

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



March 2011

March 6: Your Voice, Your Story

Rev. Barbara W. ten Hove, Co-minister

Betty Petras, Worship Associate

In the recent film, *The King's Speech*, Bertie finds his voice as the unexpected monarch of England and in doing so makes a radical difference in the world. Why does it matter that we speak in our own voice and tell our own story? And what's religious about it?

March 13: Religious Exploration: Process vs. Dogma

Kimberly Beyer-Nelson, Director of Religious Education

Nancy Philip, Worship Associate

Given our UU emphasis on personal process instead of top-down dogma, how do we approach the religious education of the young ones among us? If we are not transferring spiritual "party lines" to our children, how do we engender courage, hope, creativity and sensitivity to the wider world in a uniquely UU fashion? It helps all of us to consider these and other juicy questions about communicating our religious values to the next generations.

March 20: Celebration Sunday!

Rev. Barbara W. ten Hove, Co-minister

Micheal Read, Worship Associate

Be a part of this upbeat, celebrative service when we will offer our annual stewardship gifts to Cedars in a spirit of love and hope. It will be followed by a delicious and festive brunch. If you haven't RSVP'd already, please do so to Julie Katana: katsagin07@gmail.com. The choir will sing.

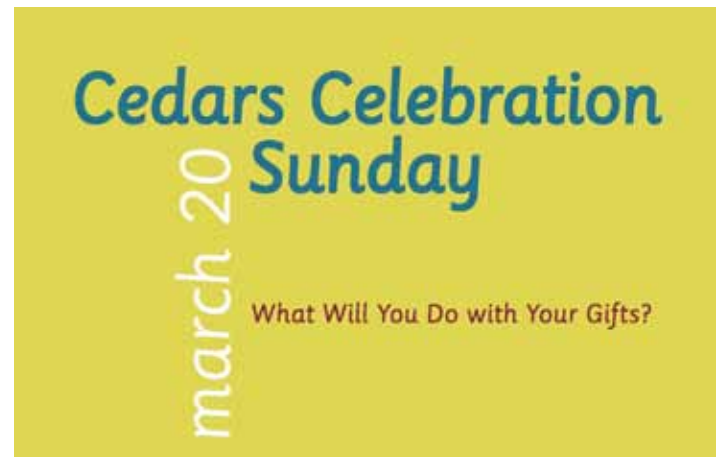
March 27: UU Perspectives on Israel and Palestine:

What's Justice Got To Do With It?

Rev. Jacob B. ten Hove, Co-minister

Betty Petras, Worship Associate

As the historic hub of western religion continues to simmer and blaze with seemingly intractable conflict, what contribution might UUs make toward positive movement? Our Special Collection today will be for the *Bainbridge Island Special Needs Foundation*.



Stewardship

Pledges for next year's annual budget will be collected on Celebration Sunday, March 20. A letter and brochure will arrive soon in your mailbox with more details about Cedars, its programs and ministry. Please read it carefully and come prepared to make your annual stewardship pledge.

When you arrive that Sunday, please pick up your pledge card from a friendly person in Webster Hall. It will be collected during the worship service.

After the service we will enjoy a scrumptuous sit-down brunch in Webster Hall. Visitors are welcome to participate.

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Eye on the UUniverse

Rev. Barbara W. ten Hove



What Will You Do with Your Gifts? Worship, Nurture, Serve and Love!

“Celebration Sunday” is March 20 at The Island School

Just before I went to seminary at the age of 22, my mother sat me down and said something vitally important. “You are planning to be a minister because you love your church, right?” I, of course, said yes. She went on, “Then it’s time for you to start supporting the church with more than just your love. It’s time that you learned to be a steward of your religious community. And to do that, you must give. Trust me, you’ll feel better about yourself if you do.”



