

The Beacon

Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church

A Welcoming Congregation & Green Sanctuary

Worship & Children's Religious Education: 10:00 am

Join us for refreshments and conversation after the service



July 2010

August 1: The Joy of Pilgrimage

Bill Graves, guest speaker

Nani Baren, worship associate

Bill Graves will discuss pilgrimage as a spiritual practice and metaphor for life, reflecting on his September 2009 walk of 250 miles on the Camino de Santiago, an ancient pilgrimage route in Spain. As a candidate for the UU ministry, he served two years as intern minister at the UU congregation in Mount Vernon, WA, and received a Masters of Divinity degree from Seattle University this past June. He previously was a practicing attorney and currently lives on Whidbey Island.

August 6: The Perplexing Paradox of "Progress"

Rev. Jaco B. ten Hove, Co-minister

Porter Hall, worship associate

When one species multiplies to a degree that severely upsets the balances of nature, it would suggest some kind of systemic adjustment, a course correction, or at least a reassessment of values. Worldwatch Institute puts it this way: "Better policies and greener technologies alone will not make sustainable societies. We need a change in our very understanding of progress." Sounds easy enough, right?

August 15: Saying 'Yes' to Serendipity

Rev. Marvin Evans, retired UU minister and Cedars member

With Rev. Barbara W. ten Hove, co-minister

The editor of Marvin's recently published book, Pearl's Boy, pointed out how the theme that defines his story is Serendipity, so Marvin will reflect with the congregation on that all-important aspect of life. Copies of the book will be available as a gift from Marvin and his late wife, Mary Hood Evans.

August 22: An Interfaith Spirit

Rev. Barbara W. ten Hove, Co-minister

Marina Philip, worship associate

Patricia Lahtinen, president of the local Interfaith Council

Interfaith work is essential for peace in the world. Here in our little corner of it, we do our best to work together across boundaries of belief. Today's service includes reflections from both within and beyond our UU tradition, as the new leader of our Interfaith Council of Bainbridge Island and North Kitsap shares the pulpit with Barbara.

August 29: Beyond Fear

Rev. Barbara W. ten Hove, Co-minister

Jason Cheung, worship associate

Fear is perhaps the most powerful barrier to true spiritual growth and love. Can we find ways to move beyond fear to hope?

Cedars Annual Church Picnic

Saturday, August 7, 2010

11:30 am – 2:30 pm

Battlepoint Park, Arrow Point Road

Bainbridge Island

For details and information, please contact

Kimberly Beyer-Nelson, DRE

Special Reminder about Early September

Our annual Water Ceremony will be featured on **Sunday, September 5**, as we begin to re-gather our summer energies and approach autumn together. Whether you travel to an interesting place this summer or have meaningful times locally, you are invited to bring a small amount of representative water that morning to place in our shared community bowl.

September 12 is "Welcome Sunday," which launches a new church season.

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From Your Co-ministers

Rev. Barbara W. and Jaco ten Hove



This July we attended a couple of weeklong Eliot Institutes (one together as theme speakers and Jaco was chaplain for another). Though the name may sound high-falutin' Eliot is a well-grounded organization that puts on four very family-friendly camps each year for Unitarian Universalists and their friends, primarily from all around the Pacific Northwest and Western Canada. We both went to various UU camps as young people and have continued the happy practice as adults. We think most every UU should at least consider attending one, and here's why.

Across the country UU camps and conferences create a superb balance of program, bonding and get-away relaxation. A few camps own their own site, but many rent space at various kinds of facilities, such as Eliot does, mostly at the thriving Seabeck Conference Center on the Hood Canal, where upwards of 250 folks come together for a week in mid-July and in early August, and then for a shorter stint around New Year's Eve.



Since its inception in 1947, Eliot Institute has developed a proven formula for fulfillment. With a large and caring staff, it provides stimulating programs for adults and young people of all ages each morning (including very popular programs for youth), plus lots of fun afternoon and evening activities. During our years in this region, we've served on staff in many different capacities, and we've been theme speakers three times.

