

The Beacon

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Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church
Serving Bainbridge Island and Greater Kitsap County



CEDARS CHURCH
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Upcoming Services

What is a Church Without a Building?

January 13
10:00 a.m.
The Island School

With **Rev. Thomas Perchlik**, Interim Minister and **Jenny Weaver**, Worship Associate

Often the word "church" refers only to a church building. Often, when people say they are "going to church" they mean an event in a building. But what if a church has no building? What must a church be, and what more can a church be without a building?

Guest Guitarist, **Michael Mandrell**, is one of those rare artists who has a strong sense of his Western musical beginnings, yet can make beautiful and sophisticated forays into the music of the East. In journeys that have since taken him to Taos, New Mexico and to his current home in Portland, Oregon, Michael has been an artist of life whose music expresses the fiber of his being. His musical worldview expresses the wide-ranging aspirations of his spirit, from his Celtic core to his World Beat, raga and jazz-inflected compositions.

Civil Rights Sunday



**Cedars UU Church is a
Welcoming Congregation
and Green Sanctuary**

Our Mission

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



Rev. Thomas Perchlik

Cedars Calendar

January 20
10:00 a.m.
The Island School

With **Rev. Thomas Perchlik**, Interim Minister and **Penny Brewer**, Worship Associate

Frances Harper was a writer and activist in the 19th Century who was a member of both an African Episcopal Methodist, and a Unitarian church. **Dr. Martin Luther King, Junior** was well acquainted with Unitarian and UU churches. What do these two tell us about our current struggle to shake off the chains of "white supremacy"?

News and Announcements

Thank You!

The holiday spirit was certainly in the hearts of Cedars members and friends as \$989 was collected on December 23rd and 24th for the **YWCA ALIVE** shelter for women and children escaping domestic abuse. Thanks to all for your generosity.

Cedars Social Action Committee

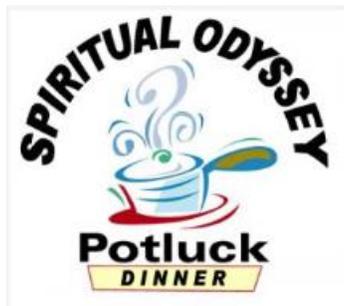
Spiritual Odyssey Potluck

Tonight, Friday, January 11
Cedars Center
6:00 p.m.

On most 2nd Friday evenings we are invited to gather for a potluck supper and discussion with friends or members of Cedars who have agreed to share stories of their personal spiritual journeys.

The presentations are informal, and can lead to deeper understandings of each other as we discuss where we have come from, as well as what we seek (or perhaps have found) here at Cedars.

The guest speaker for January is **Stan Stumbo**.



Ordaining Jessica

Please note that not all events on the calendar are held at the Cedars Center. To view our advanced calendar click [here](#). This link allows you to click on the event title to reveal a drop down of detailed information.

Friday, January 11

6:00 p.m. Spiritual Odyssey Potluck

Saturday, January 12

2:30 p.m. Fundraising Committee Mtg.

Sunday, January 13

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

6:00 p.m. Minister Search Meeting

Monday, January 14

7:00 p.m. Covenant Group

Tuesday, January 15

5:00 p.m. Worship Associates Meeting

7:30 p.m. Meditation Meeting (held wkly)

Wednesday, January 16

7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, January 17

5:30 p.m. Religious Education Cmtee Mtg

7:00 p.m. Program Council

Ministerial Search

A Successful Workshop

The Search Committee thanks all of you who attended last Sunday's service and the following workshop. UUA representative **Jones Hollister-Victoria (Jo)** led us all toward a more open and successful search process as we consider candidates for our next settled minister.

The presentation was timely, since the search process itself has now moved beyond the committee's preparation and release of a **Congregational Record** sharing descriptive information about Cedars with potential minister candidates, as well as its assembly of a more extensive **Search Packet** containing copies or samples of Cedars' operational and organizational material such as bylaws, board and congregational meeting minutes, budgets, newsletters, and more for sharing with interested candidates.

As those prospective candidates identify themselves, the committee will be reviewing descriptive biographical material, checking references, making preliminary assessments of suitability as discussed in the congregation's survey workshops and cottage meetings, and beginning interactive conversations with selected candidates.

Saturday, January 19
3:00 p.m.
The Island School



As previously announced, Cedars member and former Board President and Worship Associate **Jessica Star Rockers** will be ordained into UU ministry by our Cedars congregation in the afternoon of Saturday, January 19. All members and friends of Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church are invited to attend this significant event and we will also have guests from Eagle Harbor Congregational Church, Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, and Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Church, as well as a number of local area ministers in attendance.

