

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, October 19
10:00 am

Living Our Faith: Compassion In Action.

Reverend Margo Rinehart, Cedars Minister
Nancy Philip, Worship Associate
Liz Motter, Worship Associate

Historically, Unitarian Universalists and Cedars UU Church have been passionate about issues of Social Justice.

Join the members of the Social Action Committee to hear each individual share their passion for their "branch" of Social Action focus for this church year. We will break into small groups by topic and have meaningful discussions during this service.

The Reverend Margo Rinehart serves Cedars through welcoming people from diverse theological and religious backgrounds and spiritual beliefs on their journeys to learn from one another, search for truth and answer the call of love and justice.



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

Wednesday, October 22

Wednesday Writing Group
10:00 - 11:00 am
Cedars Center
Please see below for more details

Thursday, October 23

KIAC Gala
5:00 pm
Kiana Lounge
Please see below for more details

Saturday, October 25

Spiritual Odyssey Potluck
12:00 - 2:00 pm
Cedars Center
Please see below for more details

[View detailed calendar here.](#)

Upcoming Service

Sunday Service, October 26
10:00 am

The Light Gets In: Lessons from a Potter

Nancy Reid-McKee, Guest Minister
Nancy Philip, Worship Associate

After 50 years of throwing clay on a pottery wheel I have learned how art can be a practice of meditation and grounding, and I have learned to let go of perfection. One of the most important lessons has been the beauty found in our flawed and broken pieces.

Rev. Nancy Reid-McKee was the minister at Northlake UU Congregation in Kirkland, WA until she retired last year. She now serves as the Chair of the Unitarian Universalist Association's Commission on Social Witness, and is an Organizer with the JUJustice Washington State Action Network, focusing on Gender and Reproductive Justice.

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News and Announcements

Women's Covenant Group

Women's Covenant Group. Cedars has a Women's Covenant Group that meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The group would welcome adding several new members. If you are new to Cedars, this is a great way to get acquainted and if you're a long-standing member, it's a way to deepen your friendships. If interested or want more information, contact **Fran Korten**: Office@cedarsuuchurch.org



Special Collection: October 26 for Transforming Hearts and Pink Haven

The October special collection will benefit both the Transforming Hearts Collective Group, which created the three-part video class we offered earlier this month, "Responding to the Anti Trans Movement," and the Pink Haven Collective.



You can find more about these organizations, including links to their websites [HERE](#).

Barbara Golden

It is with sadness that we share the news of Barbara Golden's passing on Saturday, October 4, from Progressive Supranuclear Palsy. She and her husband, Robert, were Cedars members and Barbara is remembered for her contribution to Cedars as the organizer of the Cross Cultural Book Club. Join the family for a memorial service on Saturday, October 25, from noon to 3 pm at Cook Family Funeral Home, 163 Wyatt Way NE on Bainbridge Island. To RSVP and/or share messages for the family [HERE](#).



KIAC Gala- Sold Out!

On **October 23**, Kitsap Immigration Assistance Center will gather at Kiana Lounge for an evening

dedicated to community, rights, and belonging. We are honored to join in celebration and solidarity as we raise support for KIAC's mission. This event is sponsored by the Cedars Social Action Committee.



Cedars T-Shirts Are Here!

We have Cedars T-shirts available for purchase! Each shirt is \$20 and made from organic cotton. Contact the office at Office@cedarsuuchurch.org to get yours!



Thank Our Representatives for Protecting Our Vote

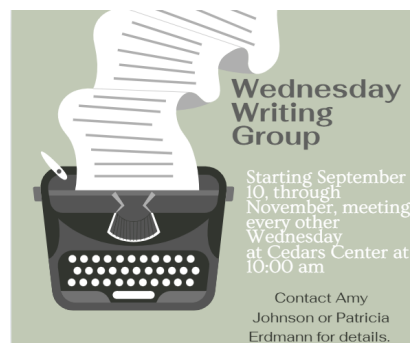
Each week, there will be a different card at the back of the service for people to sign to thank our representatives for protecting our vote. Please sign. Our goal is to encourage our representatives who are on the front line of this issue. So far, we have sent cards to Senators Cantwell and Murray and Representative Nance and Simmons. In the coming weeks, we will also include Senator Hanson. For more information, contact Sandy Spears.