Now, you need to remember that I was a student. I had little if any discretionary income. But as I thought about my mother’s words, I began to see the wisdom in them. I saved a few dollars each week so that every month I could send a small check back to my home church. Each time I wrote that check, I felt connected to a community that blessed me with its love and support. A few years later, when that congregation voted to ordain me, I did indeed feel good that I had sacrificed a bit to help it thrive.

Since those days, I’ve taken part in some kind of stewardship drive every year of my long ministry. Each year I, along with folks in the congregation, take time to reflect on what life would be without our progressive, life-transforming faith; to ponder the power of giving in our lives; and to think how we will respond when asked, “What will you do with your gifts?”

This year your Stewardship Team, Donna Larkin Mohr, Jan Mulder, Michael Read, Julie Katana, and I, invites you to make your commitment to Cedars on one special morning: Celebration Sunday, March 20. Before that day, you’ll hear from the pulpit and read in your mail important information about how Cedars makes a difference in the world and how your gift can help our congregation thrive.

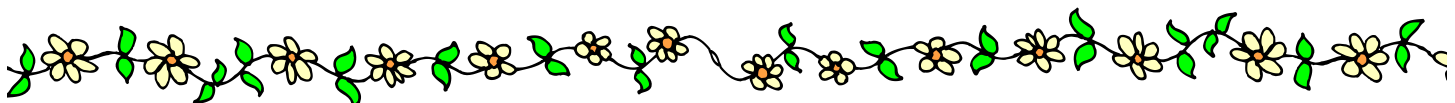
We encourage you to think deeply about what Cedars means to you now as well as in the days ahead and come prepared on March 20 to make your pledge for the next fiscal year (beginning July 1). We hope that most Cedars’ members and friends will be there. The more people who participate, the greater the energy generated and the sooner your congregational leaders will know what they have to work with to strengthen our ministry in the world. Please come on March 20 to enjoy the service, and the special brunch that follows! Your presence matters, just as your giving blesses the world.

We know it’s been a hard few years for most people, financially. We know that there are many ways and directions we all choose to give. But we also know that this church truly makes a difference; plus, it is our religious home. UUism teaches that we are all connected and that love is the only thing that will heal our broken world. Our mission reminds us that we come together in worship, religious exploration, service and love. Cedars matters. It really does.

Years ago my mother taught me the value of stewardship and I’ve never forgotten. May we all find ways to bless the world with our gifts. See you on Celebration Sunday!

See you at church!

Fondly,



Co-ministers' Office Hours for the Month of March

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

It’s best to arrange ahead for an appointment, although one or both co-ministers expect to be at the church office on most Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday mornings. *Exceptions this month:* March 4 and 8. In emergencies, they can be contacted at home, as needed: 206-201-3596.

The Cedar Basket

News of religious education at Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church



This past month, our K-5 Children's Chapel group began a group tapestry project on our great (meaning *big*) floor loom. They each created full-color chalices with pens, then helped to arrange the chalices on a big white board, essentially using the smaller chalices to create an image of a larger chalice. The loom was carefully warped (which took two Sundays to complete), then the image was mounted behind the warp strings. The weaving has begun!

Weaving has much to teach our children: don't fear the fiber (anything done can be undone with care and attention); many visions can come together in a single work; weaving the tapestry of their lives takes time and patience; the work of many hands takes the creative pressure off of the individual and ironically frees everyone. I'm sure there will be more lessons as time progresses. Adults are always invited to come and work on the loom as well; please stop by before or after church to try your hand at this ancient art form.