Most recently, we gave six mornings of presentations at the one Eliot not located at Seabeck. For ten years now Eliot has also had a smaller, early July home at Naramata Center on stunning Lake Okanagan in beautiful southeastern British Columbia. Our week up there (with an almost equal number of folks from each side of the border, about 75 total) was fabulous. We called our program "The Good News of UUism" during which we held forth on meaningful UU topics (and included lots of music) for over an hour each morn-

ing. After our presentations, adults got into ongoing small groups to talk about what they heard and to deepen relationships.

While this was going on, the kids were busy making plastic bottle rockets, playing on the swings, doing tie-dye and enjoying lots of games and music. Though the kids' community at Naramata was pretty small, other Eliots have much larger children's programs. When we were theme speakers at Seabeck's July Eliot in 2008, the MAGs ("middle aged group"—those around ages 9-12) did a whole week of circus training and put on a great show at the end.

In the afternoons, families make time to play together, groups gather to chat, others make music or write poetry, swim, hike, pursue other activities, or just relax. Evenings include fireside sing-alongs, variety shows, parades in costume, socializing, dancing, etc. Since this is UU church camp, lovely and meaningful worship services usually conclude the day. And Naramata had the best camp food we've ever tasted!

For those of us in the Northwest, that there are four Eliots to choose from is a distinct advantage. The Seabeck camp is larger and closer and a little cheaper. The one at Naramata is a bit of a trek but is in an absolutely gorgeous spot that pretty much guarantees sunshine. It also offers a camping option, which lowers the cost considerably.

Do consider attending. You won't regret it. (Best to plan ahead, some camps max out.) It's a rich experience for families, couples, singles and groups of friends. Some extended families even arrange their reunions at camp. Meaning, fun, natural beauty and someone else doing the cooking; what's not to love?! Check out their website at <http://www.eliotinstitute.org> or talk to us. We'd love to see more Cedars folk attend.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Fondly,

Co-ministers' Office Hours for the Month of August

Co-Ministers Jaco B. & Barbara W. ten Hove (206-780-0373, ext. 1), E-mail: minister@cedarsuuchurch.org

The summer schedule is without ministerial office hours per se, but they expect to be around town all this glorious month. Appointments are welcome. Find at least one of them at noon each Wednesday in August at The Island School.

The Cedar Basket

News of Religious Education at Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church

It's 92 degrees as I write this, quite a shift from the prior week when the high on Thursday was in the 60's. It feels a lot like Michigan weather, deliciously unpredictable. And the sound of lawn mowers always reminds me that it is time to start thinking about recruiting for the fall religious education program.

You may have noticed the new Religious Education board in our sanctuary space. I'll be doing my best to keep it up to date with calendars, pictures of our activities from the prior week and special announcements. It is here you will also find registration sheets for fall as well as an adult sign-up sheet to help out in the pre-K to Jr. High program. I want to be sure that the entire congregation gets a chance to "peek" at our religious education experiences and recognize all the activity that goes on "down the hall."

Our new Children's Chapel model of religious education for our kids from Pre-K to fifth grade allows you to be engaged with our kids without being overwhelmed by a huge amount of class preparation. All materials are prepared by me each week, and you are emailed your easy lesson plan no later than Thursday of that week. Read the email, and show up and get ready to have fun! It's that simple. Whether you would like to lead a children's worship experience, or work with the "quiet" or "large motor" groups, there will be rich opportunities to put your own interests and talents to work.

You will also find a "creative guest" space listed each week on the sign-up sheet. This space is for those who wish to share a musical instrument, a fun song, a pet, your favorite kind of artwork, photos from traveling, etc. I encourage your participation!

The Jr. High student group will be working with the Neighboring Faiths curriculum this fall, and so you will also see sign-up opportunities for this exciting program. Generally, folks will volunteer for a three or four week stint focused on a particular religious tradition. The first day of the program is an overview of the history and beliefs of the focus religion, the second day, a look at the art, music and meditative tradition of the faith, the third meeting will make it all come alive with a trip to another house of worship or the presence of a visitor. Finally, the fourth meeting is a time to share our insights and how the faith resonates (or is very different from) our own tradition of Unitarian Universalism. One of the highlights of this program will be a religious leaders' panel discussion and potluck in Port Townsend with Quimper UU Church.



