

# Salish Sea Fellowship

A Religious Community with Open Hearts and Open Minds

## COMMUNITY UPDATE

HAPPY  
Anniversary!

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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



## Come Celebrate our One Year Anniversary on May 4th!

May 4th will mark one year since our first service as a spiritual community. Woo Hoo! We will celebrate at our service on Sunday, and not only will there be cake, our brand new official membership book will be unveiled. All members are invited to come sign!

Uunderworld this month (May issue) includes an article detailing our origin story as seen by board member Nils Pedersen. You can find the article here (<https://uunderworld.com>), on page 53.

### UPCOMING EVENTS



#### **GARY NELSON: A QUEST FOR WHOLENESS** **SUNDAY SERVICE, MAY 4, 4 PM AT CUMC**

Join us as Gary Nelson leads us in a quest for wholeness, and we celebrate a year of community at the Salish Sea Fellowship!



## **SALISH SEA COMMUNITY POTLUCK SUNDAY, MAY 11, 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.



## **JOSEPH BEDNARIK RETURNS SUNDAY SERVICE, MAY 18, 4 PM AT CUMC**

Join us as Joseph Bednarik returns to the Salish Sea Fellowship to bring us together in contemplation, connection, and a healthy dose of laughter!



### **WHERE TO WATCH**



Services you missed, are available **HERE**. Sunday services that are available include the sermon and readings. Also, we now have 23 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!)**

## UPCOMING EVENTS



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### National Day of Prayer

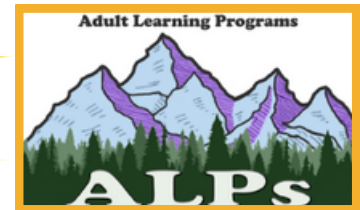
Our dear host, the Community United Methodist Church, is holding a National Day of Prayer service. **This is a non-denominational service at noon on Thursday, May 1, 2025.**

The National Day of Prayer was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. Since its inception, the National Day of Prayer has evolved into a day that transcends denominational boundaries, fostering a sense of unity and collective purpose.

The National Day of Prayer holds profound significance for many Americans, serving as a reminder of the nation's spiritual heritage and the importance of seeking divine assistance in times of adversity. It is a day when people of various faith traditions come together to lift their voices in prayer for the nation's leaders, military, educators, and families.

Please join your neighbors in this observance. Singing, praying, music and a presentation titled, "Growing up under Nazi occupied Holland."

### ALPs (Adult Learning Programs)



There are two ALPs programs to finish out the Spring term:

**6 Mondays, April 7-May 12 -- Comparing Cultures: The Sequel with Ken Ing**

**4 Wednesdays, May 7-28 -- Symposium on David Brooks's How to Know a Person with Joannie Murphy & Paul Hinton**

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

**SUMMER** - Members and friends seemed luke-warm when polled about field trips over the summer, so we will not plan a formal program. However, anyone who plans an adventure -- a trip to Port Angeles to see a cultural event at the new Field Hall, a bike ride, an exploration of one of our many parks, etc. -- and wants to share the experience is warmly invited to send Lily a notice to post, offering specifics of the adventure and the person to contact. **Reach Lily at [salishseafellowship@gmail.com](mailto:salishseafellowship@gmail.com).**

**FALL** - The next ALPs term will begin in September, and proposals will be due August 1. Watch for specific information in June/July.

**Thanks so much to Joyce Francis for all of her hard work coordinating this engaging and community-building program. We appreciate you!**



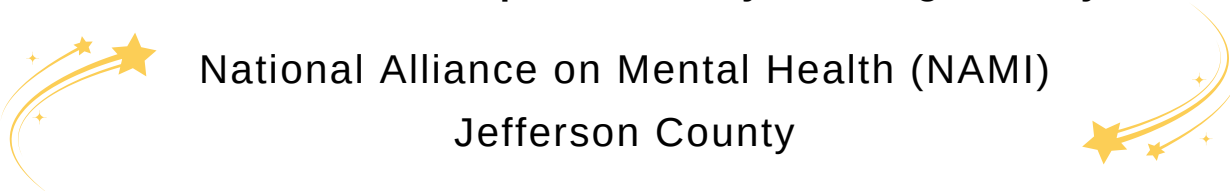


## COMMUNITY OFFERING

Learn more about  
National Alliance on Mental Health  
(NAMI)  
Jefferson County  
**HERE!**

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.

### Salish Sea Fellowship Community Offering for May 4th



National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI)  
Jefferson County

NAMI Jefferson County in Washington is an organization of families, friends and individuals whose lives have been affected by mental illness. Together, we advocate for better lives for those individuals who have a mental illness.

NAMI offer free self-help support groups, provide education, create awareness of issues related to mental illness, work to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness, and advocate for change, and improved services within our community. What a short video about NAMI Jefferson County **HERE**.



## 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. See this Community Update for specific details.

### 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.



## USHERS REQUESTED

We are looking to expand the ushers at SSF. Being an usher is a way to contribute to our community without being overtasked. Duties include:

- Work to greet people at the entry door and handout Orders of Service on Sundays
- Arrive a half hour before the service to help set up and receive people
- Help people find seating
- Collect the offering, count it and hand it to Judy King/treasurer or a Board member
- Count the number of people attending the service
- Provide help to someone in need of assistance during the service
- Reset chairs and clean up the sanctuary after the service

These tasks are easily accomplished within a couple of hours on a Sunday. And your work is surely appreciated. It is also an opportunity to meet and get acquainted,

If interested or you have questions, please contact Rob Wamstad at [wamstad.pt@gmail.com](mailto:wamstad.pt@gmail.com) or call him at 360.344.2925.



# THE NAUA ACADEMY PRESENTS

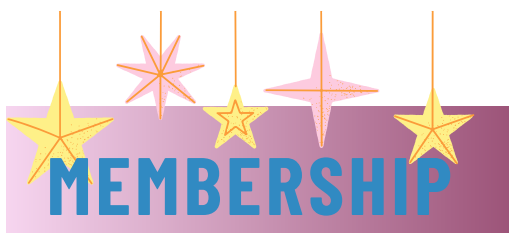
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**"A Vision for Liberal Religion" by Dr. Matthew Shear**  
**May 13, 2025 – 4:30-6:30 PM PST (7:30 -9:30 EST)**

Ralph Waldo Emerson decried the Unitarianism of his day as “corpse-cold” and urged the religion to evolve with new understandings of the contemporary world. Those understandings are still with us today, but our Living Tradition asks us to continue evolving with the times. Dr. Matthew Shear will share with us a positive view of what a liberal religion for the 21st century could look like.

This presentation continues the discussion from sermons at the SSF by Rev. Peter Morales & Nils Pedersen. For more information and registration, go to <https://naunitarians.org/civicrm/event/info/?reset=1&id=307>



## **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. We value and welcome all our members, both old and new! Join today!





## Want to help our neighbors be clothed and fed?

Our hosts, the Community United Methodist Church (CUMC) staff a free food pantry 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. Clothes are also needed, but 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).



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).