Calendar for March and April, 2011

Junior and Senior High UUs:

- Saturday, March 5: **Dances of Universal Peace** at the Suquamish UCC Church, 18732 Division Avenue NE, Suquamish, WA 98392. Please contact Kim if you are interested in going to this delightful combination of dance, live music and chant!
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- Sunday, March 6: **Trip to the Seattle Shambhala Center** with Channie Peters and Kim. Senior High students are welcome, as are adult participants. Please let Kim know if you plan to attend. Trip details will come via e-mail the week of February 28.
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- Saturday April 2: **Pizza and Music** at Kim's house. Bring a couple of your favorite pieces of music to share as well as their lyrics (if applicable). Be ready to share what you love about it in a group. We'll meet from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Please RSVP

Parents

- Sunday, March 13: Kim will be in the pulpit talking about the changing face of religious education. After the service, please plan to meet in the library for an open-ended discussion about our RE program's future directions.
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- Monday, March 14: Adult Comparative Religion program highlights Buddhism. It starts at 7:30 pm at the church office. Kim Beyer-Nelson and Alan Miller will be your hosts.
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- Sunday, March 27: *Guest at Your Table* program begins.

— Kim Beyer-Nelson, DRE

Klamath Falls UU Fellowship Loses Building to Fire

A fire on January 4 caused the total loss of the church building of the UU Fellowship Klamath County (Klamath Falls, OR). The 20-member congregation is not yet sure of their plans, though they have found temporary meeting place. They were able to retrieve the bell from the 100+ year old wood plank building, originally a school house. So that the congregation can remain focused on the work at hand, the PNWD has established an emergency fund to receive contributions from congregations and individual UUs around the country.



To contribute on-line, go to www.pnwd.org and see the "Donate Now" box for "Klamath Falls Support." This takes you to PNWD's general purpose payment page. Scroll down to the bottom, and you'll find the donation option for "Klamath Falls Support." To send a check, make it out to PNWD-UUA and note in the memo line "Klamath." Send it to UUA District Office, 12700 SE 32nd Street, Suite E-101, Bellevue, WA 98005-4317.

Cedars Programs & Events

Living Tradition Institute of the West Puget Sound

Join us for an annual all-day workshop to delve deeply into theological issues of our time.

2011 Theme: Four Faiths within Liberal Religion

Participants will consider some of life's major theological and philosophical questions from the faith perspective (Humanism, Naturalism, Mysticism, Theism) most meaningful to them, and then listen attentively

as persons of other perspectives respond to the same questions.

Led by four area UU ministers:

Revs. Bruce Bode, Barbara & Jaco ten Hove and Don Vaughn-Foerster

The remaining programs are repeated at two locations. Attend either of them, but please pre-register.

Held 9:30 am to 3:00 pm on the following Saturdays:

March 12: at Cedars UU Church, Bainbridge Island, 206-780-0373, www.cedarsuuchurch.org.

April 2: at Quimper UU Fellowship, Port Townsend: 360-379-0609, www.quuf.org.

To register for any of these events, please contact the host congregation by phone or web site. For the Cedars session on March 12, please register via our Program website at <http://tinyURL.com/Cedars2011>. See flyer at end of *Beacon*

Women's Retreat Thanks and 2012 Date

Many, many thanks to all who made the second annual Sister Spirit Women's retreat such a wonderful success. In particular, thanks to the retreat planners, **Donna Larkin Mohr, Demi Rasmussen, Andrea Tryon, and Rev. Barbara ten Hove**; the presenters and workshop leaders, **Demi Rasmussen, Kim Beyer-Nelson, Janetmarie Valiga**; our food queen **Shelley Fleming**; and our gracious hostess **Mary Romeo**. Mark your calendars for next year's retreat, which will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2012. The location and theme will be announced in the fall.

Disarmament Conversation with Ploughshares Five

On Sunday, March 13, 2:00 pm, activists from the recently convicted and soon to be sentenced *Ploughshares Five* will come to the Eagle Harbor Congregational Church, 105 Winslow Way W, Bainbridge Island, to tell their story and help concerned local citizens consider ways we can promote world peace and support the cause of a saner, safer world. This event is sponsored by the *Interfaith Council (IFC) of Bainbridge Island/North Kitsap, Ground Zero, and Bainbridge Island Women in Black*, and hosted by Rev. Jaco B. ten Hove, Co-minister of *Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church* and vice-president of the IFC, with Norm Keegel, of the *Agate Passage Friends Meeting*.

