

The Beacon

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Serving Bainbridge Island and Northern Kitsap County



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This Week At Cedars

Sunday Service, July 13
10:00 am

Blessing of the Animals

Nancy Philip, Worship Associate

St Francis of Assisi is the beloved Patron Saint of Animals. Unitarian Universalists have a very special connection to their animal friends and companions. We will bring our animal companions to Church this Sunday to honor them and give them the Blessing of the Animals. We will also hold space for animal companions who are no longer with us and those who are unable to attend Sunday Services on this day.



Upcoming Service

Sunday Service, July 20
10:00 am

Embrace Life Now: Make A List, Forget the Bucket

Rev. Margo Rinehart, Cedars Minister
Tyler Weaver, Worship Associate

We often hear the expression, "It's on my bucket list!" referring to the rush to see and do the things of our deepest desires before our life runs out. What if we created these pilgrimages and life experiences now rather than putting them off for our last years? Come and explore how to build your list for the here and now.

Reverend Margo Rinehart is 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 joined us in late April.



News and Announcements

Vote for your Favorite Hymns!

Do you have a favorite hymn? The Music Committee would like you to vote for your favorite hymns for the Service on August 3. We will have paper ballots available at the Sunday Service on July 13. You also have the option to cast your vote online [HERE](#).



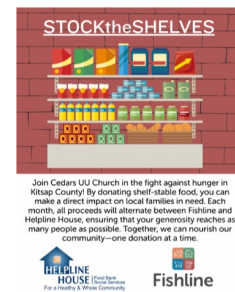
CEDARS presents: STOCKtheSHELVES!

WHEN: Sunday service on July 27, OR drop off donations at the Cedars Center

WHERE: Contributions will go to Fishline this month

WHAT: Most needed: canned vegetables, canned fruit, tomato sauce, and baby wipes, OR a check to Fishline

QUESTIONS: Ask Patricia Erdmann or Naomi Gary



Newsletter July 2025 - Reverend Margo Rinehart

If you missed Reverend Margo's July Newsletter article from last week, you can find it [HERE](#). It offers insights and inspiration drawn from the General Assembly.

UUA News and Information

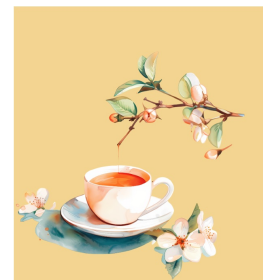
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Community Events

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, **August 12, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm**. You can sign up [HERE](#).



Ongoing Programs

Cedars Book Group

Our next book to be discussed via Zoom, on Wednesday, **August 13**, at 1:30 pm, will be "*Homewaters*", a *Human & Natural History of Puget Sound*, by David B Williams. It covers glaciers and volcanoes carving up Puget Sound, examines the history of early Native communities, and then colonial settlements. It discusses Keystone species--salmon, orca, rockfish, herring, kelp, and how we can protect them." Please contact Mary Romeo with any questions. You can find more information [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, 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

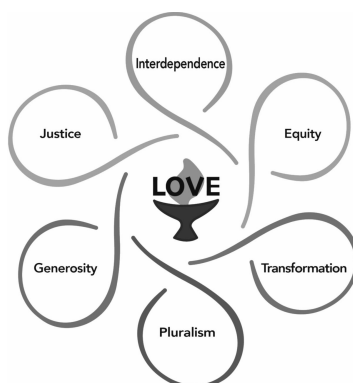
The deadline for submitting content for The Beacon is Mondays by the end of the day. If you would like to add an article, please send it to the Cedars Office at Office@cedarsuuchurch.org.

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](#).



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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 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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