If you would like a copy of the religious education calendar for 2010-2011, please feel free to email me at dre@cedarsuuchurch.org. And please, give me a holler if you have questions during this important facilitator sign-up period. Without your help, your support, your time, these dynamic programs cannot happen. I look forward to our journey together this year.

Blessings,

-- Kimberly Beyer-Nelson, DRE

Treasurer's Report — June 2010

Pledges	June	YTD	Capital Campaign
Budgeted:	\$12,917	\$155,000	Pledged: \$393,000
Received:	\$11,613	\$155,879	Received 5/31/10: \$186,786
Difference:	(\$1,304)	\$879	Difference: (\$206,214)
Operating Fund	June	YTD	Capital Fund Balances
Income:	\$12,298	\$210,722	Balance 7/01/08: \$202,030
Expense	\$17,524	\$209,165	Balance 7/01/09 \$215,260
Difference:	(\$5,226)	\$1,557	Balance 6/30/10: \$220,367

April – June 2010 Attendance

Month	Weekly Average			Month
	Children	Adults	Total	Total
April	17	107	124	496
May	12	82	94	471

Plate Collection

Weekly Average	Special Collection
\$135	\$1,393
\$207	\$5,907
\$170	\$ 371



Calendar of Events

August 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday Service 10:00a <i>Joining Sunday</i> Peace Walk	2 Peace Walk	3 Membership Committee, 7:00p Peace Walk	4 Mid-day MUUsings 12:00n Auction Committee 5:30p Peace Walk Peace Walk	5 Meditation, 4:30p Peace Walk	6 Music Committee, 12:00n Peace Walk	7 Cedars Annual Picnic, 11:30a, Battlepoint Park Peace Walk
8 Sunday Service 10:00a Coffee & Tea Sales Parent Orientation 11:30a Peace Walk	9 Peace Walk	10	11 Programs Assocs 9:00a Mid-day MUUsings 12:00n Pastoral Care 2:00 p Worship 7:15p	12 Meditation, 4:30p	13	14 Path to Membership, 10:00a
15 Sunday Service 10:00a Pick up Coffee & Tea Beacon Submittal Deadline	16	17 Board Meeting 6:30p	18 Mid-day MUUsings 12:00n COM 7:00 p Music Workshop 7:15p	19 Meditation, 4:30p	20	21
22 Sunday Service 10:00a	23 Social Action 7:30p	24	25 Mid-day MUUsings 12:00n Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	26 Meditation, 4:30p	27 Knitters, 11:00a Spiritual Book Group, 7:00p	28
29 Sunday Service 10:00a	30	31 Super Suppers 4:45p Leadership Training 6:00p				

Notes:

For details on calendar events, please see www.cedarsuuchurch.org/calendar.html.

Events are accurate as of 9:00 pm, July 25, 2010

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Our Mission

Worship with open hearts ◇ Nurture a learning spirit
Serve justice with compassion ◇ Love without judgment

Cedars Programs & Events

Joining Sundays are the **First Sunday** of each month when our Cedars Membership Book will be available for signing (one of the requirements for membership). Meet a church leader at the altar table *right after service* for a jolt of joining joy.

Summertime Food for Kids: Please bring to Cedars or directly to Helpline!

The demand for food at Helpline has risen dramatically. During the summer, need increases as kids are out of school and not able to access free lunch programs. Island congregations are invited to make donations of "kid food" so kids at home can fix their own breakfast, lunches or snacks. Peanut butter, jam, jelly, crackers and fruit cocktail are great, but breakfast cereal would be much appreciated. The food bank is able to purchase only a limited amount of "generic" cereals, so help us provide a child with their favorite cereal on a summer morning!

Cedars Dinner Connections continue August 14 and September 25.