Treasurer's Report — January 2011

Pledges	December	YTD	Capital Campaign	
Budgeted:	\$12,692	\$88,842	Pledged:	\$393,000
Received:	\$8,903	\$102,242	Received 1/31/11:	\$186,786
Difference:	(\$3,789)	\$17,188	Difference:	(\$206,214)
Operating Fund	December	YTD	Capital Fund Balances	
Income:	\$11,062	\$137,253	Balance 7/01/09:	\$215,260
Expense	\$16,116	\$115,107	Balance 7/01/10	\$220,367
Difference:	(\$5,054)	\$22,146	Balance 1/31/11:	\$222,138

November 2010 – January 2011: Attendance

Plate Collection

Month	Weekly Average			Month Total	Weekly Average	Special Collection
	Children	Adults	Total			
November	13	91	103	517	\$200	\$987
December	14	80	94	375	\$213	\$392
January	10	82	92	461	\$185	\$621



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

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Friday: 10:30 am to 2:30 pm

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To rent facilities at *The Island School* for meetings or activities, contact **Vinne Perrone, 206-855-1588** or e-mail rentals@cedarsuuchurch.org.

Calendar of Events

March 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Begining Qigong, 10:00a SOULful Cedars 7:00p	2 Choir Rehearsal 7:30p	3 Meditation, 4:30p	4 Knitting/Handicraft, 10:30a Music Committee, 12:00n	5
6 Sunday Service 10:00a Buddhist Study & Meditaion, 4:00p	7 Social Action 7:30p	8 Begining Qigong, 10:00a Program Council, 7:15p	9 Pastoral Care 2:00p Worship Associates, 7:15p Choir Rehearsal 7:30p	10 Meditation, 4:30p	11 Knitting/Handicraft, 10:30a Sustainability Book Group, 7:00p	12 Living Tradition Institute: Four Faiths in UUism, 9:30a
13 Sunday Service 10:00a Coffee & Tea Sales	14 Adult Comparative Religion, 7:30p	15 Begining Qigong, 10:00a Board Meeting 6:30p A House for Hope, 7:15p Beacon Submittal Deadline	16 RE Committee 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7:30p	17 Meditation, 4:30p Ralph Waldo Emerson, 7:00p	18 Knitting/Handicraft, 10:30a	19 UU Perspectives on Israel & Palestine, 2:00p
20 Sunday Service 10:00a Celebration Sunday Pick up Coffee & Tea	21 Membership Team 7:30p	22 Begining Qigong, 10:00a Super Suppers 4:45p A House for Hope, 7:15p	23 Choir Rehearsal 7:30p	24 Meditation, 4:30p	25	26
27 Sunday Service 10:00a <u>Anniversary of Beethoven's Death, 1827</u>	28	29 A House for Hope, 7:15p	30 No Choir Rehearsal	31 Meditation, 4:30p		

Notes:

Cedars Programs & Events

Coffee and Tea Sales Fundraiser

Order Grounds for Change coffee and tea on the second Sunday of each month during the Coffee Hour after the service. 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. Please see Royce Reid after the service on the second Sunday, or e-mail him at royce.reid@gmail.com for more information.

SOULful Cedars Home Energy Survey is Ready for YOU!

Please help pursue "Sustainable Outcomes in Unity and Love," by taking five to ten minutes to fill out an illuminating, 24-question online survey that moves us toward the goal of reducing our home energy use and taking "care of the Earth because it is our home". Your engagement in this is important. Thanks! Go to: TinyURL.com/Cedars-Survey

Official Church Calendar

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

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.

Adult Courses and Programs

The Winter-Spring semester of Cedars' Ethical and Spiritual Programs for Adults began in January. **Register for all programs at <http://tinyURL.com/Cedars2011>**. *All programs will be held at the church office, 571 Eriksen Avenue NE, Bainbridge Island, unless otherwise noted.*

Buddhist Study and Meditation: A Monthly Introduction.

