



**SALTWATER UNITARIAN
UNIVERSALIST CHURCH**



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Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote seven principles which we hold as strong values and moral guides.

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

We live out these principles within a “living tradition” of wisdom and spirituality, drawn from sources as diverse as science, poetry, scripture, and personal experience. These are the six sources we affirm and promote:

- Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
- Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
- Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
- Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;
- Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

April 23, 2017



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News You Need to Know

More News You Need to Know...

Ministerial Search



HOW TO CHOOSE A SEARCH TEAM

From your Board of Directors
Thank you to all who attended our forum on April 9 about the steps we will take to call our new settled minister. I want to recap the first step, choosing a Search Team.
Because it is critical to have input from all Saltwater members, the Board and the Petal Leads will call all members. This will happen April 17-30. If we call you when you are not available, we will leave a message. Please return the call.
We will ask you to nominate 3 members to this important role. The Board will offer the positions to those who stand out for their many nominations. The Team will be made up of seven people.

Take time now to plan ahead for your phone call, maybe run through the church directory (available on our website, saltwaterchurch.org), and consider the following when making your nominations:

- Who can represent the whole congregation well, including the children
- Who in the congregation works well with others?
- Who knows the history and culture of the church, whether old or newer to the congregation, and is grounded in our faith tradition?
- Who can speak to a potential minister about Saltwater Church on its best and worst days, about its strengths and weaknesses?

The slate of 7 Team members will be presented for your approval at our June 11 Congregational Meeting. Let me know if you have any questions: Susan Aigner, susanaigner@comcast.net, 253-569-8156.

Directory Revision Coming in May
Challenge your memory: since 2015 have you changed names, address, phone, or E-mail address? Or could we possibly have

the wrong information? Check your directory listing in the directory link at the bottom of the web page. Please send your correct information by **April 30** to administrator@saltwaterchurch.org with “Directory Info” in the message title. Send information as you wish to be listed: the name or names, address, phone, & E-mail. Don't forget to include the children's names. Non-computer users can call the Church (206) 651-7358, drop a note in the offering basket, send your info in a box of chocolates (Just Kidding!), but, please, no carrier pigeons. A new Directory will be issued the first week of May 2017. Be helpful! Be included! Thank you!

IT'S SPRING!

Which means we shed our layers as the day warms up. We have a lovely assortment of coats, gloves, sweaters, etc. in the Welcoming Room and in the Lighthouse. Please pick up your (and your families') items as soon as possible. A donation of the unwanted items will be given to charity May 15.

Happenings...

Sunday, Apr 23 10:30 Coming of Age (CO/R2) 10:30 Worship (S) 11:45 Lighthouse Volunteers (LAR) Noon Aging with Spirit (CO) Noon “Hidden Figures” Discussion (S) 1:00 UU Voices for Justice (MR, Zoom)	(MR)	Tuesday, Apr 25 9:00 Himawari School (LH) 7:30 Meditation (Offsite)	7:00 Choir Practice (S)
Monday, Apr 24 6:30 AI Anon (S) 7:00 Creative Hands (WR) 7:00 Grief Support Group		Wednesday, Apr 26 <i>Weekly Publicity Deadline</i> 9:30 Writer’s Group (WR) 10:00 Himawari School (LH) Noon: Lunch Bunch (WR) 7:00 Bylaws Forum (S)	Friday, Apr 28 9:30 Playgroup (LAR) 11:00 Finance (MR)
		Thursday, Apr 27 9:00 Himawari School (LH) (WR)	Saturday, Apr 29 <i>No Activities</i>
			Sunday, Apr 30 10:30 Worship (S) 11:45 Bylaws Forum (S)



