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Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church
Serving Bainbridge Island and Northern Kitsap County*

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This Week At Cedars

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.



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

Tuesday, April 29

Super Supper

4:00 pm

Eagle Harbor Congregational Church

Please see below for more details

Wednesday, April 30

Meditation Group

5:30 - 6:30 pm

Cedars Center

Please see below for more details

Saturday, May 3

Spiritual Odyssey Potluck

12:00 - 2:00 pm

Cedars Center

Please see below for more details

[View detailed calendar here.](#)

Upcoming Service

Sunday Service, May 4

10:00 am

Generosity: The Joy of Service.

Rev. Margo Rinehart, Cedars Minister
Gregory Cook, Worship Associate

Come and explore the interrelationships of generosity, joy and service as we try to live lives of integrity and purpose. This sermon will also make mention of the Cedars pledge drive! Rabindranath Tagore inspires us with his poem: "I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and, behold, service was joy."

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News and Announcements

2025-2026 Pledge Drive Update

Every year in late spring we set aside time to connect with each other, think about all the reasons that Cedars is important to us, and gather funds for the coming year. Our annual pledge drive for the 2025-2026 church year is now underway with pledge forms being sent out last week. Members and friends will have several ways to pledge this year, either on paper or electronically. **We are asking everyone to please send in their pledges by early May so that the Board can finalize the proposed budget before the annual congregational meeting on June 8.** If you did not receive a pledge form in the mail and would like to make a pledge to support our Cedars community, you can make a pledge by clicking [HERE](#).



Let's Weave Community, Together!

Meet & Greet 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 & Greet:

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](#).

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!



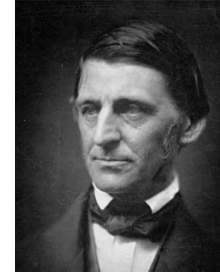
New to Cedars Conversation

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 beginning on **Monday, May 5, at the Cedars Center.** You can find out more information about this program [HERE](#).



Advance registration is required, and available seats are filling up fast! You can sign up for the class [HERE](#).



Wheel of Life: Don Tarbutton

On Monday, March 24, 2025, Cedars Friend Don Tarbutton's wish for a peaceful passing came true. He was supported in this passing by the Bainbridge Island Senior Center Queer Elders Family Group which he helped found and Kaiser Hospice. Don fully lived his 88 1/2 years and looked forward to reuniting with his soul partner, Steve Glancy, who preceded him in 1995 when Don was the Executive Director of Hospice of Kitsap County. Don was a longtime UU, since first visiting a UU church in Portland in 1995. Friends encouraged him to go. When he saw a pamphlet welcoming queer people into the church, he knew he wanted to be a part of it. Don was impressed by our diversity and how open UU congregations are to whoever needs our values. He said that he wanted to be remembered for having lived a meaningful life because of being a gay man, not in spite of it. Don requested not to have a formal memorial service. Don's longtime friend, Rick Freeman, will be placing his ashes at the Hillside Cemetery on Bainbridge Island and at Lake Quinault.

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](#).



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

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](#).



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 or **Rod Kempkes** at president@cedarsuuchurch.org.

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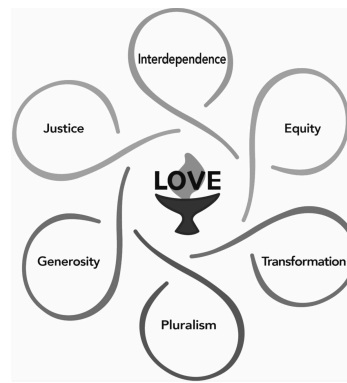
The new deadline for submitting content for The Beacon is now Mondays by the end of the day. If you would like to add an article, please send it to the Cedars Office at Office@cedarsuuchurch.org.

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](#).



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

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

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Michelle Welsh, Office Administrator
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