Sessions begin at 4:00 pm on the first Sunday of each month through May 1. Each session will offer a combination of meditation instruction, meditation practice, discussion, and introductory teachings on Buddhism.

Weekly **Qigong** classes will continue, taught by Kim Beyer-Nelson at the church office, on Tuesdays from 10:00 to 10:45 am. This meditative movement class is designed for beginners, and can be done seated or standing.

Alan Miller and Kim Beyer-Nelson teach **Comparative Religion** from 7:30 to 9:00 pm on the second Monday of the month, through May 9 at the church office. Religions covered will include Hinduism, Earth-Centered Traditions, Buddhism, New Thought, and Shinto.

Rev. Jaco ten Hove continues his monthly tutorials on **Ralph Waldo Emerson as Spiritual Guide** from 7:15 to 9:00 pm on the third Thursday of the month through May at the church office. Join this group study of the formative and thought-provoking essays by this influential 19th century Unitarian thinker.

Participation in any or all sessions of a A brochure on these and other Cedars programs is available on Sunday at the Membership Table. You can find more details and register at <http://tinyURL.com/Cedars2011>.

Ideas for Adult Spiritual and Ethical Programs Requested! Your Program Associates are looking for suggestions for adult classes to be taught in late spring, summer and fall, 2011. If you have an idea for a class or want to propose doing one yourself, please contact Rev. Barbara ten Hove at: minister@cedarsuuchurch.org.

"A House for Hope" Four Tuesday evenings: March 15, 22, 29, and April 5, from 7:15 to 9:30 pm at the Church office, led by Rev. Barbara ten Hove. Using the intriguing book of this title by Rebecca Ann Parker and John Buehrens, we'll look at UU theology through a new lens. Book can be ordered at Eagle Harbor books or purchased through the UUA bookstore. Please register through our Program website: <http://tinyURL.com/Cedars2011>

UU Perspectives on Israel and Palestine: Whither "Justice"?

Saturday March 19, 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Church office, led by Rev. Jaco ten Hove. As the historic hub of western religion continues to simmer and blaze with seemingly intractable conflict, what contributions might UUs make toward positive movement? This will be a shared conversation about these struggles—theirs and ours. Please register through our Program website: <http://tinyURL.com/Cedars2011>

The Knitting and Handicraft Group meets Fridays from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Please contact **Shelley Kaurin**, dkandsk@easystreet.net, for locations and directions or to be put on the e-mail list. This is a drop in program: come when you can, stay as long as your schedule permits, no RSVP is required. Beginners are most welcome. There are many who are willing to teach you.

The Sustainability Book Group will meet at 7:30 PM on Friday, March 12 at the home of Herb Hethcote and Leslie Marshall, 1866 Commodore Lane NW, Bainbridge Island. We will discuss *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed* by Jared Diamond (revised paperback edition, January 2011). Please note that the collection of books we have already read is set up for browsing on the Green Sanctuary section of the table at the back of Webster Hall. Newcomers are always welcome. The teakettle will be on; bring snacks to share if you would like. Contact Leslie Marshall or Herb Hethcote at green@cedarsuuchurch.org to receive e-mail announcements.

Green Sanctuary

The Green Sanctuary (GS) Committee has been reorganized into an electronic network of liaisons from almost every committee, group and neighborhood team in the congregation, actively participating in our efforts to help everyone really live our Unitarian Universalist Seventh Principle. Our purpose is to share information among the network members and within the group they represent, to encourage everyone in the steps they are taking, and to incubate creative ideas for living more lightly on the earth.

Although topics for discussion on the network might be related to energy efficiency, food choices, 'waste' disposal, water use, toxics and pollution, local living economies, or community resilience, our first two major efforts will be directed at:

1. reducing our waste at all Cedars events, from Sunday hospitality hour to waffle breakfasts to congregational meetings and celebrations, and
2. encouraging energy efficiency in all aspects of our lives.

