
This Week and More at Cedars - June 18, 2026

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This Week At Cedars

Where are the men? Problems and Progress

Sunday Service, June 21

10:00 am

The Island School

Chuck Walbridge, Cedars Guest Speaker

Liz Motter, Worship Associate



Within parts of the liberal left, there are voices that speak of men through the lens of toxic masculinity, hoping to name real harm but sometimes painting with too broad a brush. On the illiberal right, the manosphere often responds by amplifying the very traits it is criticized for. And in the space between these loud extremes, the everyday experiences, struggles, and quiet goodness of most men rarely receive attention.

This Sunday, we'll explore these tensions with care and look for a more generous, human-centered way forward. You're warmly invited to join us

Saturday, June 20

Bainbridge Pride Festival
12:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Cedars UU Church Tent Activities 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Waterfront Park

Monday, June 22

Board Meeting
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Cedars Center

Saturday, June 27

League of Women Voters: Bainbridge Unit
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Cedars Center

Saturday, June 27

Ukelele & Rhythm Jam Group
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
Cedars Center

Please see below for more details and use this [link](#) to find the Cedars calendar.



New News

Special Collection and Invitation to celebrate Pride Month

Bainbridge Pride

June 20

starts at noon

Waterfront Park

Join us this Saturday at Waterfront Park to celebrate Bainbridge PRIDE and Cedars commitment to all people in our communities. We are **hosting a booth from Noon to 5:00 pm** to offer info about CEDARS and provide a Free Library and fun activities for people of all ages while the festival continues into the evening.

Our **special collection on this coming Sunday, June 21st, will help cover the expenses** of putting on this event.

Save the Date: July 12, 2026, Cedars Sunday Service Potluck Brunch at Battle Point Park

July 12, our service moves to the Picnic Shelter at Battle Point Park for a congregational potluck brunch. Break out your flip-flops, bring something brunchy to share, and enjoy a relaxed morning as we welcome the start of summer together. We'll swap stories about favorite childhood summer memories, chat about plans for the sunny days ahead, and enjoy being in community. **Families and children are warmly welcome.**

The Picnic Shelter is near the Arrow Point entrance on the east side of the park. If you're using GPS, enter 10727 Arrow Point Drive NE.



A Message from Reverend Margo

Juneteenth Holiday

June 19 marks the day the last enslaved people in the United States were finally informed they were free. Since 1866, communities have gathered on this date to remember, to honor, and to celebrate. As one of

the oldest continuing African American holidays, it invites us to pause and remember a moment of long-delayed freedom. And that liberation is rarely a single event; it's a slow, uneven unfolding, shaped by voices that are loud and forces that are quiet, by systems that harm and by people who heal.

Reverend Margo offers this prayer in reverence for the day:

Juneteenth Prayer by UU minister, Ali K.C. Bell

Spirit of Life,

We lift our hearts and intentions to you. As we commemorate this day of freedom for many, let us not forget the enslaved people in states that fought for the Union, who were still waiting for their freedom on this day.

May we remember the atrocities that brought us here. May we honor the courage, fortitude, and strength it took for enslaved Africans to endure these horrors and prevail.

We lift up both those who enslaved and those who were enslaved, as we, their descendants, seek to reconcile our past, live righteously and freely in our present, and protect our future from repeating these histories of oppression.

Ashe, Amen, Blessed Be.



Upcoming Service

Good Grief!

Sunday Service, June 28

10:00 am

The Island School

Rev. Barbara Cornell, Cedars Guest Minister

Nancy Philip, Worship Associate



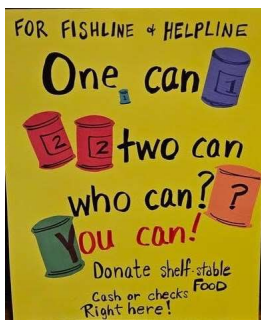
In his book, **The Wild Edge of Sorrow**, grief therapist Francis Weller says, "In our grief we are broken apart and reassembled. It is hard, painful, and unbidden work. No one goes in search of loss; rather, it finds us and reminds us of the temporary gift we have been given, these few sweet breaths we call life."