The Path of Consciousness

Order of Service <i>We grow rich by giving, poor by taking</i> Anonymous	Singing the Children Out Welcome Offering Words	Meditation, Prayer and Silence Music Extinguish the Chalice
Prelude	Offertory Joys and Sorrows	Hymn #1064, “Blue Boat Home”
Opening Words	Music <i>The Path of Consciousness</i>	Benediction <i>Special thanks to today's worship associate, Aida Sanchez-Vela</i>
Light the Chalice Hymn #21, “For the Beauty of the Earth”	Children’s Conversation Hymn, 175, “We Celebrate the Web of Life”	

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Church Office Hours:
Mon—Fri 10 a.m.—2 p.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Minister: Rev. Helen Carroll
For appointments, call or send email to:
minister@saltwaterchurch.org

Director of Family Ministries:
Melinda Einander
For appointments, call or send email to:
melinda@saltwaterchurch.org

From the Board

Tea with the B!

Tea with the Board has been canceled for the month of April to allow for a Bylaws Forum on Sunday, April 30th. The next Tea with the Board is on Sunday, May 28 at 11:45 a.m. Bring your questions and/or concerns on that day for an informal discussion. All are welcome!

Board Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month from 7-9 p.m. in the Meeting Room and Zoom Room. All members are welcome to attend either in person or virtually. If you plan to join us, please let Lisa know at

lunderhi@gmail.com

Agenda Items...for Congregational Meetings. It is the job of the Board to set the agenda for Congregational Meetings. However, any member is welcome to contact the Board if they'd like to request an item to be added to a Congregational Meeting agenda. The Board will discuss all requests, make a decision, and follow-up with the member. We welcome your ideas and conversation! The next Congregational Meeting is on June 11. Agenda item requests are due by May 1st and may be sent to saltwater-board@googlegroups.com

They're Coming, Bylaw Revisions...

Saltwater Church's move to Policy Governance has made obvious changes in how we do business. The Board been working to make our Bylaws consistent with these changes. The Board will host 2 Bylaw Forums to solicit your feedback on the proposed changes: Wednesday, **April 26, 7pm**, in the Sanctuary, and Sunday, **April 30, 11:45am**, in the Sanctuary. The draft Bylaws will be available at Saltwaterchurch.org, and posted in the Welcoming Room. At our June 11 Congregational Meeting, we will present the Bylaw amendments for your approval.

Community

Lunch Bunch meets Wednesdays at noon in the Welcoming Room. Bring a sack lunch and join in for great conversations.

Weekly Playgroup

For young children and their parents or caregivers. Each Friday 9:30-11:30. Come share songs, stories, crafts, and

free play time in the Lighthouse Community Room. Older siblings welcome. Contact Katie Einander for more information katguts@gmail.com

Our Ministries of Support

Growth and Learning

Welcoming our Saltwater Artists!

Please contact Debra Valpey (debravalpey@comcast.net or 206-953-5704) if you or someone in your family, or a close friend, would like to be featured on our Art Wall in the Welcoming Room. I am planning displays for the rest of the calendar year and I want to give "first dibs" to our own artists. And don't be bashful! There is an artist lurking within us all! I need to hear from you as soon as possible as empty walls are just too sad! Thank you!!!!

Hidden Figures

Please join the Adult RE team at noon **TODAY** Sunday April 23, 2017 for a brown bag lunch discussion of the book or movie Hidden Figures, the story of NASA's human computers, many of whom were African American women,

who were recruited while they were working as math teachers in "separate but equal" high schools in the south.

Childcare for Church Events

To request childcare for church events, please contact Director of Family Ministries Melinda Einander at childcare@saltwaterchurch.org You can also use the online childcare request form. Please remember to request childcare in advance of your event (1 week in advance if possible). Childcare requests made the day of the event generally cannot be honored.

Our Whole Lives for 4th-6th grade begins in May. Our Whole Lives (OWL) offers a realistic sexuality curriculum that deals with the physical and emotional changes of puberty, presenting these subjects in a safe, confidential environment

where children can get real information from trained facilitators.

