

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



May 2011

May 1: Quantum Theology: *A Biodiversity of Spirit*

Rev. Jaco B. ten Hove, Co-minister

Betty Petras, Worship Associate

Can postmodern theology offer a Quantum collaboration? We still generally order our world (and our worldview) with a reliance on classical physics, even as we sense things are in flux. Indeed they are, and getting used to that reality may well be the spiritual essence of our next paradigm. See Jaco's January 9 sermon treatment of Quantum Physics per se on the Cedars sermons web page.

May 8: **Mothertalk**

Rev. Barbara W. ten Hove, Co-minister

Beth Rahe Balas, Worship Associate

The relationship between mothers and daughters is complex. This service explores the ways that "mothertalk" enriches and challenges us all: sons and daughters alike.

May 15: **Emerson's Soulful Nature**

Rev. Jaco B. ten Hove, Co-minister

Jason Cheung, Worship Associate

Our notable Unitarian ancestor, Rev. Ralph Waldo Emerson, was the first true American literary genius, and his eloquently insightful writings continue to inspire, as rediscovered by the monthly study group that has been exploring an essay of his each month this year. Emerson as spiritual guide will illumine this service and reach across the centuries toward our contemporary souls.

May 22: **Prayer's Gifts**

Rev. Barbara W. ten Hove, Co-minister

Bill Scarvie, Worship Associate

Prayer comes from a root that means "to question." Can prayer help us address the many questions life brings? What are prayer's gifts? And how might we offer them to ourselves and others? The choir will sing.

May 29: **The Wheel of Life**

Michael Read and Nancy Philip Worship Associates

Our annual Memorial Day Sunday service acknowledges the many specific transitions we face as we move through the wheel of life. Come help us ritually share and celebrate the various important changes that have shaped and animated us this past year.

Budget Town Hall Meeting

A town hall meeting to present a preliminary budget will be held by the Budget Leadership Team after the Service on Sunday, May 1. Please attend and have your voice heard.

Cedars' Annual Community Service Day

Saturday May 21, 2010

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Helpline House

282 Knechtel Way NE

Bainbridge Island

This is our special hands-on opportunity to help an agency that serves those in need in our community. Look for the special display in early May and sign up for an hour or two when we will work in teams to with help with spring cleaning by washing windows, organizing and repairing medical supplies, tackling yard work, and organizing food donations and storage. Everyone, young or old, can pitch in and be helpful. Please bring along a potluck item. We will finish our day with a potluck picnic lunch to celebrate our efforts and time together.

For more information, contact Betty Petras petrasem@drexel.edu, Diane McCann djmccann@aol.com or, socialaction@cedarsuuchurch.org.



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Eye on the UUniverse

Rev. Jaco B. ten Hove



Where Else Can You Live Among People of All Ages?

Though it's obvious that we are very different from each other in many ways, one thing your co-ministers have very much in common is our religious upbringing. Both of us are "homebred" UUs, actively raised from K-12 in UU congregations. Barbara's family, with her minister father, moved through three church homes; Jaco had one steady anchor, even as his family moved three times (each time closer to that church).

Looking back on those parallel formative influences, we both credit our experience in "Sunday School" and in all-ages congregational community for helping us become the people we are today.

In those vibrant and theologically very different UU settings, we not only learned about the inclusiveness and heritage of our rich faith; we also gained inspiring role models among the adults who befriended us, and lifetime pals among our peers. Plus, we gained spiritual tools to help us live our lives in deep and meaningful ways. We were able to build religious identities that have guided us ever since.



And we learned to value a congregational life that fosters fond relationships across the entire age spectrum, which is not something readily available in our normally very age-segregated society.

We know that parents today can struggle with getting their children and youth to participate in religious community. We live in a culture that too often either assumes all religion equals conservative dogmatism or devalues the spiritual impulse as unimportant. This happens among older children as well as adults, and can make it hard to encourage young people to come to church activities. And because so many UU parents weren't raised UU, and have sometimes rejected their own religious upbringing, it can be an easy leap to just hope that children will find a grounded life path without early engagement in a congregational setting.

While we respect the many challenges parents face today, we also know from our own personal experience that congregational life can powerfully impact young people for the better. Our parents made sure we attended Sunday School, yes, but they also found ways to bring us into relationship with the whole church community. We forged our religious identity in relationship to peers, wise and friendly adults who were not relatives or teachers, and the UU heritage. These benign early influences continue to sustain us.

