

# 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, May 11**  
**10:00 am**

### **Divine Detours: Trusting the Way**

**Rev. Kari Kopnic, Guest Minister**  
**Jenny Weaver, 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**  
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### **Thursday, May 8**

**Meet & Greet with Rev. Margo**  
**6:00 - 8:00 pm**  
**Patricia Erdmann's House**  
Please see below for more details

### **Saturday, May 10**

**Meet & Greet with Rev. Margo**  
**2:00 - 4:00 pm**  
**Jenny & Tyler Weaver's House**  
Please see below for more details

### **Monday, May 12**

**Emerson as Spiritual Guide**  
**7:00 - 8:30 pm**  
**Cedars Center**  
Please see below for more details

### **Tuesday, May 13**

**Men's Group**  
**3:00 - 4:30 pm**  
**Cedars Center**  
Please see below for more details

### **Wednesday, May 14**

**Meditation Group on Zoom**  
**5:30 - 6:30 pm**  
**Zoom**  
Please see below for more details

**Thursday, May 15**

**Meet & Greet with Rev. Margo**  
**2:00 - 4:00 pm**  
**Jane Martin's House**  
Please see below for more details

**[View detailed calendar here.](#)**

## Upcoming Service

**Sunday Service, May 11**  
**10:00 am**

### **"The Unreasonable Effectiveness of Mathematics in the Natural Sciences"**

**Gregory Cook, Guest Speaker**  
**Nancy Philip, Worship Associate**

Astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson said "The Universe is under no obligation to make sense to you." While this is certainly true, we (collectively, all of humanity) have learned how to describe and predict many things. From Johannes Kepler's observation that celestial bodies travel in elliptical orbits to the complex differential equations of Quantum Electrodynamics, math has proved to be useful in these understandings. Is that the most profound thing ever- or entirely trivial?



**Gregory Cook** has been a member of Cedars for nearly 20 years. He has an MS in Mathematics from Western Washington University and has a strong interest in various areas in both Physics and Philosophy.

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## News and Announcements

### **IFC Climate Circle Newsletter: Featuring Steve Johnson!**

Steve Johnson, friend of Cedars, was recently highlighted in the IFC newsletter for his outstanding contributions to community efforts against climate change. His dedication is making a real difference. You can read the full article **[HERE](#)**.



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### **Cedars Men's Group**

The Cedars Men's Group will meet in person at 3:00 pm on May 13 at the Cedars Center to welcome any men who would like to consider joining. We meet once a month on the second Tuesday of each month.



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**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. However, if you need additional time to send in your pledge, we will still certainly appreciate your response. 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!



### **May Special Collection: BI Japanese Exclusion Memorial Association (BIJAEMA)**

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. On May 25, we will be collecting funds to support the building of a visitor center for BIJAEMA. BIJAEMA stands as a poignant testament to the resilience and spirit of a community faced with adversity during World War II. You can find more information [HERE](#).



**Please join us for an exclusive tour of the Japanese Exclusion Memorial at Prichard Park on June 1.** You can find more information, including signup [HERE](#).

### **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.

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

**Thursday, May 8, 6- 8 pm** - Host: **Patricia Erdmann**, Suquamish  
**Saturday, May 10, 2-4 pm** - Hosts: **Jenny & Tyler Weaver**, South B.I.

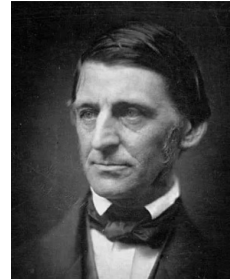
**Thursday, May 15, 2-4 pm** - Host: **Jane Martin**, Winslow



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

### Learning Opportunity: Emerson as a Spiritual Guide

Cedars member **Barry Andrews**, author of several books about **Ralph Waldo Emerson**, is offering a program of learning and discovery to explore the spiritual writings of Emerson through a series that began last **Monday, May 5, at the Cedars Center**. This program is open to new participants and you can find out more information about this program [HERE](#).



You can still 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

### 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 from 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 on Zoom!

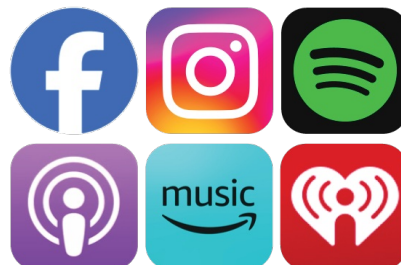
Join us for meditation practice on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. We will meet on Zoom, using mindfulness or Vipassana Meditation audio recordings from the Insight Meditation Center in Redwood City. You can find the link to the meditation [HERE](#). For questions, please contact **Sandy Spears** at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

### Childcare on Sunday Mornings!

Good news! We now offer 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 is 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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## 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.

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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).

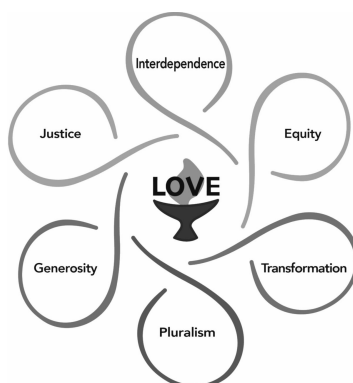
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## Cedars Facebook Conversations

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**

**Michelle Welsh, Office Administrator**  
Tuesday - Thursday, 9 am - 2 pm  
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Bainbridge Island, WA 98110  
(206) 780-0373  
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### **Cedars Minister**

**Rev. Margo Rinehart, Cedars Minister**  
Tuesday 11:00 am - 1:00 pm  
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