As part of our waste reduction effort, you may have seen the newly signed waste containers in Webster Hall and noticed the neighborhood team GS liaisons helping redirect worm food, compostables, and recyclables from the garbage dumpster (and landfill) to their proper destinations. The signs on the containers indicate what items should be put in each.



In addition to the new signs, the Social Action/Green Sanctuary table in Webster Hall has informational posters on Kitsap County waste disposal for recycle and for compost (a.k.a. yard waste). The Cedars office also has a copy of these informational posters, since we are trying to reach zero waste there as well. Another excellent reference for learning about what can be done with all sorts of items that might otherwise be tossed to



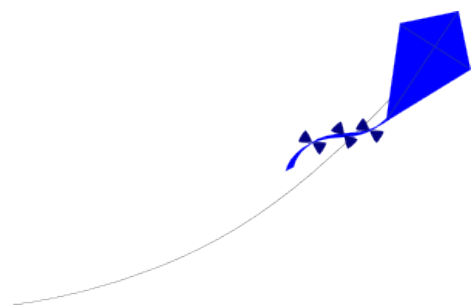
the landfill is accessible at: <http://www.sustainablebainbridge.org/road-map-to-zero-waste.aspx>.

To promote our energy efficiency efforts, we strongly encourage everyone in the congregation to take the Cedars home energy survey if you have not already done so at <http://TinyURL.com/Cedars-Survey>. The survey questions indicate great tips for saving energy at home. Our Webster Hall table also has more information on energy efficiency.

The GS coordinating group is very grateful for the enthusiasm of our new liaisons. Please see the following list the names of friends who have volunteered to help. If you see that we have missed groups in our attempt to reach everyone at Cedars, or if you would like to participate in our network discussions, please contact Leslie Marshall at leslie-marshall@uiowa.edu.

- Sally Wilson : Neighborhood Teams coordinator
Patti Shannon: East Winslow
Royce Reid: West Winslow
Diane McCann: Blakely Harbor
Walker Willingham: Koura
Mary Ann Daley: Port Madison
Nancy Frank: North Kitsap
Donna Larkin Mohr: Board of Trustees; Sustainable Bainbridge
Leslie Marshall: Program Council; GS; network coordinator
Barry Peters: Program Associates
Carol Ann Davidson: Religious Education
Lisa Barfield: Parent Group
Lydia Philip: Youth representative
Karolynn Flynn: Social Action
Nancy Philip: Worship Associates; Committee on Ministry
Sheryl Hamm: Music
Jane Martin: Pastoral Care; Auction
Channie Peters: Membership
Frank Mandt: Communications
Stan Stumbo: Operations
Jaco & Barbara Ten Hove: Co-ministers
Kim Beyer-Nelson: Director of Religious Education
Bob Meredith: Volunteer Office Manager
Robert Mohr: Beacon Green Tips
Herb Hethcote: SOUL/Positive Energy; Sustainability Book Group; Finance
Sarah Reid: InterFaith Council
Gerlind Jenkner: Sustainable Bainbridge and Zero Waste Initiative
Beth Balas: Friends of the Farms and local food initiatives
Greg Hepp: The Island School Green Team; office paper sourcing
Bill Scarvie: Earth Community, Earth Ministry, UUMFE, other (inter)national groups

Styrofoam® Amnesty declared! Bring all your solid Styrofoam® packing blocks, and clean meat trays, cups, and similar (but no packing peanuts) items to Webster Hall on the THIRD Sunday of every month. North Kitsap team member Julie Katana will collect these and truck them to the special Styrofoam® recycler next to IKEA in Renton a couple times each year.