Cedars aims to support families in the nurture of their children. We try to plan interesting, memorable activities and spiritual exploration that engage young people in Sunday worship services and the helpful small group sessions that usually follow. Through various other events and opportunities, such as family potlucks, the winter holiday craft party, summer outdoor program, and others, we also seek to give our young people and families a chance to interact and bond with fellow UUs.

As your co-ministers, we heartily encourage all people at Cedars of all ages to help make multi-generational community central to our congregational life. That venerable expression, "It takes a village to raise a child," has held up over time because of its abiding truth. We need each other to do the important work of growing souls. We are committed to helping Cedars become even more supportive of our young people and their parents.

We would especially welcome those of you who are not actively parenting right now to join us in this important endeavor. Contact either of us or Director of Religious Exploration Kim Beyer-Nelson to find out more.

See you at church!

Fondly,

Co-ministers' Office Hours for the Month of May

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, and Friday mornings. **Exception: They will be in California visiting family the week of May 23-28.** During this time, Board President Richard Wilson, Vice-president Angie Hoffpauir, Pastoral Care Team Chair Diana Peters, and the office will know how to reach them in an emergency. Otherwise, they can be contacted at home in emergencies, as needed at 206-201-3596.

The Cedar Basket

News of religious education at Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church



As the trees pop into bloom, and the grass grows about knee-high in my yard (eeeeek!), work on our summer Eco-Theology program begins in earnest. From Beach Eco-Art to worm bin creation, from preparing and planting a garden at The Island School to a visit to a local grape farm, the pieces are beginning to fall into place. Be sure to use your own social networks that finger out into the greater community to let folks know about the great things we are planning for this summer.

Please plan to visit the religious education booth at the May 15 **Opportunity Fair**. There, you will be able to register your children for our programs, choose what date is best for you to help out with the kids and learn more the structure of classes and field trips coming this fall. You'll also be able to weave on the great tapestry loom, and see a slide show of some of the wonderful things our kids did this past year.

Our Junior and Senior UU Youth will be working through a **Coming of Age** (COA) curriculum this fall. The program meets every other month for about three hours; parents of the teens are also expected to partake in a special **My Kid is Coming of Age** program that will take place at the same time and location as the COA meetings for teens and tweens. This program also needs teen mentors, non-parent adults from our Cedars community who are willing to share their faith journey and serve as a sounding board. Parents, please begin to suggest names of adults you or your children consider to be excellent "mentor material."



Dates to remember:

- **May 1: Family Potluck at Shelley Kaurin's** after church. Please check in with Shelley if you have questions.
- **May 15: Opportunity Fair** after church. Come explore the many facets of what Cedars has to offer!
- **May 21: Community Service Day** cleanup party at Helpline House.
- **May 29: All Ages Service:** The Wheel of Life
- **June 12: Religious Education Sunday:** An All-ages service to highlight the past months and honor our volunteers.
- **June 19: Summer Eco-Theology Program** begins.

Now, some parting words from Rumi:

*For years, copying other people, I tried to know myself.
From within, I couldn't decide what to do.
Unable to see, I heard my name being called.
Then I walked outside.*

Blessings,

— Kim Beyer-Nelson, Director of Religious Exploration

Electronic Books Broadly Available From Skinner, Beacon

Many books published by Skinner House and Beacon Press are now available as electronic books.

Skinner House has 16 books available as eBooks, through Google eBooks. Find a complete list at the UUA Bookstore website. Click on the red eBooks logo on the right side of the page. Those who buy Skinner House titles from Google will be able to read them on any eBook reader except the Kindle. The same titles will be available soon through the Amazon Kindle store as well.

Beacon publishes all new titles simultaneously in print and eBook editions and it has digitized hundreds of backlist titles. Its eBooks are available through Amazon/Kindle, B&N/Nook, Sony and many other

eBook retailers. Beacon has also signed up with Google Books, which will open the door for independent booksellers to sell Beacon eBooks, says Tom Hallock, associate publisher at Beacon Press.

"We have made a special effort to digitize titles by Forrest Church, John Buehrens, and Rebecca Parker, and other writers of interest to UUs," says Hallock. Books by Beacon authors who will attend GA this year are also available, including Margaret Regan's *The Death Of Josseline*, (the first UU Common Read) and David Bacon's *Illegal People*. Hallock said eBooks should account for about 4 percent of total Beacon sales this year. On individual new titles eBooks have been as much as 30 percent of sales

From InterConnections Tipsheet, Marc 23, 2011

Our special collection for March was dedicated to **Japanese earthquake-tsunami relief** efforts. We chose **Mercy Corps** as the organization to work for us in this regard. Thanks to your generous donations at our Sunday service and other funds that we have been notified have been sent on-line, **Cedars was able to send \$2,450 to Mercy Corps**. It is good to know we are helping, even in what may seem a small way to the size of the problem. Thank you for your efforts.