In keeping with Jessica's request for simplicity and community building, our congregation will host a simple potluck meal following the ordination service. The Ordination Committee will provide chicken and a celebration cake, and is soliciting tasty side dishes to complete the meal offering. Side dish suggestions (to serve 8-10 people) include green salads, cooked or raw vegetables, rice or potato dishes, or gluten-free options such as quinoa.

Please RSVP by January 13

Let us know that you plan to attend with this link: [Reservation Link](#)

Childcare will be provided for the service only 3-4:30 p.m. Young children will join their parents for the potluck supper!

Questions? **Helen Nissani** nissanih@msn.com

If you are wishing to attend the Ordination for Jessica and you need a ride, please contact **Susan Shaffer** at lasiembra@comcast.net or call 206-842-3984. Also, if anyone is able to help with driving a few people, let me know that as well.

Narrowing its focus, the committee will then arrange weekend meetings with each of three pre-candidate finalists that will include conducted Sunday services. After selecting one finalist, the committee will introduce its candidate to the congregation in a two-Sunday **Candidating Week**, concluding in a congregational meeting considering the offer of a **Ministerial Call**.

Cedars Ministerial Search Committee:
Carol Ann Davidson, Betsy Minkoff, Johanna Munson, Vinnie Perrone, Jeff Philip, John Wiens, and Richard Wilson

Social Action Committee News

How will you celebrate **Martin Luther King Day** on Monday, January 21? President Obama encouraged us to use this holiday as Volunteer Day-a perfect tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr. and his message. Let's keep that tradition alive. Here are some doable volunteer ideas:

- Get the family together and head for a beach or street that needs a litter cleanup.
- Drop by Fishline or Helpline with bags of fresh vegetables which are in short supply during the winter months.
- Get in touch with Island Volunteer Caregivers (IVC), 206-842-4441 or info@ivcbainbridge.org to find out how you can help Islanders in need with transportation, your company, or small chores.

Also, consider attending the 1st Annual Bainbridge Martin Luther King Celebration

Sunday, January 20, 4 - 8:00 p.m.
Bainbridge Island Museum of Art

This is a free event with speakers, kid's activities, performances, food, art, and fun hosted by Race Equity Network of Bainbridge (REN).

Cedars Justice Network News

Sunday January 13
Kitsap UU Fellowship, Bremerton
12:00 Noon

Cedar's Justice Network invites you and friends to hear Helen Nissani and Katherine Niall present "Deported from Kitsap County" at Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Bremerton on January 13 at Noon.

Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is located at 4418 Perry Ave NE, Bremerton.

Commemorate Martin Luther King Jr Day
Monday, January 21, 2019
1:00-3:00 pm
Cedars Center, 284 Madrona Way

This gathering will be an opportunity to continue our discussion of White Fragility and reflect, learn, and share. Everyone is welcome and no prior reading is required.

Cedars Justice Network

Get Your Calendars Ready!

Open House at The Island School

Wednesday, January 23, 7:00 p.m.
8553 NE Day Road, Bainbridge Island

Interested parents are warmly invited to join faculty, alumni and current parents to learn more about The Island School and its educational program. The Island School offers a rich, engaging curriculum and small class sizes for students in Kindergarten through fifth grade. Half and full day kindergarten and Extended Day program available.

Call 206-842-0400 or visit
TheIslandSchool.org for more information.

Climate and Energy Forum

Making Sense of Climate Change
Saturday January 26
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Eagle Harbor Congregational Church

Members of the Bainbridge Island Climate Change Advisory Committee will help make sense of the latest climate science and policy developments.

Panelists will discuss the following reports:

- Dr. Lara Hansen, Global Warming of 1.50 C (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change)
- James Rufo-Hill, 4th National Climate Assessment (US Global Change Research Program)
- Dr. Gary Lagerloef, Emissions Gap Report (United Nations Environment Program)
- Michael Cox, Conference of the Parties 24 (UN Framework Convention on Climate Change)

For more information: Contact **Michael Cox** or **Herb Hethcote**

WHAT IS A UU? Class Announcement

Cedars' Annual Event Sales Fundraiser is coming in February!

One of the most anticipated parts of the Cedars UU church year is our Event Sales fundraiser. You will be offered seats or tickets for events or activities of various types through the coming year, with most ranging in price from \$10-\$60.



Creating and hosting an event can also be great fun! Many are hosted by multiple people or couples, and working together on an event project allows you to spend quality time with other members. Call a Cedars friend or two or three, put your creative juices together, and come up with an event to sell. Here are some idea starters:

- Create a theme party! Whether it's a sit-down dinner or just heavy appetizers or desserts, a theme party tends to sell well! Share the costs, hosting and prep work by throwing the party with friends. Creating it together is half the fun.

