

The Beacon

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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, June 15
10:00 am

Milk and Cookies and the Milky Way

Rev. Dr. Barbara Wells ten Hove & Rev. Jaco B. ten Hove, Guest Ministers
Jenny Weaver, Worship Associate



These last few years have been tough on everyone. Is it possible that kindness might bring healing and hope to our world? And does the universe even care?

Barbara Wells ten Hove and Jaco ten Hove Emeritus Ministers of Cedars, are back among us for the first time since they retired in 2017 after 8.5 years as our Co-ministers. Rev. Barbara started her ministry at East Shore Unitarian in Bellevue, WA, in 1985 and was the founding minister of the Woodinville UUC. Jaco was minister at Edmonds UUC for ten years before he and Barbara teamed up to serve the Jefferson Unitarian Church in Golden, CO, and Paint Branch UUC in Adelphi, MD. They came to Cedars in 2008 and retired to Bellingham in 2017.

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

Tuesday, June 17

For the Love of Water: Re-membling the Importance of Every Little Drop
6:30 - 8:30 pm

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
Please see below for more details

[View detailed calendar here.](#)

Upcoming Service

Sunday, June 22
10:00 am

Summer Brunch in the Park

This Sunday, we'll be gathering at the Picnic Shelter in Battle Point Park for a potluck brunch. Break out your flip flops, bring something brunchy to share, and let's enjoy the start of summer together! We can share stories of our favorite summer childhood memories and our plans for the sunny days ahead. Families and children are welcome! The Battle Point Park Picnic Shelter is located near the Arrow Point entrance on the east side of the park. (Enter 10727 Arrow Point Drive NE if you're navigating by GPS)



CEDARS presents: STOCKtheSHELVES!

This month our Social Action Committee is pleased to introduce a new way to help people in our community. At the start of each month, we'll provide a list of the most needed shelf-stable items for local food banks. At the last Sunday Service of that month (starting June 29), we'll collect donations and deliver them to Helpline or Fishline on alternating months. [HERE](#) is Helpline's list of what's most needed for June's STOCKtheSHELVES.



A Message from Rev. Margo

Exploring Our UU Value of Generosity During the Current Food Crisis

This week activists Greta Thunberg and Rima Hassan stood aboard the Madleen Freedom Flotilla in a brave attempt to bring food aid to Gaza, because Palestinians living in the bombed and hollowed out Gaza are starving. Here in our local North Kitsap and Bainbridge Island communities, food banks are struggling with deep funding cuts and increased need. During this time, and always, our UU Values of Generosity, which connects us to one another in relationships of interdependence and mutuality, call us to share our resources.

This past week the Bainbridge Island and North Kitsap Interfaith group (BINK-IFC) shared information about the increasing numbers of individuals and families seeking meals at Grace Episcopal, Saint Cecelia and the Suquamish United Church of Christ. The number of households Helpline is assisting has doubled in the last two years and they no longer have enough food to fill the shelves. Funding for purchasing fresh food has been cancelled and commodities funding has been reduced by up to 40%. The need to feed our neighbors is immediate and intense.

Our faith calls us to our value of Generosity. It asks us to cultivate a spirit of gratitude and hope and to covenant to freely and compassionately share our presence and resources. By doing so our generosity connects us to one another in relationships of interdependence and mutuality. Let's grow our resilience and work together to feed our neighbors.

This month Naomi Gary and Patricia Erdmann are starting us off with an ongoing food drive through Cedars UUC. BINK-IFC is considering returning to monthly food drives outside of Town and County and Safeway. Over the next weeks and months, look for ways you can help. Non-perishable food, hygiene supplies and checks are all welcome!

*In the end it won't matter how much we have, but how generously we have given.
It won't matter how much we know, but rather how well we live.
And it won't matter how much we believe, but how deeply we love. Rev. John Morgan*



General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), where participants gather to worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy decisions for the Association through a democratic process. From June 18–22, 2025, the 64th UUA General Assembly will be a multi-platform event, with the main stage hosted at the Baltimore Convention Center in Baltimore, Maryland. You can find out more about GA [HERE](#).

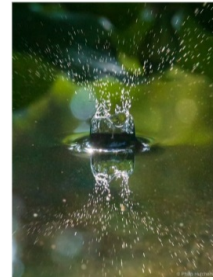
UUA News and Information

To learn more about UUA values, news, and information, click on the image or [HERE](#). You'll also find a permanent image link at the bottom of each newsletter for easy access.



For the Love of Water: Re-membering the Importance of Every Little Drop

The Bainbridge Island North Kitsap Interfaith Climate Circle invites you to join us on June 17 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church to explore the significance of water in restoring Earth's life-supporting climate. You can find more information about this event [HERE](#).



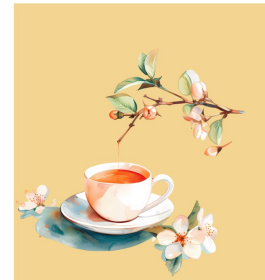
It's Orca Month!

June is Orca Action Month, and Backbone is hosting several events. One is a Multi-City Banner Action. We are looking for two volunteers to help hold the Bainbridge banner on Friday, June 20, at 4:40 for approximately one hour around ferry arrival and departure. The banner will say, 'Remove the Lower Snake River Dams to Save the SR Orcas.' Please get in touch with Sandy at office@cedarsuuchurch.org



Mortal-i-tea with Johanna Munson and the EdgeWalking Collective

Death happens. Let's talk about it! Mortal-i-tea is a space for coming together with your fellow mortals to discuss our shared fate and to enjoy tea and snacks while we're at it. This group will facilitate open, informal conversations about death and dying; it is not intended to provide grief counseling. No agenda, no religion. The first Mortal-i-tea will be offered on Tuesday, July 8, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. You can sign up [HERE](#).



Ongoing Programs

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](#).

Rev. Margo Drop-in Hours!

Rev. Margo will have drop-in office hours on Tuesdays from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm from June 10 through July 1. Drop by and say hello to Reverend Margo, ask questions, or brainstorm ideas. Feel free to bring a sack lunch!

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, July 23.

For more information, contact **Mike Cox** at socialaction@cedarsuuchurch.org or **Rod Kempkes** at president@cedarsuuchurch.org.

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](#).

Cedars Office Hours

Cedars has new office hours as follows: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, with remote hours (available via email) on Wednesdays from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Beacon Article Deadline

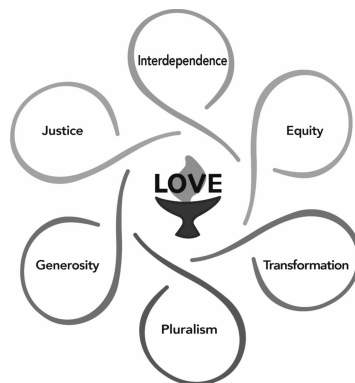
The deadline for submitting content for The Beacon is Mondays by the end of the day. If you would like to add an article, please send it to the Cedars Office at Office@cedarsuuchurch.org.

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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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

Cedars Minister

Rev. Margo Rinehart, Cedars Minister

Tuesday 9:30 am - 3:00 pm
Drop-in times: All Tuesdays in June, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
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Cedars Office

Michelle Welsh, Office Administrator

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm in office hours
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