April's special collection will be dedicated to supporting the children's efforts with their **Guest at Your Table** project. And with planting season upon us, May's special collection will go toward buying our yearly **Butler Farm share**. With this share, throughout the growing season, we will pick up vegetables from the farm and take the produce to Helpline House.

Almost here: **Cedar's Community Service Day will be held on May 21 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Helpline House**. There will be a lunch potluck from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Jobs will be available for all ages; bring the whole family.

— Karolynn Flynn, Social Action Point of Contact

UU Perspectives on Israel and Palestine: Whither "Justice"

Takes place on Saturday May 7, 1:00 to 3:00pm at the church office, 571 Ericksen Avenue NE, Bainbridge Island. Rev. Jaco ten Hove will follow-up his recent sermon on this topic with an open conversation. As the historic hub of western religion continues to simmer and blaze with seemingly intractable conflict, what contribution can UUs make toward positive movement? This will be a shared conversation about these struggles--theirs and ours. To register, go to <http://TinyURL.com/Cedars2011> or use the registration box on the Sunday morning Welcome Table.

Cedars Opportunity Fair on Sunday, May 15 after Church

Come learn more about Cedars programs and groups!

You can explore the many opportunities for involvement in our rich congregational life. Lots of tables will be set up in Webster Hall which will feature information about the many Cedars activities. Plan to stay a few extra minutes and learn about programs such as **Religious Exploration** for adults and children, the **Choir**, the **Budget Leadership Team**, **Pastoral Care Team**, and many more. There are also a variety of affinity groups available for your participation.

Treasurer's Report — March 2011

Pledges	February	YTD	Capital Campaign	
Budgeted:	\$12,692	\$114,225	Pledged:	\$393,000
Received:	\$9,256	\$118,896	Received 1/31/11:	\$186,786
Difference:	(\$3,436)	\$ 4,671	Difference:	(\$206,214)
Operating Fund	February	YTD	Capital Fund Balances	
Income:	\$11,075	\$156,922	Balance 7/01/09:	\$215,260
Expense	\$15,377	\$150,939	Balance 7/01/10	\$220,367
Difference:	(\$ 4,302)	\$ 5,983	Balance 3/31/11:	\$222,816

January 2011 – March 2011: Attendance

Month	Weekly Average			Month	Weekly	Special
	Children	Adults	Total	Total	Average	Collection
January	10	82	92	461	\$185	\$621
February	12	93	105	315	\$157	\$557
March	5	83	88	354	\$115	\$1,235

Plate Collection

New Book Helps in Talking About Class
We don't talk much about class in UU circles, says the Rev. Mark W. Harris. Is that because the stereotypes are true, that we are only educated suburbanites? Or intellectual urbanites? When we look around on Sunday morning, do we see people who are "not like us"?

Not often, says Harris, who has written a book, *Elite: Uncovering Classism in Unitarian Universalist History*, that will be useful in creating discussions of classism in lifespan religious education classes, small group ministry sessions, book groups, and sermons. The book is available for \$10 at the UUA Bookstore.

Harris, minister of the First Parish of Watertown, MA, takes us on a historical tour of classist behavior by Unitarians and Universalists. One of his first stops is around the time of the American Revolution when Unitarians preached that God had given everyone the gift of reason, but given it in differing amounts. Then there was the "Boston Brahmin" period of the late 1870s when Unitarian "elites" controlled pretty much everything and didn't consider the "lower classes" qualified to help make the rules or sit beside them in church.

Harris also devotes much of a chapter to eugenics, the belief, supported by many Unitarians in the early 1900s, that some people's genetics were superior to others and should be managed accordingly. Universalists, says Harris, have generally been more welcoming throughout history, consisting as they did of a broader range of classes, including tradespeople, textile and mill workers, and farmers, as well as ship captains and merchants.

We carry assumptions, says Harris, "that a liberal thinking person's faith will not appeal to those who are not college-educated, work with their hands, drive pick-up trucks, or live more than twenty miles from an art museum." He notes that many of us seem more comfortable with gender, race, and sexual differences than with "working class" people. Perhaps, he says, "we are too quick to dismiss the truth that all classes have folks who are smart inquisitive people with inquiring minds and hearts open to all kinds of people. We should not sell our faith short when it comes to what we have to offer and why we want others to join us."

