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## The Beacon

*A weekly email newsletter from  
Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church  
Serving Bainbridge Island and Northern Kitsap County*



**CEDARS CHURCH**  
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

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### This Week At Cedars

**Sunday Service, April 20**  
**10:00 am**

#### Resurrecting Hope

**Rev. Barbara Cornell, Guest Minister**  
**Nancy Philip, Worship Associate**

Hope is tricky, especially when things are going wrong. Does it mean hoping for a cure, or turning this disaster around, or what exactly? In this sermon, we'll consider the changing nature of hope and explore our options for getting through these uncertain times.

**Rev. Barbara Cornell** is a hospital chaplain and bereavement coordinator at Providence Swedish Edmonds Hospital in Edmonds, WA. She and her husband, Dane are proud parents of two young adults, Katie and Will.



**Childcare will be offered during this service.** Click [HERE](#) for details.

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#### Wednesday, April 23

##### Meditation Group

**5:30 - 6:30 pm**

**Cedars Center**

Please see below for more details

#### Saturday, April 26

##### Earth Day Expo

**10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Battle Point Park**

Please see below for more details

##### Stewardship Gathering

**4:00 pm**

**Pure's House**

Please see below for more details

[View detailed calendar here.](#)

## Upcoming Service

**Sunday Service, April 27**  
**10:00 am**

### **Imagination: We Are All Artists**

**Rev. Margo Rinehart, Cedars Minister**  
**Johanna Munson, Worship Associate**

This sermon is a kick-off for all the learning and visioning we will be doing together in the months to come. Let us work together in building a co-ministry of support, beauty, and restoration. John O'Donohue says, "We each possess an imagination. Everyone, whether they like it or not, is involved in the construction of the world."

**Reverend Margo Rinehart** is now our minister at Cedars UU Congregation. She has been a Kitsap County resident for over 20 years before recently finishing a ministry in Bozeman, Montana and is looking forward to serving us.



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## News and Announcements

### **Let's Weave Community, Together!**

Spring is a time of renewal and a time for everyone to renew their commitments to our Cedars community. To kick off our annual pledge drive this year, we are holding a reception on **April 26 from 4:00-5:30 pm** at the "Prue's House", a delightful cabin in the Hilltop section of the Grand Forest, which is maintained by Bainbridge Parks and Recreation. We will be joined by our special guest, **Rev. Margo**, who will be leading our Sunday service for the first time the next day, on April 27. **Please check your email inbox for an Evite invitation to this event and RSVP at your earliest convenience.** Come and enjoy some wine, non-alcoholic beverages, snacks, and desserts with good friends!



**Also, pledge forms for the 2025-2026 church year will be sent to each member by mail in the next few weeks. You will have several ways to pledge, either on paper or electronically.**

**Let's Weave Community, Together!**

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### **Meet & Greets with Rev. Margo**

**Cedars members and friends will have several opportunities to meet and greet Rev. Margo** in small groups of 8 to 10 people in members' homes starting May 4.

**Here are the dates of these Meet & Greets:**

**Sunday, May 4, 4-6 pm** - Hosts: **Jeff & Nancy Philip**, Poulsbo

**Thursday, May 8, 6- 8 pm** - Host: **Patricia Erdmann**, Suquamish

**Saturday, May 10, 2-4 pm** - Hosts: **Jenny & Tyler Weaver**, South B.I.

**Thursday, May 15, 2-4 pm** - Host: **Jane Martin**, Winslow



**Please sign up to attend one of these events** [HERE](#).

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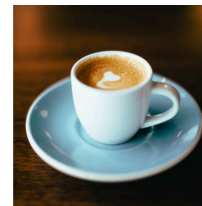
## Spiritual Odyssey Potluck

Join us for a Spiritual Odyssey Potluck at Cedars Center on **May 3 from 12:00 to 2:00 pm!** Enjoy good food and fellowship as **Naomi Gary** shares her personal Spiritual Journey. Bring a dish to share and an open heart for inspiring conversation!



## New to Cedars Conversation

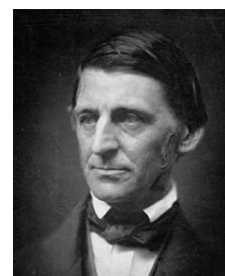
Are you new to Cedars and wonder what Unitarian Universalism is all about? Do you want to know more about this community? Then come to our **New to Cedars Conversation on May 4, in the library from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm after the service.** Fill your cup and join the conversation!



## Upcoming Learning Opportunity: Emerson as a Spiritual Guide

Cedars member, **Barry Andrews**, author of several books about **Ralph Waldo Emerson**, will be offering a program of learning and discovery to explore the spiritual writings of Emerson through a series to be offered in May and June. You can find out more information [HERE](#).

You can sign up for the class [HERE](#).



## Congratulations, Jane Martin!

Cedars member **Jane Martin** has received a **2025 Earth Day Award** from Kitsap County Public Works and the Board of County Commissioners for her efforts as a driving force in waste reduction and community sustainability for over 14 years. Jane is the leader of the Zero Waste Bainbridge Tableware Lending Library, she has helped prevent thousands of items from being bought or discarded, promoting borrowing over buying new. Jane advocates for reuse and reduction throughout the county by volunteering at Kitsap Fix-it Fairs as a jewelry fixer, serving as an ambassador at Zero Waste discard stations, hosting booths at farmers' markets, and sorting metal bi-weekly. For 12 years, Jane has led the Green Team at the annual Bainbridge Rotary Rummage Sale. She is also the co-founder of the Women's Shelter Jewelry Project, which began 20 years ago to repurpose donated jewelry. Jane sorts, repairs, and sells the jewelry to raise funds for women's shelters. Additionally, her work provides jewelry to women in shelters, children, and theater groups, which benefits the community and boosts the confidence of clients.