From the President

A Valentine in the Rear View Mirror

Today, I'm tightly up against the Beacon deadline for this column. Fortunately, I've been thinking about its focus for a while now, and yesterday was Valentine's Day. Consequently, I'm thinking fondly about Cedars, and this column will be my backwards-looking valentine. Typical valentines are simple cards with simple words, perhaps with an accompanying chocolate or two, but this one won't be typical, won't be simple, and you'll have to imagine the chocolate.

Of course Cedars is actually our community, or all of us and what we do together. And maybe what we do together is the chocolate in this stream-of-consciousness essay. We come together for friendship, for inspiration, and for the ways in which our gatherings and interactions give meaning to our lives. I treasure this understanding and know that my life is much richer and I am a more fully-realized individual because of Cedars. I am part of this community, but less obviously and more importantly, this community has become a significant and appreciable part of me.

I've noted in previous columns that Sally and I have watched Cedars grow from a group of 20 or 30 adults meeting monthly in member living rooms more than 35 years ago to our present congregation of more than 200 members and friends as well as 35 to 40 children and youth. Our personal UU experience also includes several previous years of membership in Seattle's University Unitarian Church, so we've lightly spanned the range between about 800 members and 20 or 30, but most of our focus has been right here at Cedars. However we've also ventured off to multi-thousand attendee General Assemblies a half dozen times (in cities such as Boston and Quebec City), and we've attended our smaller but more local District Assemblies just as often (enjoying locations such as Victoria's Empress Hotel and Portland's First Church). It's always inspiring to gather with other UUs, and a large crowd can't help but raise the bar on inspiration.



Of course there's no shortage of inspiration here at Cedars. I haven't made a careful study, but if we assume a reasonably probable average age, then our collective life experience is approaching ten millennia (and there is a high-powered group of ten who have been specially honored for their substantial contributions to this achievement). It's also pretty easy to sense that those 10,000 years have been well spent and represent a vast treasure that we share with each other.

Then there is our very own concentration of professional inspiration: the Revs. Barbara and Jaco ten Hove, as well as Director of Religious Education Kim Beyer-Nelson, and Music Director Chris Smellow, and the extraordinary quality of the work they all do to make our Sunday gatherings meaningful and memorable, along with the leadership they bring to the rest of our community activities.

And there are the things we do together. Your selections will be different from mine, but clearly we are an active community. Our weekly services are followed by coffee and much conversation that we clearly enjoy. And then there are the auctions and all of those events and services offered there. I personally also appreciate mixing with other members of the East Winslow team whether called to duty or simply gathering for fun. I'm gaining physical awareness and better health with Kim's weekly Qigong sessions, and I'm deepening an understanding of Buddhist practice in the well-attended course led by Kim, Channie Peters, and Alan Miller. My personal approach to spiritual growth includes much reading, and I enjoy the spiritual book group as well as frequent lunches with a smaller group of Cedars friends who self-identify with the teasing possibility of "salvation by bibliography." I also enjoy interactions with Cedars friends as Facebook friends. There are a lot of us there too, along with a page of our own and this album of photos (which I think can be visited by anyone): <http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=66574&id=58075537901>

There is a lot to ♥ here.

— Richard Wilson, President

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Doctors of Durability

The Cedars Pastoral Care Team has honored our ten most venerable members, all of whom have passed the 80-year marker, with honorary degrees of *Doctoris Durabilitatis*. *The Beacon* will feature their life profiles in the upcoming months, so all may enjoy the fondness we share for our well-rooted Cedars elders.

Doctors of Durability

Patricia "Patsy" Campbell (b. 1926)
Robert "Bob" Campbell (b. 1921)
Marvin Davies Evans (b. 1925)
Lucille Bailey Parker (b. 1922)
A. Diana Peters (b. 1925)

W. Jack Peterson (b. 1927)
N. Lyn Peterson (b. 1929)
Louise Rikley (b. 1915)
Lee H. Salisbury (b. 1927)
Elvin "Al" Tlam (b. 1924)

A. Diana Peters (b. December 9, 1925)

Diana was born in West Vancouver, Canada, and raised in Read Island, near Campbell River on Vancouver Island. Her father, Francis Arthur Culbard, of Scottish descent, had been living in Canada, but met her English mother, Margaret Paula Bullen, in London after returning from WW I. They settled in Canada, but Frances died at age 47 when Diana was 10 years old, and times were rough for the family. Diana was the 4th of six children, and three sisters still live in British Columbia.