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Our Mission

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

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

May 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday Service 10:00a Budget Town Hall, 11:30a Buddhist Study & Meditaion, 4:00p	2	3 Begining Qigong, 10:00a	4 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30p	5 Meditation, 4:30p Auction Committee, 6:00p	6 Knitting/Handicraft, 10:30a Music Committee, 12:00n	7 Whither Justice, 1:00p
8 <i>Mother's Day</i> Sunday Service 10:00a Coffee & Tea Sales	9 Adult Comparative Religion, 7:30p Social Action 7:30p	10 Begining Qigong, 10:00a Program Council, 7:15p	11 Pastoral Care 2:00p Choir Rehearsal, 7:30p	12 Meditation, 4:30p	13 Knitting/Handicraft, 10:30a Sustainability Book Group, 7:00p	14 The Homiletic Eye, 9:30a
15 Sunday Service 10:00a Pick up Coffee & Tea Opportunity Fair, 11:30a Beacon Submittal Deadline	16 Membership Team 7:30p	17 Begining Qigong, 10:00a Board Meeting 6:30p	18 RE Committee 6:30p Choir Rehearsal, 7:30p	19 Meditation, 4:30p Ralph Waldo Emerson, 7:00p	20 Knitting/Handicraft, 10:30a	21
22 Sunday Service 10:00a	23	24 Begining Qigong, 10:00a	25 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30p	26 Meditation, 4:30p	27	28
29 Sunday Service 10:00a	30 <i>Memorial Day</i>	31 Begining Qigong, 10:00a Super Suppers 4:45p				

Notes:

For details on calendar events, please see www.cedarsuuchurch.org/calendar.html.
Events are accurate as of 9:00 pm, April 26, 2011

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.

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.

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 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. 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.

A House for Hope, on Tuesdays, March 15, 22, 29, and April 5, from 7:15 to 9:30 pm, 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. Books can be ordered at your local bookstore or purchased through the UUA bookstore.

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

The Sustainability Book Group will meet at 7:30 PM on Friday, May 13 at the home of Herb Hethcote and Leslie Marshall, 1866 Commodore Lane NW, Bainbridge Island (just west of the high school). We will discuss **When the Rivers Run Dry: Water – the Defining Crisis of the Twenty-first Century**, by Fred Pearce, Beacon Press, 2006. 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 email announcements.

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.

The Spirituality Book Group invites you to join us in discussing a spiritually-based book every other month. We meet on the third Friday of even months. If you would like to be added to our e-mail list, please contact Mary Romeo at nmromeo@msn.com. Our next meeting is **7:00 pm, Friday, June 17** at Mary Romeo's home, 10770 Arrow Point Drive, Bainbridge Island, 206-842-1708. We will discuss *The Marriage of Sense and Soul: Integrating Science and Religion*, 1999, by Ken Wilber.

Our next meeting and book:

- August 19 (may be changed due to summer schedules): Karen Armstrong's newest book, *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*.



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)

Lee H. Salisbury (b. June 6, 1927)

Lee was born and raised in New York City, where his father owned a bookstore in Greenwich Village. After Stuyvesant High School he attended Stevens Institute of Technology where he was cast as the lead in the play *Dracula*, which he loved, even though it caused him to flunk other courses. He then enlisted in the Navy and served mostly in the South Pacific, where he was when V-J day was declared.

After the war Lee went to New York University, where he found his niche in theater. He was involved in radio soap operas for many years. He also taught theater in a local high school while he worked in radio. He married an actress and moved to Fairfield, CT, but this marriage did not last long and after divorce, he decided to move to Redwood City, California, where he met and married Lesley, his wife of 50 years.

Lesley's sister worked for the University of Alaska in Fairbanks, which was looking for someone to start and manage a Theater Department, so in 1955 they moved there to take the job. Forty-three years later Lee completed that role, and the theater was named for him. His greatest passion has been directing plays, especially those of Shaw and Shakespeare.

During his 55 years in Fairbanks, Lee built a log house on 2-1/2 acres in a beautiful setting. They were one of the founding families of the Fairbanks Unitarian Fellowship in the late 1950s. A few years ago Lee relocated to Bainbridge to be near daughter Lisa, a potter who lives in Suquamish; son Tom, who operates Salisbury Woodworking on Bainbridge; and daughter Druska, who is a dermatology physician's assistant and lives in Edmonds. His other son, Lex, has a wildlife park in Florida and was director of the Tampa Zoo for 20 years. *(Interview notes by Donna Moore)*



Elvin "Al" Tlam (b. April 27, 1924)

Al was his parents' only child, born in a northern Iowa farmhouse. About the time he started school, the family moved to a small town in Minnesota. Al's mother died young and his father eventually remarried. Half of the 14 males in Al's high school class died in World War II. His family wanted him to continue their farming tradition, but his interests were more toward science.