Sign up for a dinner by adding your name to the list on the Welcome Table on Sunday, contacting Dinner Connection Group Members Andrea Tryon, Gerlind Jenkner, Shelley Fleming, or Judy Willott at church, or E-mailing or calling Sheryl Hamm at srdhamm@comcast.net or 206-780-9204

Super Suppers

Do you want to help our Social Action team but don't have much time? Are you a good cook looking for an excuse to make brownies? The **Super Suppers** at **Eagle Harbor Congregational Church** needs your help! We team up with **Congregation Kol Shalom** to serve dinner for all comers at Helpline House on the last Tuesday of every month. If you can bring food, help host the dinner with a member of the Social Action Committee, or simply want more information about these dinners, please contact **Carol Ann Davidson** at supersuppers@cedarsuuchurch.org or 206-855-0629.

Mid-day MUUsings with a Minister at The Island School

All Cedars members and friends are invited to join at least one of our co-ministers, Barbara and Jaco ten Hove, at noon for an hour of interaction each Wednesday in August. Bring a lunch, if you wish. We'll informally converse on any topic of interest related to our faith or congregational life. Meet at The Island School Library. This is the same location where we have Sunday services, but enter via the front school door.

Coffee and Tea Sales Ongoing Fundraiser

Don't forget to order Grounds for Change coffee and tea on the second Sunday of each month during the Coffee Hour after the service. If you buy coffee or tea, we hope you will consider supporting Cedars by purchasing your coffee and tea at church. We are selling 12 oz. bags of either whole bean or ground coffee for \$10.00 a bag, of which Cedars keeps \$3.50. You can also buy boxes of 20 tea bags of black, green, or herbal tea for \$5.00 per box, of which Cedars keeps \$1.25. Please order and pay for your coffee (with cash or check, sorry, no credit cards) on the second Sunday of the month and pick up your order on the third Sunday of the month. If you can't be in church one of those Sundays, please contact Tracy Dickerson at 206-842-8150 or tracyd@sounddsl.com to make special arrangements.

Cedars Annual Auction

The "Mamma Mia" Italian Dinner Auction will hold an organizational meeting at the church office on August 4th from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Please attend if you are interested in hearing about or getting involved with the auction in October. For more information, contact Auction Chair Mark Rosenwald at 206-484 8321 or rosenwald.mark@gmail.com.

Updates are on the Website

Be sure to check the Church Website, www.cedarsuuchurch.org, throughout the month for updates on activities and events. If you have something to be posted on the Website, e-mail Frank Mandt at webmeister@cedarsuuchurch.org.

The Beacon submittal deadline is the 15th of each month

Interfaith Peace Walk "For a Nuclear-Free Future in Respect of the Earth"

Bainbridge Island Buddhist monks and interfaith leaders Br. Gilberto Perez and Br. Senji Kanaeda are currently leading a physical and spiritual peace walk to commemorate the 65th Anniversary of the nuclear explosions in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. This two-week trek, from the Yakima Nation to the Poulsbo Bangor Submarine Base will take place from July 26 to August 9, and is an opportunity for people (approximately a dozen will start the walk) to come together in a nonviolent, spiritually-motivated action to reclaim the future, calling attention to the 2010 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Conference at the United Nations this past May.

Cedars members are invited to join the walk for any length of time. Rev. Jaco ten Hove hopes to walk on at least some of the local portion, which is scheduled to be coming over from Seattle on Thursday, August 5. Contact him at minister@cedarsuuchurch.org or 206-201-3596 about how to hook up with the walkers here, or contact Senji and Gilberto directly at 206-419-7262 if you'd like to join in earlier. On August 1 they will be Tacoma. Bring your own dishes and cups for eating and drinking, plus a water bottle and bed roll.

Official Church Calendar

Please consult the official Cedars UU Church Calendar on the church website at www.cedarsuuchurch.org/calendar.html before scheduling events.

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From the President

Reflections

As I step into this new role in our vibrant, active Cedars congregation, I can't help but think back on the many years of growth and significant development that Sally and I have witnessed since we became members.