At age 15, after trying to do correspondence high school, Diana moved to Vancouver to attend school there, living with and working for a Christian Science family. Even as a child, Diana loved listening to opera; her early favorite was *La Bohème* (and she now has many more favorites). During WW II, she joined the Canadian Air Force at age 18, assisting in meteorology, after which she finished school and worked at clerical jobs. A job with a lumber company transferred her to Montreal where she met and married Alan Peters in 1951.



A couple years later, they moved to California, where Diana worked at Maxwell House Coffee and Alan became Director of Computer Services for United Airlines. Diana also specialized in Early Childhood Education. They became US citizens in 1958 and lived in Mill Valley, CA for 27 years, raising two children, Mark and Julia.

Diana became Unitarian in 1956, and was soon prominent in several of our churches, especially Marin, CA, where she was president for three years. Daughter Julia moved with her family to Bainbridge Island in 1992; Diana & Alan followed in 2000, and quickly found Cedars. Alan died in October, 2004.

Diana has enjoyed photography, knitting, cooking, gardening and hiking. She has a "champagne taste, beer budget" approach to life, and her spirituality comes from and through nature. She can be amazed and engrossed at watching a spider weave its web, and now she has "time to stop and stare."

(Interview notes by Chere Perrone)

Louise Rikley (b. October 27, 1915)

Louise was born in the town of Cortez, in southwestern Colorado. She was near the middle of eight children, along with her twin sister, Claudia, with whom she always been very close. Their father, James Elmer May, studied to be a Baptist minister, but left that pursuit disillusioned and became a barber, cook and farmer. Mother Maida Belle was a teacher.

When the twins were 12, the family moved to Michigan, which became headquarters for many years. As teenagers in East Detroit, Louise and her sister were active in the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints. She fell in love with and married Raymond Bullock, who was her best friend's brother. It was the Depression and they couldn't afford to set up a household, so they kept their wedding a secret until their first anniversary.



She and Raymond had three children, Cedars member Gene being the oldest, followed by two girls. When Gene was a baby the family journeyed to Southern California, lured by deceptive promises of work, but after a few years came back to Michigan.

The family was very involved with a charismatic innovator named Alfred Lawson and his economic/religious reform movement (in response to the Depression). When Gene was 10, they sold everything and moved to Des Moines, Iowa, for a year to join Lawson's commune there. Disillusioned by the experience, they returned to Michigan and started a small farm in Utica. Louise later worked as a secretary/receptionist and owned a coin shop.

About 25 years ago, Louise went to Massachusetts to live with Gene and Sandy and has been with them ever since, including five years when they traveled around in a motor home. They came to live in Poulsbo in 1999.

Louise is an avid reader, and is especially fond of historical novels, as well as crocheting. She finds spirituality in nature and has said of her journey, "I believe in a life-long search for truth, that with an open heart and mind, there is no end to the fruitful and exciting revelations the human spirit can discover."

(Interview notes by Shayne Chandler)

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SUNDAY, MARCH 13

**2:00 PM AT EAGLE HARBOR
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The "Disarm Now Ploughshares 5" illegally entered the Poulso Bangor Naval Base early on All Souls Day, November 2, 2009, and made their way to the allegedly secure nuclear weapons storage facility, where they were harshly arrested as they peacefully protested the hundreds of immensely destructive warheads in our backyard. All five were recently convicted for this conscientious objection and soon will be sentenced to potentially 10 years in prison.

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