An orientation for parents and children will be held April 30 at 11:30. If you are interested in having your child participate or have questions about the program, please contact Sandra Petschek 253-630-1350 snptk@comcast.net or Aaron Sperry 757-339-3632 decksnipe@gmail.com

Parents, Please Remember:

As spring weather returns, our young people often want to play in our wooded area. We ask that children or youth get permission from their parents, travel in groups of three or more, and sign out with Melinda in the Lighthouse. This helps to ensure our children and youth are safe, and that parents know where to find them.

Never an End to Learning

Social Responsibility

Share the Plate: for April is the Federal Way Food Bank

Saltwater Sound Alliance Team invites you to join us at The Sound Alliance Action Assembly on April 26th

Wednesday, April 26th, 7:00 – 8:30 PM
IBEW Local 46, 19802 62nd Ave S #105, Kent, WA

It's time to turnout! Come be a community leader and take part in:

- Planning and action around the state budget and flipping our upside-down tax code
 - Follow-up on our campaign to stop unnecessary immigrant deportations.
- Sign up with Aida Sanchez-Vela aidasanchezvela@hotmail.com, Lucia Faithfull lfaithfull@comcast.net or Susan Aigner susanaigner@comcast.net.

Right Relationship with the World

Church Volunteer Kickoff Signup

On Sunday, April 23 members of the Social Responsibility Petal teams will be available to share about the activities and plans we are involved in. If you are thinking about volunteering as a school outreach mentor or tutor or if you want to help out at the Federal Way Day Center this is a time to get your questions answered. Or if you want to be part of making a difference in our environmental policies then members of SCAN (Saltwater Climate Action Now) can fill you in. You may be concerned about fully funding K-12 education or immigration issues then you can talk with an available member of our Sound Alliance team. Then you can decide if any of these areas might be places for you to devote some volunteer time in the next church year.

Signup sheets will be available on the Social Responsibility bulletin board Sunday, April 23 and thereafter until the last weekend in May.

WA UU Voices for Justice - Spring Conference

WHEN: April 23 from 1:30 - 3:30
WHERE: Virtual at Church Office, Meeting Room
WHAT: Review the legislative session and elect new board members
To register please contact Lucia Faithfull lfaithfull@comcast.net

Stewardship



Thank You....

Saltwater is nearing the end of our annual pledging time. Thank you to everyone who turned in their 2017-2018 pledge by our preferred date of April 2! But there is still time to pledge if you have not notified us of yours! But we are in budget

Care for Buildings, Grounds and Programs

season and would like to know your planned contribution soon. So far, we have \$182,000 pledged for the 2017-2018 church year which starts in JUNE 2017. If you attended the budget discussions in February, you will know we hope and expect to receive more pledges to meet all the wonderful goals we have for this exciting year!

You can still place your pledge card in the Welcome Table in the Welcoming Room, mail or turn it in to the church office, drop

it in the offertory basket on Sunday or email it to administrator@saltwaterchurch.org.

To facilitate the closing of the 2017 Pledge Drive and help move the budgeting season forward, the members of the Stewardship Team (Jean Spohn, Patrick Finney, Suzanne Laurel, Dorothy Burt, Vickie Carey and other helpers) will soon be contacting those church members who have not yet turned in their pledge. Look forward to our call, or turn in your pledge

Worship

Upcoming Sunday Services:

April 30, "Beltaine: Creating New Life from Our True Natures" - Earth Based Lay Led

May 7, "Sizzle" - Rev Helen Carroll

May 14, "On This Mother's Day" - Rev Helen Carroll

May 21,

At the Center of our Spiritual Lives

On May 28th, Sally Caldwell will be providing a Memorial Day service for the congregation. The theme will be people who have been important in shaping our lives. Sally would like four or five church members to tell a brief story about someone in the past (a parent, older friend, grandparent, teacher) who has

significantly influenced him/her. If you have a homily or story that you would be willing to share, please contact Sally at [760-631-1740](tel:760-631-1740) or see her at church.