

The Beacon

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



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This Week At Cedars

Sunday Service, June 8
10:00 am

Bridging Service for Grace Bonow

Grace Bonow, Guest Speaker
Nancy Philip, Worship Associate

Come and celebrate the Bridging of Grace, our graduating high school senior. Grace will describe how Unitarian Universalism shaped her journey from childhood to adult thinking and being.

Grace Bonow is a graduating senior and a young member of Cedars UU Church who will be speaking about her spiritual journey. She has a deep passion for the earth, astronomy, and her favorite stories, and weaves these elements into her daily life. Grace will be moving to Scotland this fall to study astrophysics at the University of St. Andrews.



During the service, a few Cedars members will offer well wishes to Grace on behalf of our community. Following the service, you are warmly invited to greet Grace and her family in an informal receiving line outdoors. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Nancy Philip, the worship associate for this service.

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

Sunday, June 8

Annual Congregational Meeting
11:15 am - 12:15 pm
The Island School
Please see below for more details

Tuesday, June 10

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

Wednesday, June 11

Cedars Book Group
1:00 - 3:30 pm
Zoom
Please see below for more details

Mortal-i-tea!

[View detailed calendar here.](#)

Upcoming Service

Sunday Service, June 15
10:00 am

Milk and Cookies and the Milky Way

Rev. Dr. Barbara Wells ten Hove & Rev. Jacob 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 Jacob 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. Jacob 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.

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News and Announcements

Cedars' Annual Congregational Meeting

Our **Annual Congregational Meeting** is on **June 8**, directly after the service. During this meeting, members will be able to vote on important agenda items. All Members and Friends are welcome to attend. Here's the [Agenda](#).



We will be voting on:

- **Adopting the presented 2025-2026 budget.** The Board and the Budget Leadership Team have worked hard to present a budget that will allow us to maintain Cedars programs and look toward growth in the coming year. LINKS: [Budget Leadership Team Memo](#); [2025-26 Proposed Budget](#)
- **Voting on Board of Trustees Candidates:** Rod Kempkes' term expires this year, but he is willing to extend his term one more year. We will vote on an extension to his term. We will also vote on a 2-year term for Tyler Weaver who will replace Andrea Barnes, whose term expires this year.
- **Voting on Nominating Committee Candidates:** We will vote on 2-year terms for Jane Martin and Dean Sampson.

It is very important that we have a quorum at this meeting so that the votes are valid. We need 30% of our members to attend. Therefore, we want and need as many people attending as possible.

If you cannot be present in person for this meeting and would like to receive an absentee ballot, please send an email to office@cedarsuuchurch.org by Thursday, June 5. Absentee ballots will count as regular votes, but **do not** count toward a quorum under the Cedars Bylaws.

- Cedars Board of Trustees

CEDARS presents: STOCKtheSHELVES!

This week 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 and Fishline on alternating months. [HERE](#) is Helpline's list of what's most needed for June's STOCKtheSHELVES.



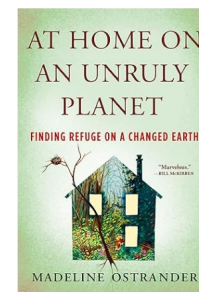
Mortal-i-tea with Johanna Munson and the EdgeWalking Collective

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 Wednesday, June 11, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. You can sign up [HERE](#).



Cedars Book Group

The Cedars Book Group will meet from 1:30 to 3:00 pm on Wednesday, June 11, by Zoom to discuss **At Home on an Unruly Planet: Finding Refuge on a Changed Earth** by Marie Ostrander. She was a guest speaker at Cedars last year and was the featured speaker at a Bainbridge Climate meeting several years ago. You can find information, including the Zoom link, [HERE](#). For more information, please contact Herb Hethcote.



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
BALTIMORE • JUNE 18 - 22, 2025

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](#).

Our Successful 2025-2026 Pledge Drive!

This year our Cedars community demonstrated one of our core Unitarian Universalist values of **Generosity**. We have received 39 pledges to date, for a total of \$129,140, **exceeding our target by 17%**! If you still haven't made your pledge, we will 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](#).**



Thank you for supporting our beloved Cedars community!

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 p.m. at the Lynwood Theater on Bainbridge Island. You can find more information about this event [HERE](#).



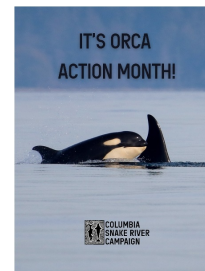
For the Love of Water: Re-membering the Importance of Every Little Drop

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



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](#).

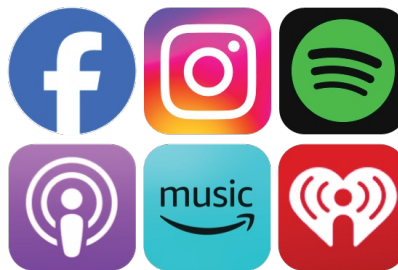


Cedars is also committed to leading the preparation and serving of a free meal to anyone in the community every other month through the Suquamish Community Kitchen. These meals require many helping hands to prepare, serve, and clean up. Please consider signing up [HERE](#) for one of the team member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

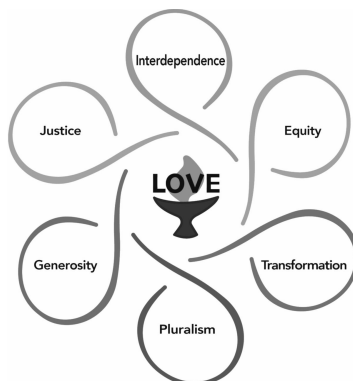
The deadline for submitting content for The Beacon is Mondays by the end of the day. If you would like to add an article, please send it to the Cedars Office at Office@cedarsuuchurch.org.

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*

Print the Beacon Newsletter

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

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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