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Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church
Serving Bainbridge Island and Northern Kitsap County



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Upcoming Services

Fear Not

January 27
10:00 a.m.
The Island School

With **Rev. Thomas Perchlik**, Interim Minister and **Emily Mockett**, Worship Associate

This seems to be an age of fear. Either we fear marauding hordes from the south, or nuclear weapons from the north, fascist ideas from the east, or tsunamis from the west. How do we live well, happy and at ease, when anxiety and fear seem to be endemic?

Ladies and Gentlemen, this is 'Fighting Shirley Chisholm' Coming Through

February 3
10:00 a.m.
The Island School

With **Zelda Foxall**, Guest Speaker and **Marsha Gladhart**, Worship Associate

Zelda Foxall will take the stage as Former Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm and share a story that illustrates how important it is that we, as constituents, stay informed on the issues and write and/or meet with our members of congress to share our perspectives. Our interaction and involvement can make a difference. Through her seven terms in Congress, Rep. Chisholm fought for some of the very things we continue to fight for today. She is a tiny giant who helped swing open the door of opportunity for the many women who now sit in Congress.



**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

News and Announcements

Mid-Year Congregational Meeting

Sunday January 27
11:15
The Island School

Cedars' Semi-annual Congregational Meeting has been scheduled to follow the Sunday morning service on January 27. The agenda will include general discussion of board and program council activities, financial performance and planning, as well as progress reports from the Safety Committee and the Ministerial Search Committee.

Special Collection

Sunday January 27
University Beyond Bars

The recipient of the January 27th Special Collection is University Beyond Bars (UBB), founded in 2005 as the first program to offer college instruction at Washington State Reformatory after the legislature prohibited public funding of prison college programs. The first Associate Degree was awarded in 2006. Today UBB offers higher education and enrichment programming to over 340 prisoners at Washington State Reformatory and the Minimum Security Unit, both located at the Monroe Correctional Complex.

UBB empowers prisoners to fulfill their potential through communities of higher learning that transcend prison walls. It seeks to break the cycle of incarceration, to strengthen families and communities, to confront racism, and to promote personal achievement through transformational education opportunities regardless of identity, socio-economic status, or circumstances.

We can help their mission by donating to this most deserving nonprofit organization. Please make checks out to University Beyond Bars or UBB. If you cannot make the service on the 27th, donations can be sent to the church office.

Thank you for your continued giving to our Special Collections.
The Social Action Committee

Climate and Energy Forum

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.

Sunday, January 27

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

11:15 a.m. Congregational Meeting

Monday, January 28

7:00 p.m. Covenant Group

Tuesday, January 29

4:45 p.m. Super Suppers

Wednesday, January 30

7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, January 31

2:00 p.m. Community Life Team Mtg.

Friday, February 1

10:00 a.m. Journaling Group

Office Manager Opportunity

Sharon Helm will be moving on to new retirement adventures starting April 1, 2019. If you know of someone who would be interested in applying for the Office Manager position, please pass this information along to them. Detailed Job Description will be available next week.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 11:00 to 2:00 p.m. (12 hours per week) at the Cedars Center Office located off Madison Avenue on Bainbridge Island.

Duties include but are not limited to:

- Design and publication of the Order of Service each week (using MS Publisher)
- Publication of weekly church newsletter using Constant Contact
- Updating posts and pages for Church website on WordPress
- Producing flyers/inserts/brochures for distribution
- Updating and maintaining the church calendar and church directory.
- Managing communications for committee projects
- Email maintenance: Answering or forwarding email as appropriate
- Answering office phone and greeting visitors to the church office

Please contact the office for more

**Making Sense of Climate Change
Tomorrow, 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**

information. 206-780-0373 or
office@cedarsuuchurch.org

Ministerial Search

An Active Process

The Search Committee has now moved beyond the committee's preparation and release of a **Cedars Congregational Record for Minister Search** (follow [link](#) to view the document) sharing descriptive information about Cedars with potential minister candidates, and its assembly of an extensive **Search Packet** (follow [link](#) to view the document) 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 candidates expressing interest in our congregation.

As those prospective candidates have identified themselves, the committee has been reviewing descriptive biographical material, making preliminary assessments of suitability as suggested by the congregational survey and subsequent cottage meetings, and engaging and interviewing selected candidates in interactive video conversations.

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 a finalist judged as the best fit for Cedars, the committee will introduce that candidate to the congregation in a two-Sunday Candidating Week, concluding in a congregational meeting to consider 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

Ordaining Jessica



The **Reverend Jessica Star Rockers** was ordained as a UU minister by the Cedars congregation in Webster Hall last Saturday. A formal procession of visiting clergy opened the service in a room filled with more than 220 people representing the three congregations most associated with her new status and the training and experience that brought her to it: Cedars, Bremerton's Kitsap UU Fellowship, and Eagle Harbor Congregational Church.

The service also featured the nearly 40 voices of a combined Cedars and Eagle Harbor choir, and was followed by a potluck supper for all.

Congratulations Jessica!

Prepared Cedars Taskforce



Cedars' Annual Event Sales Fundraiser

January 27

Deadline for donating an event

February 17 After Sunday Service, first opportunity to buy event seats*

February 24 Remaining event seats can be purchased

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. These events are donated by Cedars Friends and Members.



Creating and hosting an event can 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,

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.

CCBG News

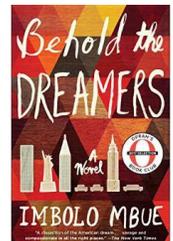
CCBG Book Selection and Discussion February 22, 2019. (4th Friday of the month)

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 ccbg@cedarsuuchurch.org.

hosting and prep work by throwing the party with friends. Creating it together is half the fun.

- 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.

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

WHAT IS UU? Class Announcement

We have principles, we have sources, we have the flaming chalice, but is that what makes a person a UU? What does it mean to have a UU Identity? Is it wrong to try and define such an identity or can such defining be a source of power, clarity and spiritual health? This class will look at the sources of shared UU identity. These include our shared principles, our shared sources, our shared practices and our shared cultural background.

Understanding that the minister's weekend schedule may change radically in February and March, the sessions are tentatively scheduled to happen at **11:30 AM**, after Sunday worship, at the Island School on **February 3, February 17, February 24, and March 3**.

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](#)

Cedars new directory is here!

Our old Cedars directory will disappear on January 31. After this date when you go to the website and select Member Directory you will be opening the new Breeze Directory. All Cedars Members and Friends should 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.

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](#).

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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