

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, November 16
10:00 am

A Celebration of Our Cedars Community: Brunch & Banter

Reverend Margo Rinehart, Cedars Minister
Johanna Munson, Worship Associate

Rev. Margo has been serving Cedars for several months now. We will take this Sunday to eat together, answer a couple of questions that will help Margo get to know us better, and make Rev. Margo's status as our half-time minister official. Please bring a brunch item to share

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, November 19

Wednesday Writing Group

10:00 - 11:30 am

Cedars Center

Please see below for more details

[View detailed calendar here.](#)

Upcoming Service

Sunday Service, November 23
10:00 am

Still Thankful

Rev. Barbara Gilday, Guest Minister
Gregory Cook, Worship Associate

It feels like the world, our world, is going to hell in a handbasket, as my grandmother would say. And it is, but the pendulum is starting to swing. In our lives, in our country, in our world, we can still lift up our heads and hearts, and reach out to be a clear light for others, and Be Thankful – and mean it!

Rev. Barbara Gilday came to professional ministry in mid-life, but her life has been full of inquiry, diversity, social justice, connecting and sharing with others: Teaching in Ghana,



hosting Japanese Exchange Programs, developing peer tutoring programs, hosting a Ukrainian refugee, to name a few. Currently, she is exploring in new and deeper ways, how we continue to find joy in, and give value to life as our capacities change. Barbara is the grateful member of a loving, blended family, and a new mom to a young rescue dog, Marley, who keeps her physically active.

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

News and Announcements

Transgender Day of Remembrance, Sunday, November 16, 2025, 4:00 pm.

At this event we will remember transgender people who were killed this year by violence. We also pause to bring to our thoughts those whose lives were lost to suicide due to society's rejection of who they really were. Please join me at this event to support the trans community and their families..



For the ninth year, Transgender Day of Remembrance is being hosted by the Bainbridge Island Museum of Art in partnership with Bainbridge Pride, Rainbow Crew NW, Queer Elders Family Group, Transfriending, and the Bainbridge Island-North Kitsap Interfaith Council, of which Cedars is a member. At the Interfaith meeting this past week, an organizer of the Transgender Day of Remembrance made a clear request to faith communities for us to speak out against judgment, persecution and violence toward trans people. Let us answer the call.

On this Transgender Day of Remembrance, we remember those who have been murdered for being who they are, those who face violence on a daily basis, those who have lost loved ones, and those who worry for loved ones.

May we come to a time when we cease to shame children around gender roles and expression, where we allow for freedom and exploration of identity and expression, and to a world that operates from love – especially when things are difficult and confusing.

May all of us who live with the threat of violence find support, strength, community, hope and safety. By the Reverend Sunshine Jeremiah Wolfe, trans UU

A Celebration of Our Cedars Community: Brunch & Banter

On Sunday, **November 16**, our Cedars community will be gathering at **The Island School** at **10:00 am** for a potluck brunch! We'll be eating together, engaging in hearty conversation, and celebrating **Rev. Margo Rinehart's** affiliation with our Cedars community as our half-time contract minister.

Everyone is welcome, whether you've just recently become acquainted with us or have been a part of our community for a long time! **Children are especially welcome to this family-friendly event!**

Please bring something to share for brunch and we look forward to seeing you! Please let us know if you'll be coming by clicking [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

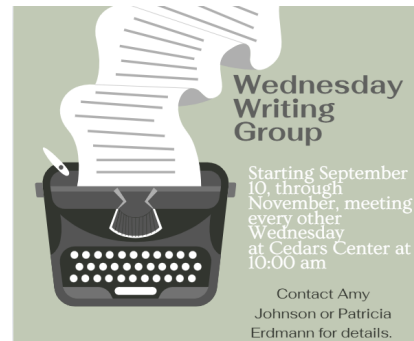
Each week, there will be a different card at the back of the service for people to sign to thank our representatives for protecting our vote. Please sign. Our goal is to encourage our representatives who are on the front line of this issue. So far, we have sent cards to Senators **Cantwell** and **Murray**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



Wednesday Writing Group

Inspired by Suleika Jaouad's *The Book of Alchemy*, we are 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 11:30 am every other Wednesday, through November. Our next meeting will be on November 19. Click [HERE](#) for more details and to sign up!



CEDARS Presents: STOCKtheSHELVES!

Wow!! October's food bank donations of 120 pounds were gratefully received by Helpline House.

We welcome both food donations and checks for **Fishline** during November. 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 Fishline this month: **canned soups, tomato sauce, breakfast cereal, jams/jelly, and wet wipes**.

Any questions? Ask Patricia Erdmann or Nancy Dowey.



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

Annual (BINK) Community Interfaith Pre-Thanksgiving Service Celebrating Living Compassion

Join us on Tuesday, **November 25, at 7:00 PM** at

Grace Episcopal Church for our cherished Community Interfaith Pre-Thanksgiving Service. This year's theme, *Living Compassion*, invites us to come together in gratitude, reflection, and unity.

Our guest speaker will be **Amara Oden from Suquamish UCC**, followed by prayers and readings from four new ministers in our community, interwoven with beautiful musical offerings.

The evening's offering will benefit the **ALIVE Program**, with special recognition to the YWCA and its CEO for their ongoing work supporting individuals and families in need. All are welcome! Come share in this inspiring tradition of community and compassion.



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, November 25**.

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.



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.

Beacon Article Deadline

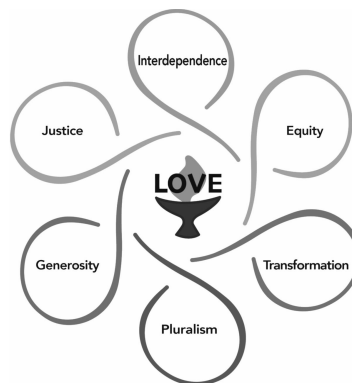
The deadline for submitting content for The Beacon is Mondays by the end of the day. If you would like to add an article, please send it to the Cedars office at Office@cedarsuuchurch.org.

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

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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

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