We first became aware of the Bainbridge Unitarian Fellowship through small classified ads that were occasionally mixed in with announcements for garage sales in the local paper. We first attended a typical evening potluck and program with four or five other young couples very much like ourselves early in 1974. Total membership in the 15 year old lay-led organization was then about 20 or so, meetings were scheduled once a month in member homes, and fundraising for the few hundred dollars that were needed each year was relatively effortless. There was a small board with the usual officer roles (Sally was quickly recognized as new talent and pulled into multi-year service in this same role that I now assume), but I don't recall any committees.



Over subsequent years, the group slowly grew larger as additional members joined and brought new interests and activities. Committees were formed and board seats added in order to address specific needs, such as program planning and publicity. Starting in the mid-eighties, more significant and intentional change began to occur as the group chose to move meetings into public spaces, added religious education for children, and added professional ministry. Those changes led to significant further growth in membership, an important process of mission clarification, and the assumption of a new identity as Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church.

Compared to that group Sally and I first found 35 years ago, there are now many more of us, and we (the collective larger congregation) are drawn far more frequently together in a rich variety of activities. A much deeper change is embedded in how we now think of ourselves. We are no longer a small, UU-branded social club, but are becoming a significant center of spiritual and ethical inspiration and support for the communities in which we live as well as for each other.

All of this is good, but there is more. Our very recent past has positioned us well for further development and a promising future. In just the last several years, we have searched for and found our talented Co-ministers, moved to our well-located and wonderfully accommodating meeting facility in The Island School (and much-improved new office space as well), strengthened our Religious Education and Music programs, celebrated our 50th Anniversary, and embarked on a year-long Shaping Our Future process that suggests much more to come.

I would also like to express my gratitude to Channie Peters and the departing Trustees who worked so hard these past few years in loving care of our congregation.

I think it is a good time to be at Cedars.

— Richard Wilson, President

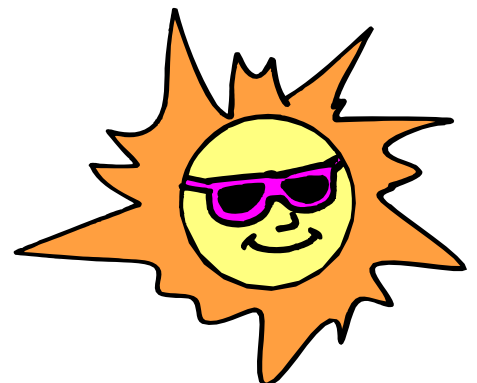
Correction

In the July Beacon, *From the President* column, I made a significant error in the history of the Neighborhood Teams, which I would like to correct here. While Sally Wilson has done a laudable job of maintaining the organization of the Teams, revising the model for The Island School and Cedars, and continuing to nurture the Teams, she did not conceive or provide the organizational structure of the Neighborhood Teams. The conception and organization for the Teams was done by Carrie Klein (who now lives in Oakland, CA), and Julie Hill in 2005 just before Cedars moved its worship services from Hyla to the Playhouse.

Recognizing need for more service help in the new facility and extended opportunities for camaraderie, community building, Julie and Carrie researched various setup and takedown and hospitality models of other UU and local churches. After conceiving the uniquely-Cedars model, Julie organized Cedars' individual teams and found team captains. Then they both wrote a manual describing each job on a team, and conducted trainings. In 2006, Sally agreed to take over the big job of maintaining the Teams, updating the model as needed, and providing the backbone for the operation.

This is important Cedars' history that should be preserved. Maybe we'll have a Cedars trivia game someday.

— Channie Peters
Former Board President





Kitsap County Interfaith Day of Prayer for the Gulf Coast

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Saturday, August 7, 2010
10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

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Evergreen-Rotary Park Amphitheater
1400 Park Ave., Bremerton

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Prayers ~ Music ~ Dance
Readings ~ and more

Kitsap Interfaith Network
Bainbridge Island/North Kitsap Interfaith Council

This event is free and open to the public.
Questions? Call Sally Santana at (360) 895-6022