After serving in the Air Force during WW II, he received a B.A. in electrical engineering from the University of Minnesota, but it was extra classes in physics and chemistry that shaped his career. Soon after graduation he married a college librarian and they had two children. Al spent a couple of years working on controls for heating and air conditioning before he went to work for Honeywell. A new job with Boeing required the family to move to Seattle.

Shortly thereafter his wife died, when the children were 9 and 12. The early years in Seattle were difficult. He eventually retired from Boeing, and has many inventions to his credit, notably triggering devices for U.S. munitions. He enjoyed the work, but not the secrecy.

Al eventually remarried, but after several years his new wife got involved with Jehovah's Witnesses, which doomed the marriage. She now lives in Oregon and they are still friends. Al lives with his son Tom, who is near retirement as a marine engineer. His daughter, Cheryl, is an artist of some note.

Al was a keen scuba diver, swimmer, hunter, fisherman, and skydiver. He says that learning to skydive took the excitement out of amusement park rides. A scuba diving accident in his fifties blinded him in his left eye.

Al was raised a Methodist, but did not accept the dogma. He discovered Unitarianism soon after leaving home. He now considers himself agnostic and still has no use for dogma. *(Interview notes by John Peck)*

From the President

Perspective

Writing a monthly column like this is a very personal exercise, sometimes an intimidating challenge, and always a leap of faith, or at least a leap into the unexplored but promising potential of a blank page. Cedars is a bit like this too, although perhaps without the leaping. A promising future is awaiting our arrival and we are in the process of arriving, sometimes struggling but mostly thriving, and with obvious potential. As I look back through previous columns from this nearly completed church year, I can see that my focus has stayed close to a few themes: the growth and change that has brought Cedars to what it is today, our struggle with constraints imposed by the sagging local and national economies, that potential which we all sense and represent, and our forward-looking steps toward actively beginning to fill that blank page that is our collective future.

We are arriving year by year and month by month. I've also written a bit about recurring patterns or cycles in our church year, and now as we move toward another year's conclusion, my thinking is turning toward the preparation of another annual report summarizing and evaluating what we've been doing together over these past months.

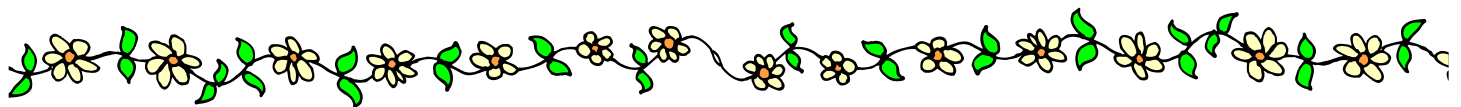
My expectations for the year were that it would be a time for consolidation, for getting our governance and operational systems into better order after a multi-year period of relatively significant growth and change. This year also immediately followed a year-long planning effort that concluded with a broadly-shared congregational understanding that we like what we have and want more of it (the *Shaping Our Future* report is available on our website).



Of course, simply keeping what we've got takes effort, and we've been generally successful there this year. Our membership remains about where it has been for several years, although some of the names have changed and there are new faces among us. Our pledging for the funding of next year is up, although still short of what we really need. The most significant changes of the year have no doubt been the organized arrival of Program Associates Alan Miller, Andrea Tryon, and Barry Peters and their well-received adult program offerings (see the [Cedars website](#) for a current listing) and the thoughtful reorganization and planning of this year's Religious Education/Exploration program for children and youth by Kim Beyer-Nelson, our newest professional staff member (arriving last winter), followed closely by the enhancement of Cedars' sound system in Webster Hall and the imminent (at the time of this writing) arrival of a new grand piano on the Webster Hall stage. And, of course, it is not insignificant that the Revs. Jaco and Barbara ten Hove and Music Director Chris Smellow continue to inspire with their well-crafted Sunday services; that our various committees and teams continue their effective support of ongoing programs and initiatives; and that our vibrant congregational community continues to enrich our individual lives and identities.

Nevertheless, we are reaching the eleventh month of our year, when a second wind might help. Some of our committees and staff members could use help, both now and for the coming year. In support of that need, the Program Council is organizing an after-service Opportunity Fair on May 15 to showcase the possibilities for deeper involvement in activities that appeal to you. Please explore the opportunities presented then, and join in as you are able. My personal experience has almost always been that I've gained more than I've given when engaged in Cedars' causes I care about.

— Richard Wilson, President



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