Congratulations, Jane!

## Hold the Date!

We will be having our **Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 8** after the service at The Island School. At the meeting, members will vote on the 2025-2026 annual budget and elect members to the Board of Trustees and the Nominating Committee. Please mark your calendars for this important event!

**April Special Collection: Earth Justice – The Earth Needs a Good Lawyer**

Cedars holds a Special Collection monthly for community outreach to educate our congregation about the work of various non-profit organizations that reflect our values and to channel our generosity in support of them.

For April – Earth Month - we will be collecting funds to support Earth Justice. You can find more information [HERE](#).



## Welcome New Members!

**Dave and Nancy Coursen** moved to Poulsbo, in 2023 with their dog Jackson—a goofy Great Pyrenees mix. They grew up on opposite coasts—Dave in Baltimore, and Nancy in Marin County, CA—and met in Dallas. They have four adult children and one grandchild (with another on the way!) who live in Houston, San Antonio, Minneapolis and Saint Simons. Dave is a retired Packaging Engineer from Weyerhaeuser and Nancy is a retired Teacher from Des Moines Area Community College. They love gardening, hiking, eating good seafood and exploring new places. They are thrilled to call the Pacific Northwest their new home.



## Community Events

### Earth Day Expo

Come join us for a few hours during the Earth Day Expo to assist the Parks Department's Natural Resource Team. You can find more information and sign up [HERE](#).



### Japanese Exclusion Memorial Tour: Sunday, June 1, 2:00- 4:00 pm

Please join us for an exclusive tour of the Japanese Exclusion Memorial at Prichard Park. You can find more information, including signup [HERE](#).



## Ongoing Programs

### Meditation Group

Join us for meditation practice on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Cedars Center. We will use mindfulness or Vipassana Meditation audio recordings from the Insight Meditation Center in Redwood City. For questions, please contact **Sandy Spears** at [meditation@cedarsuuchurch.org](mailto:meditation@cedarsuuchurch.org)

### Childcare on Sunday Mornings!

Good news! We're now offering childcare for families with young children during our Sunday services! If you know a family that hasn't been able to attend on Sundays because of a lack of childcare, please tell them about this.. We look forward to welcoming some new faces that otherwise wouldn't be able to be with us on Sunday mornings! For details about how childcare will be provided, click [HERE](#).

### Cedars on Social Media

Cedars now has a podcast! We are posting our Sunday Services on **Spotify** [HERE](#), on the **Apple Podcast** app [HERE](#), on Amazon Music [HERE](#), and on **iHeartRadio** [HERE](#) for



easier access to our audio recordings. Our podcast is called “**Sunday Mornings at Cedars.**”

We are also now on **Instagram!** Find us [HERE](#).

And as usual, find us on our Church **Facebook** page [HERE](#) and our **Community Facebook** page [HERE](#).

**Be sure to “Like” us and “Follow” us on each one!**

You can also still find audio recordings of our Services on our website [HERE](#).



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## Super Supper and Community Kitchen Sign-Ups

Cedars, in partnership with Kol Shalom as members of the Bainbridge Island Interfaith Council, offers Super Supper dinners on the last Tuesday of each month. We have a regular sign-up for you to use each month to provide various dishes and to assist with setup, serving, and cleanup, so that all in our congregation have a chance to participate. You can find the sign-up for Super Suppers [HERE](#).



Cedars is also committed to leading the preparation and serving of a free meal to anyone in the community every other month through the Suquamish Community Kitchen. These meals require many helping hands to prepare, serve, and clean up. Please consider signing up [HERE](#) for one of the team member roles on the upcoming date, Wednesday, May 14.

For more information, contact **Mike Cox** at [socialaction@cedarsuuchurch.org](mailto:socialaction@cedarsuuchurch.org) or **Rod Kempkes** at [president@cedarsuuchurch.org](mailto:president@cedarsuuchurch.org).

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## Beacon Article Deadline

The new deadline for submitting content for The Beacon is now Mondays by the end of the day. If you would like to add an article, please send it to the Cedars Office at [Office@cedarsuuchurch.org](mailto:Office@cedarsuuchurch.org).

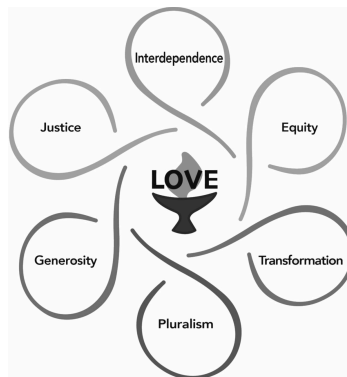
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## Cedars Facebook Conversations

If you're on Facebook, there is a new Facebook group called Cedars UU Church Community Conversations for members and friends to share events, fun stories, etc. Let's keep the coffee hour going all week long! Join the group [HERE](#).



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



## Our Congregational Mission

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

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## Print the Beacon Newsletter

The Beacon is available to download and print each week. Go to [www.cedarsuuchurch.org](http://www.cedarsuuchurch.org). The newest issue is available on the Cedars website under News after 12:00 p.m. on Fridays.

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## Member Directory

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

### **Worship Services**

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.  
The Island School  
8553 NE Day Road  
Bainbridge Island

### **Office at Cedars**

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