

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 30
10:00 am**

An Emerging Revolution

**Kathryn LaFond, Guest Speaker
Nancy Philip, Worship Associate**

In order to create the vision of a more fair and equitable world we must first renew our sacred relationship with what has been invisible for far too long. Releasing the ideology of human supremacy is a critical starting point. But can we embrace with humility what is needed next to heal? By seeing humanity through the lens of flora and fauna – perhaps?

Kathryn Lafond, Intuitive Energy Healer/Health Coach, Author, and Wise Woman Herbalist, trained in ancient wisdom traditions, is a life-long seeker who brings spiritual guidance from innumerable mentors. She is devoted to helping us remember the sacred in everyday life.



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

Monday, December 1

**Women's Covenant Group
7:00 pm
Cedars Center**
Please see below for more details

Thursday, December 4

**Social Justice Committee Meeting
5:00 pm
Zoom**
Please see below for more details

[View detailed calendar here.](#)

Upcoming Service

**Sunday Service, December 7
10:00 am**

Singing the Journey

**Reverend Margo Rinehart, Cedars Minister
David Thomas, Worship Associate**

Let us gather together for the annual Cedars hymn singing service. We will raise our voices in joyful song and celebrate the gift of music. Start your December holiday season with this time of community, celebration, and praise.

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.

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News and Announcements

December Special Collection:

Thank you for all your contributions of food for Helpline and Fishline. It's almost December so time for our annual holiday tradition! For our **December Special Collection** we are collecting donations of NEW socks, underwear and pajamas (all sizes) for women and children who are receiving shelter and support services through the YWCA Alive Shelter in Bremerton. We will also gladly accept VISA and Safeway gift cards.



Donations may be brought to Sunday services on December 7 and 14 OR call Patricia Erdmann to arrange for items to be picked up at your home. Although this schedule reduces the amount of time you have to shop for donations, it means that mothers will receive your gifts in time to use gift cards and have new clothes before Christmas Day.

Carol Ann Davidson will bring our donations to the YWCA Alive Shelter shortly after the December 14 collection. For more information, contact Carol Ann or Patricia.

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.



CEDARS Presents: STOCKtheSHELVES!

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.



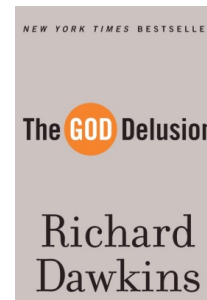
Ongoing Programs

Cedars Book Club

Our next book to be discussed via Zoom, on **Wednesday, January 14, at 1:30 pm**, will be **The God Delusion** Paperback – by Richard Dawkins (Author)

A preeminent scientist -- and the world's most prominent atheist -- asserts the irrationality of belief in God and the grievous harm religion has inflicted on society, from the Crusades to 9/11.

You can find more information [HERE](#). Please contact Herb Hethcote with any questions.



Super Suppers Volunteers: Super Appreciated!

We have a great team serving Super Suppers each month to an appreciative group of Islanders. For many years, we have teamed up with Kol Shalom to provide this much needed service, the last Tuesday of the month, at Eagle Harbor Congregational Church in Winslow. However, we need more volunteers!!

* to bring side dishes and help with set-up, serving, and cleanup

* or help warm up the premade main dish, set up, and serve.

We provide side dishes or prepare the main dishes on alternating months.

You can sign up [HERE](#) for one or more slots, whatever works for you, and your help will be **SUPER APPRECIATED!** Our next opportunity is January 27.

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](#).

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

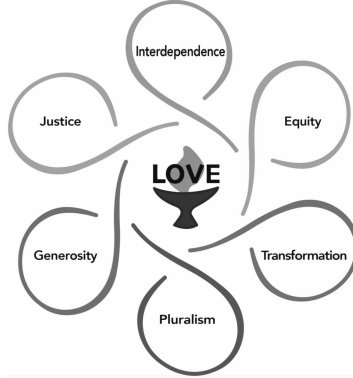
If you're on Facebook, there is a new Facebook group called Cedars UU Church Community Conversations for members and friends to share events, fun stories, etc. Let's keep the coffee hour going all week long! Join the group [HERE](#).



**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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