#### NOTE:

Beginning in March  
Sunday Services will return to our  
4:00 start time



### JOSEPH BEDNARIK

SUNDAY SERVICE, APRIL 6, 4 PM AT CUMC

Stay tuned for information regarding Joseph's topic of discussion for our upcoming service. Joseph always provides incredible insights with a generous dose of humor!

*Happy International Women's Day!*



### SALISH SEA COMMUNITY POTLUCK

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 5 PM AT CUMC

**Doors open at 4:30 to allow for more socializing.**  
As always, bring your own beverages and table settings, as well as a dish to share.

# WHERE TO WATCH



Services you missed, are available **HERE**. Sunday services that are available include the sermon and readings. Also, we now have 20 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. **(Please note that our Zoom link has changed, bookmark this new link!)**

## Attention!

Our Zoom link has changed!  
Please Bookmark our new Zoom link **HERE**  
for your convenience!

# UPCOMING NAUA EVENTS

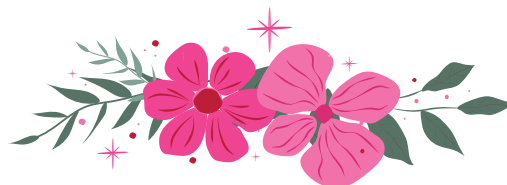


## The newest UUnderWorld for March is out!

This one has so many good, thoughtful articles, opinion pieces, essays, reviews, letters, cartoons, a biography, and even haiku from all over the world. It also includes an interview with the ministers of the newest NAUA congregation in Flint, Michigan, and an extended excerpt from Frank Casper's new book, *Republican Theocracy: Why Democratic Compromise Has Died*. Read the entire edition of the latest UUnderWorld **HERE**.



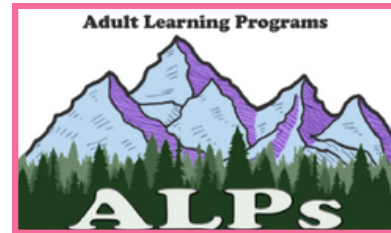
If you're curious about NAUA community opportunities, visit the Items of Community Interest page on our Salish Sea Fellowship webpage **HERE**. Upcoming events are updated regularly.







## ALPs (Adult Learning Programs)



Don't miss these upcoming/continuing ALPs programs:

- **March 10-24** - Great Decisions at JC Library with Joyce Francis
  - **3/10** - U.S. Changing Leadership in the World's Economy
  - **3/17** - India: Between China, the West, and the Global South
  - **3/24** - The Future of NATO & European Security
- **March 23, April 27 & May 25** - The Living Legacies of the 7 Principles with Gail Sandlin
- **April 4** - Art & Nature Day on Whidbey Island with Kendra Golden & Clara Mason
- **April 7-May 12** - Comparing Cultures: The Sequel with Ken Ing

See the ALPs Brochure with full descriptions of these programs, as well as signup information, at <https://salishseafellowship.org/other-activities-and-events/>.

## CARING AND CONCERNS TEAM



### Breakfast Club:

Breakfast Club meetings are back on! 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 welcome in spring with lots of laughter, chatter, and yummy food! Community fills up our hearts during chaotic times.

### Carpooling to Events:

If you are interested in carpooling to events, 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.



## FROM YOUR BOARD:

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

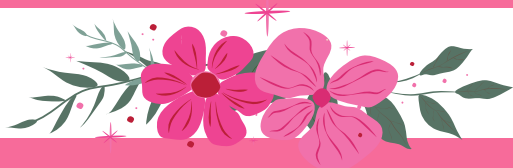
### A Community Offering:

Our Sunday Service offering is now taken in support of organizations doing good 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](mailto:salishseafellowship@gmail.com). Please make sure that these groups are local non-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) status. For the offering, if you want to put money in the collection plate for any reason other than the Community Offering being supported on a particular Sunday (e.g. your pledge) you can do so by: 1. writing a check including instructions on where the money should go, or 2. If you want to give cash, placing it in one of the provided envelopes and write your name and instructions on the envelope. This allows us to credit you in our records.

### North American Unitarian Association:

At a recent meeting, your Board of Directors began to consider the idea of joining the North American Unitarian Association (NAUA, [naunitarians.org](http://naunitarians.org)). Given our history, some of us may be hesitant to join any association; at this point it seems we value our independence. The NAUA states on its homepage that it is there to help liberal religion thrive, and that it 'is a member service organization dedicated to supporting and promoting the practice of liberal religion by embracing freedom, reason, and tolerance—rooted in our commitment to the inherent worth and dignity of every person and all peoples.' We also realize that the SSF is the largest 'breakaway' congregation, and our joining the NAUA, beyond making a statement, would also put us in a position to help other smaller congregations deal with the various issues and complexities involved in running a congregation. In any case, we as a board feel that any decision in this regard should be made by the membership as a whole, and so we would ask you to begin learning about the NAUA. Feel free to take a look at their website, [naunitarians.org](http://naunitarians.org), or ask some of our Fellowship members that are individual members of NAUA, like Joyce Francis, Ron Strange and Ken Ing.

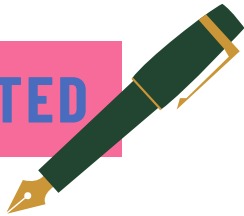




## COMMUNITY REQUEST

The jar for CUMC donations will now be located on the same table as our treats. If you choose to make a contribution to the Methodist’s deserving local ministries, please do so by the end of coffee “hour,” before the discussion with our speaker begins. This will allow your donations to be tallied and deposited without requiring the recorder to be the last one out the door!

## CALLIGRAPHER WANTED



### Looking for a Calligrapher!

We now have a membership book thanks to the efforts of Elaine and Gary Nelson, thank you! We are hoping to have it beautifully inscribed - are you, or do you know a calligrapher willing to help us out? Please let Lily or Gary know. Thanks!



## MEMBERSHIP

### Membership Status: Consider Becoming a Member this Spring!

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.



# 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. 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. 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](mailto:kmadson3of9@gmail.com) or Kendra Golden at [kendrajgolden@gmail.com](mailto:kendrajgolden@gmail.com).

# THE GOOD OF THE ORDER



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).