There are Buddhist UUs and Christian UUs, Buddhist UUs and Pagan UUs. But, what is a UU? Are we an umbrella group for people with unique religious identities, or is there something more we share? We have principles, we have sources, we have the flaming chalice, but how could those make a person a UU?

Reverend Thomas will lead four sessions on our shared principles, our shared sources, our shared practices, and our shared limits. The class will take place after Services on Sundays in February and March. The exact dates will be announced in the Beacon and on Sundays.

All are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions. To help with preparations, please register your interest with [Reverend Thomas](#), or with the [Cedars UU Office](#)

Prepared Cedars Taskforce

New recruits to the Taskforce are: **David Bray, Tyler Weaver** and **Reed Blanchard**. Look for the Safety Leader (SL) each Sunday near the Webster Hall doors wearing an SL tag. If there is an incident, the SL will be wearing an orange vest.

Emergency Contacts

Starting January 20 you will be asked to fill out cards for use in case of an emergency. These are confidential and will only be used if we have to contact someone for you. We thank you for your cooperation.

Doors Locked/Unlocked?

The policy on doors will remain the same (see your setup team leader) for now. There will be a short presentation at the January congregational meeting with an opportunity to voice your opinion on any possible changes.

Prepared Cedars Taskforce, Barbara, Leslie, and Mike.

Cedars new directory is here!

- What do you like to do? Chances are, there are folks who would like to do them with you. Lead a group hike, host a camp fire sing-along, create a walking tour of a historical spot.
- What talents do you have to share? Teach a class. Cedars is full of life-long learners.

After deciding on your event donation, create a description and a summary that will help people understand it and want to buy it.

If you want to discuss your idea with the Fundraising Committee, contact **Jane Martin, Bob Meredith, Dean Sampson, Pat Sampson** or **Patti Shannon**.

If you are ready to create an event you can enter your event information online by [Following this Link](#). The online submission is important for creation of our promotional materials.

TIMELINE:

- January 20 Information Table during coffee hour*
- January 27 Deadline for submissions
- February 17 First opportunity to buy event seats at coffee hour**
- February 24 Remaining seats available to buy at coffee hour

* Committee members will have laptops on hand to enter your event information.

**Check or cash preferred, but credit cards will gladly be accepted

Most Cedars Members and Friends have received invitations to begin using our new and more capable BREEZE Directory software. If you haven't received your invite or have lost track of it please contact the **office**. Your Cedars BREEZE Team believes that this exciting technology platform will be an effective and helpful tool for building community, communication, outreach, and management functions at Cedars.

The Cedars BREEZE Team is here to assist ALL Cedars Members and Friends in learning and taking advantage of this new technology. Please **email** the office with any questions.

Our old Cedars directory will disappear towards the end of January, so we want to bring you all on board. Please look for reminders, helpful assistance, and support over the near future as we expand what BREEZE can do for our Cedars community.

Hello BREEZE!!

Print the Beacon Newsletter

The Beacon is now available to **print** at home. Newest version is available after 12:00 p.m. on Fridays. Copies will also be available at each Sunday Service on the activities table.

Member Directory

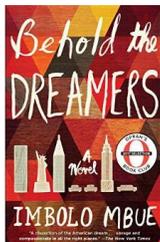
Members and friends can easily search our online [Church Directory](#) for contact information. The link is located under the Community Tab of the [Cedars website](#).

CCBG News

CCBG Book Selection and Discussion
February 22, 2019. (4th Friday of the month)
1:00-3:00 pm
Cedars Center, 284 Madrona Way

We're reading *Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue.

This critically acclaimed debut novel by Imbolo Mbue, won the 2017 PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction and was named by The New York Times and The Washington Post as one of the notable books of 2016. It was also named as a best book of 2016 by NPR, Kirkus Reviews, the San Francisco Chronicle, The Guardian and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.



The Bainbridge Island library has chosen this book as its "common read." Copies are available at the library, Eagle Harbor Books and other outlets.

For more information, contact **Barbara** at ccb@cedarsuuchurch.org.

Connect with Cedars



Services and Children's Religious Education

Sundays at 10 a.m.
The Island School
8553 NE Day Road
Bainbridge Island

Cedars UU Center

284 Madrona Way NE, #128
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110
(206) 780-0373

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Guide to Cedars Center Use

Office Manager:

Sharon Helm

Office Hours:

Tuesday - Friday

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Send it to The Beacon by Friday at 11:00 a.m. **ONE WEEK BEFORE** the next Friday's newsletter (7 days in advance). See our submission guidelines.