

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 26
10:00 am

The Light Gets In: Lessons from a Potter

Rev. 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.



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

Saturday, October 25

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

Tuesday, October 28

Super Suppers
5:00 pm
Eagle Harbor Congregational Church
Please see below for more details

Sunday, November 2

FOCUUS (Walking Group)
After Service
Naomi's House
Please see below for more details

[View detailed calendar here.](#)

Upcoming Service

Sunday Service, November 2
10:00 am

Day of the Dead: A Service to Honor Our Departed Loved Ones

Reverend Margo Rinehart, Cedars Minister
Gregory Cook, Worship Associate
David Thomas, Worship Associate

At this time of year All Souls Day and the Day of the Dead provide ritual and ceremony that help us reflect on the gifts given to us by our loved ones who have passed on. Join us for this service of memory that includes building a communal altar to honor those whose inspirations and influence we still carry with us. You are encouraged to bring a photo of or object that reminds you of your loved one to place in the communal space.

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.



News and Announcements

Social Action Committee Service Highlights

Last Sunday, we heard from the Social Action Committee. Below are the highlights from each topic of discussion.

CLIMATE: The Island School is interested in installing solar panels on the school. We discussed the possibility of Cedars providing financial support to install the panels. We also discussed doing a tour of a wind farm near Ellensburg with those interested.

FOOD SECURITY: So many people suffer from food and other insecurities. Fishline and Helpline House are working to meet those needs. They both need volunteers and donations that Cedars can help with. The monthly community dinners are an interfaith effort to help provide food and support.

IMMIGRATION: My takeaway is that all these things are related and even overlap. Anti-Racism and Immigrant rights are human rights as are voting rights and having a future for our children. The right to food and shelter is so basic it should go without saying...and yet here we are!

VOTING RIGHTS: I'm excited that Cedars is standing up for voting rights. I'm inviting Cedars members to write letters encouraging potential voters and to send notes of appreciation to our representatives working hard to protect democracy. It's a small gesture, but one that can mean a lot — many officials say they rarely hear words of thanks.



Women's Covenant Group

Cedars has a Women's Covenant Group that meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. Our next meeting will be **Monday, November 3**. 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](#).

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

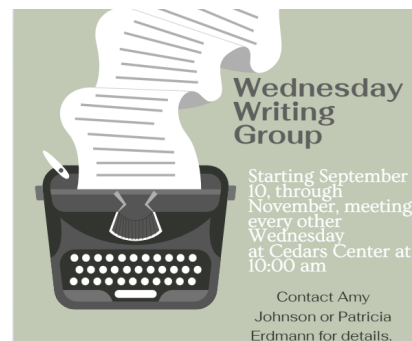
Each week, there will be a different card at the back of the service for people to sign to thank our representatives for protecting our vote. Please sign. Our goal is to encourage our representatives who are on the front line of this issue. So far, we have sent cards to Senators Cantwell and Murray and Representatives 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 10:00 am to 11:00 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 at Cedars Center 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!

Bring a can or two for **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.

Any questions? Ask Nancy Dowey or Patricia Erdmann.



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

Spirituality, Resistance, and Love

This event on **Saturday, November 8, from 12:00 – 2:30 pm**, 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 Eisenhauer, 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

Super Suppers

Cedars, in partnership with Kol Shalom, hosts Super Suppers on the last Tuesday of each month. We are looking for volunteers to participate in this meaningful community event. Our next meal is offered on **Tuesday, October 28**.

Each month, we come together to prepare and share a hearty meal for those in need. You can sign up to bring a dish, help with setup, serve meals, or assist with cleanup. When you sign up to provide a dish, you'll purchase the ingredients and prepare it on-site. We alternate between providing the main dish or sides with Kal Shalom each month.

If you are interested in signing up, you can do so [HERE](#). It's an easy way to connect, give back, and help nourish our community.

For more information, contact **Mike Cox** at socialaction@cedarsuuchurch.org



Suquamish Community Kitchen

Every other month, Cedars takes the lead in preparing and serving a free, nourishing meal for anyone in our community through the Suquamish Community Kitchen. These meals require many helping hands to cook, serve, and clean up. Each role plays a vital part in making the evening run smoothly.

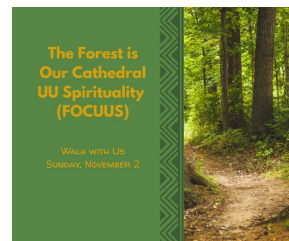
We invite you to sign up [HERE](#) to be a part of the team. Your time and energy will make a meaningful difference.

For more information, contact **Rod Kempkes** at president@cedarsuuchurch.org.



FOCUUS (Walking Group)

Join us for this Day of the Dead-focused walk on November 2, which will start at Naomi Gary's house after Sunday Service. We will walk to Seabold Cemetery! The trip is about 1.5 miles round-trip. Contact Office@cedarsuuchurch.org for more details, or ask Naomi at church.

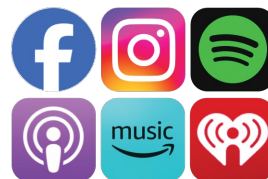


Cedars Childcare on Sunday Mornings is Back!

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](#).

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

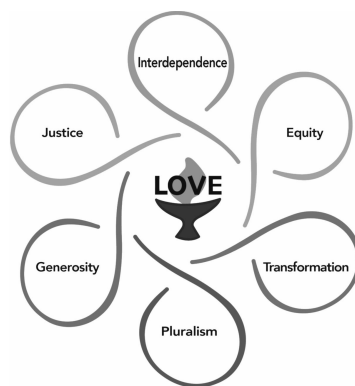
The deadline for submitting content for The Beacon is Mondays by the end of the day. If you would like to add an article, please send it to the Cedars office at Office@cedarsuuchurch.org.

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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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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