Wednesday Writing Group

Inspired by Suleika Jaouad's The Book of Alchemy, we are interested in developing our writing practice by making journaling an everyday routine in our lives. Care to join us?

We meet at the Cedars Center from 10 am to 11 am every other Wednesday, through November. Click [HERE](#) for more details and to sign up!



Spiritual Odyssey Potlucks

Our next Spiritual Odyssey Potluck will be held on **October 25, from 12:00 - 2:00 pm**, where **Liz Motter** will share her Spiritual Journey with us! These will continue to be offered on the last Saturday of each month.



CEDARS Presents: STOCKtheSHELVES!

This month our contributions will go to **Helpline House**. If you would like to help, we welcome both food donations and checks. Both can be dropped off at Sunday Service or at Cedars office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 2 pm. Here is a list of what's most needed at **Helpline House for October: shelf-stable milk, masa/cornmeal, canned fruit, and toilet paper.**

Last month, we collected a total of 52 pounds of food and \$20 for Fishline! Way to go, everyone!



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.



Community Events

No Kings Protest

No Kings Protest is happening on **October 18** at Gather at the Cedars office at **9:45** and we will walk over to Gideon Park on Grow Avenue for presentations. Where you can also be incorporated into the human banner if you wish. (They don't actually tell us what that is.) From Gideon Park we will walk to Winslow Way & Highway 305. Protest time is from 10am-noon, but gather at Cedars no later than 9:45 if you want to walk over together.

There have been some stated concerns regarding our government tracking protesters via the transmission signals from cell phones. If this is of concern to you, you may want to leave your phone at home or at least turned off.

A core principle behind all No Kings events is a commitment to nonviolent action. We expect all participants to seek to de-escalate any potential confrontation with those who disagree with our values and to act lawfully at these events.



Spirituality, Resistance, and Love

This event on **Saturday, November 8, from 12:00 – 2:30**, Grace Episcopal Church will explore many paths to healing our faiths can provide. The main speakers will represent those who attend churches and those who do not. Any form of spirituality is welcome.

The main speakers will be:

Dee Eisenhower, Eagle Harbor Congregational
Philip Favero, Quaker Kitsap Meeting
Kathryn Lafond, Sufi
Eric Mason, Grace Episcopal

The speakers will be followed by music and poetry and 20-minute breakout groups to share our concerns and consider our options. At the end of the formal event, there will be a coffee hour where registrants can meet one another and confer with representatives from ten groups at tables to help clarify what they may be called to do.

You can find the event poster [HERE](#) and register on their website [HERE](#).

Spirituality,
Resistance
and Love



REGISTER HERE:



Fall Clothing Swap

Re-Fashion Bainbridge and Remake will have their **Fall Clothing Swap** on **Sunday, November 9, from 12:00 - 2:30 pm.** at Filipino-American Hall. Drop-off day will be Saturday, November 8, from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. You can find more information [HERE](#).



Mortal-i-tea

Join Johanna Munson and members of the EdgeWalking Collective to enjoy robust, heartwarming, authentic and supportive conversations about our life and death journeys. You'll come away relieved (and maybe even a little excited!) to find that you can engage in these transformative discussions. The next session will be offered on **November 11, at 6:30 pm**. Save your spot [HERE](#).



Ongoing Programs

Cedars Childcare on Sunday Mornings is Back!

Good news! We 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](#).

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, November 12.

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

Cedars on Social Media

Did you know that 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 office hours are 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

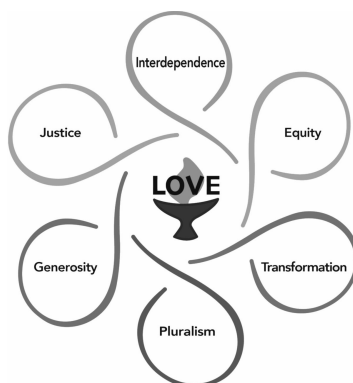
Office@cedarsuuchurch.org.

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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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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