

Welcome from the Minister

Welcome! We are the Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, an independent, self-governing congregation in association with the Unitarian Universalist Association that has a liberal religious history in the United States going back to the early 1800's. Our forebears include Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau, Margaret Fuller, and Clara Barton. We named ourselves the Quimper Fellowship to welcome persons from the entire Quimper Peninsula and beyond.

The first principle of Unitarian Universalist congregations is to affirm and promote a respect for the “inherent worth and dignity of every person.” Thus, the unity of our congregation is not based on uniformity of thought but on a common way of treating each other – a “covenant of practice” rather than a shared creed. As Francis David, a Unitarian from the 1600's, said, “We need not think alike to love alike.”

Our congregation was begun in 1976 by a small group of people meeting monthly in a home in Port Hadlock, then met for several years at the Community Center in Chimacum before purchasing land on San Juan Avenue in Port Townsend where, in 1996-1997, with its own hands, the congregation built a sanctuary and religious education buildings. In 2009-2010, in order to meet the needs of a growing congregation (currently at 315 members), the congregation again built – this time new sanctuary, kitchen, and office spaces on the same site, with volunteer labor amounting to over 10,000 hours.

Do take a look at our website; it should give you a very good sense of who are. We intentionally welcome all persons who seek to deepen the life of the spirit.

Services at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. are held from the first Sunday after Labor Day through the second Sunday of June. Religious education for children, infant through eighth grade, takes place at the 9:15 service. High school-age youth meet on Sunday evening evenings from 6-8 p.m. During the summer months a single service is held at 10 a.m.

Please join us, the door is always open! Bruce A. Bode Minister, October, 2011