

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 9
10:00 am

Compassion: Our Secret Superpower

Rev. Florence Caplow, Guest Minister
Nancy Philip, Worship Associate
Liz Motter, Worship Associate

Sometimes we think that compassion will make us weak, but all the world's religions honor compassion as one of the greatest human capacities. Rev. Florence Caplow will bring teachings from Buddhism, Unitarian Universalism, and science to inspire us to widen our hearts as a powerfully unshakable response in these cruel times.



Rev. Florence Caplow is a UU minister, author, and Zen teacher based in Port Angeles. To learn more about her, visit her website [HERE](#).

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

Saturday, November 8

Starting Point

1:00 - 4:00 pm

Cedars Center

Please see below for more details

Spirituality, Resistance, and Love

12:00 - 2:30 pm

Grace Episcopal Church

Please see below for more details

Tuesday, November 11

Men's Group

3:00 - 4:30 pm

Cedars Center

Please see below for more details

Mortal-i-tea

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Cedars Center

Please see below for more details

Wednesday, November 12

Suquamish Community Kitchen

4:00 - 6:30 pm

Suquamish United Church of Christ

Please see below for more details

[View detailed calendar here.](#)

Upcoming Service

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.

News and Announcements

Starting Point class, November 8, 1:00 - 4:00 pm at the Cedars Office.

There are still a few spots left in the afternoon Saturday, November 8 Starting Point class! If you are someone who has been with Cedars for a few years or more, consider joining our newer Cedars folks in the Starting Point class. It is from 1:00-4:00 pm at the Cedars Center. The group will share different views of spirituality, how we make our diverse beliefs visible, and the Three Paths in Unitarian Universalism: listening to our deepest self, opening to life's gifts, and serving needs greater than our own. If you would like to attend, please contact Reverend Margo (minister@cedarsuuchurch.org) or leave a message at the Cedars office (206.780.0373).



Reverend Margo Rinehart on Study Leave

Reverend Margo Rinehart will be away on study leave from **Monday, November 11, through Thursday, November 14**. This dedicated time allows her to focus on learning, reflection, and planning for future worship and ministry.

During this period, she will be unavailable by phone or email. If you have any urgent concerns, please contact the church office at office@cedarsuuchurch.org.

Men's Group

Join us for the Cedars Men's Group, which will meet in person at 3:00 pm on **Tuesday, November 11**, at the Cedars Center to welcome any men who would like to consider joining.



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

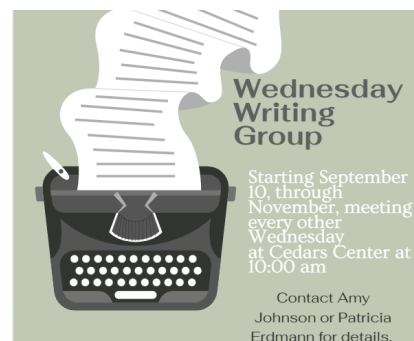
Each week, there will be a different card at the back of the service for people to sign to thank our representatives for protecting our vote. Please sign. Our goal is to encourage our representatives who are on the front line of this issue. So far, we have sent cards to Senators **Cantwell** and **Murray** and Representatives **Nance** and **Simmons**. We recently included **John Cameron Peavy** 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

Spirituality, Resistance, and Love

On **Saturday, November 8, from 12:00 – 2:30 pm**, Grace Episcopal Church will host a special program exploring the many paths to healing that 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, at Cedars Center**. Save your spot [HERE](#).



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, with remote hours (available via email) on Wednesdays from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Beacon Article Deadline

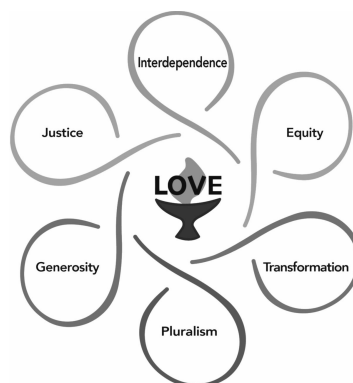
The deadline for submitting content for The Beacon is Mondays by the end of the day. If you would like to add an article, please send it to the Cedars office at Office@cedarsuuchurch.org.

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
284 Madrona Way, NE #128
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110
(206) 780-0373
Minister@cedarsuuchurch.org

Cedars Office

Michelle Welsh, Office Administrator

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm in office hours
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