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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, 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."

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, May 3

Spiritual Odyssey Potluck

12:00 - 2:00 pm

Cedars Center

Please see below for more details

Sunday, May 4

Meet & greet with Rev. Margo

4:00 -6:00 pm

Jeff & Nancy Philip's House

Please see below for more details

Monday, May 5

Emerson as Spiritual Guide with Barry Andrews

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Cedars Center

Please see below for more details

Wednesday, May 7

Meditation Group

5:30 - 6:30 pm

Cedars Center

Please see below for more details

Thursday, May 4

Meet & greet with Rev. Margo

6:00 -8:00 pm

Patricia Erdmann's House

Please see below for more details

[View detailed calendar here.](#)

Upcoming Service

Sunday Service, May 11

10:00 am

Divine Detours: Trusting the Way

Rev. Kari Kopnic, Guest Minister

Gregory Cook, Worship Associate

Ever had life all mapped out, only for the Divine to grab the wheel? This sermon is about those moments when you think you're heading one way, and suddenly—boom!—you're on a completely different path.

Rev. Kari Kopnic is a lover of good books and poetry, a gardener of native plants, and tends a hearty little charm of hummingbirds in her yard during the cold winters. She serves as the Community Minister and the Acting Executive Director at The Chaplaincy Institute, an interfaith seminary and community.

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



News and Announcements

2025-2026 Pledge Drive Update

Our 2025-2026 pledge drive is winding down, but there's still time for you to get your pledges in! Members and friends have several ways to pledge this year, either on paper or electronically. **We are asking everyone to please send in their pledges by May 7 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!



Stewardship Reception at Prue's House

Over 30 Cedars members enjoyed a beautiful spring afternoon at Prue's House in the Grand Forest of Bainbridge Island on Saturday, April 26th, celebrating the kickoff of our 2025-2026 pledge drive. Good food, beverages, and fellowship were abundant in the sunshine!



Spiritual Odyssey Potluck

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



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](#).

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!

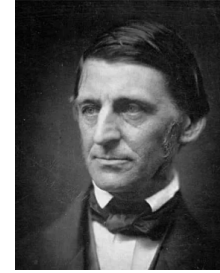


Upcoming Learning Opportunity: Emerson as a Spiritual Guide

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](#).



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!

Community Events

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](#).



Standing Together, Bainbridge Island

A group of concerned Bainbridge citizens under the banner "Standing Together, are planning a town hall rally for democracy on June 7 at 12:00 to 2:30 pm at the Lynwood Theater on Bainbridge Island. You can find more information about this event [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.

Cedars New Office Hours

We have new office hours starting next week. The Cedars office hours will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, with remote hours on Wednesdays from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Beacon Article Deadline

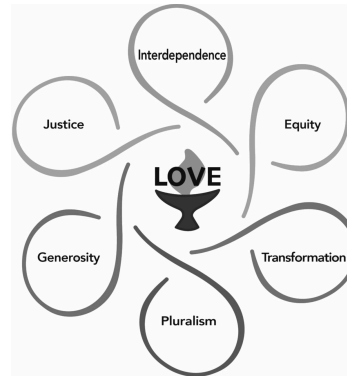
The new deadline for submitting content for The Beacon is now Mondays by the end of the day. If you would like to add an article, please send it to the Cedars Office at Office@cedarsuuchurch.org.

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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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

Office at Cedars

Michelle Welsh, Office Administrator
Tuesday - Thursday, 9 am - 2 pm
284 Madrona Way, NE #128
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110
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Cedars Minister

Rev. Margo Rinehart, Cedars Minister

Tuesday 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

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