Join us this week for a reflection on meeting the pain of our losses, on the patient work of reassembly, and on honoring the brief, luminous gift of this life.

Rev. Barbara Cornell coordinates bereavement services in Edmonds, WA as the Lead Coordinator of the Bereavement Program and the Mental Health and Recovery Ministry Team at Swedish Edmonds Hospital. In addition to her work as a hospital chaplain. She is married to Dane Scott, and they have two adult children, Katie and Will.

Social Action

CEDARS Presents: YOU CAN!



The growing need for food resources in our wider community is unmistakable. Because the most urgent needs are currently across the Agate Pass Bridge, we are currently directing all Cedars food donations to Fishline. Every contribution of cans, boxes, bottles, and more goes straight onto the shelves and is immediately appreciated.

Thank you for giving what you can. **Every bit truly helps.**

Questions? See Nancy Dowey or Patricia Erdmann or email them: office@cedarsuuchurch.org

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 on 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 for one or more slots using this link](#), whatever works for you, and your help will be SUPER APPRECIATED! Our next opportunity is **June 30**.

For more information, [please use this link to email 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 to join the team using this link](#). Your time and energy will make a meaningful difference.

For more information, please email Heidi Parkington-Thal at office@cedarsuuchurch.org using [this link](#).

Cedars T-Shirts Are Here!



We have **Cedars T-shirts** available for purchase! Each shirt is \$20 and made from organic cotton. Use [this link](#) to email the office, office@cedarsuuchurch.org, to get yours!



Group Meetings

League of Women Voters of Kitsap: Bainbridge Island Unit

Saturday, June 27 (ongoing the last Saturday of each month)

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Cedar Center



The League of Women Voters of Kitsap is a nonpartisan political organization committed to educating voters and encouraging them to engage in our community.

If you are interested or want more information, contact **Naomi Gary**, co-chair of the LWV Bainbridge Island Unit, or [send an email to office@cedarsuuchurch.org](mailto:office@cedarsuuchurch.org) using [this link](#).

[League of Women Voters Website](#)

Ukulele Jam Group

Saturday, June 27 (ongoing on the last Saturday of each month)

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Cedars Center



A new Ukulele Jam Group is taking shape, and everyone in the Cedars community is welcome to join in. Bring your own instrument but we also have plenty to share.

Please think about 3 favorite and easy songs you'd like to play. Send your songs to Rebecca Kim [to office@cedarsuuchurch.org](mailto:office@cedarsuuchurch.org) using [this link](#).

She has the Ultimate Guitar app and projects the chords and lyrics on the big screen. Makes it super fun and easy for us all to JAM!!!

If you are interested or want more information, contact **Naomi Gary**, or [send an email to **office@cedarsuuchurch.org** using **this link**](#).

Newer to Cedars Conversation

Sunday, July 5 (ongoing on the first Sunday of each month)

11:15 am–12:00pm (right after Service)

The Island School

If you're newer to Cedars or simply want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism, you're invited to join our **Newer to Cedars Conversation**. This is an easy, friendly space to ask questions, meet others who are also getting connected, and enjoy light snacks.

These conversations are relaxed, fun, and usually run **30–45 minutes**, depending on how many of us gather. We'll be hosting them **every first Sunday of the month**, so there's always another chance to drop in.

Cedars Music Committee



Friday, July 10 (ongoing on the second Friday of each month)

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Cedars Center

The Cedars Music Committee welcomes anyone interested in joining to promote, advocate, nurture, and sustain music programs at Cedars.

If you are interested or want more information, contact **Fran Korten** or [send an email to **office@cedarsuuchurch.org** using **this link**](#).

Cedars Women's Covenant Group

Monday, July 13 (ongoing on the second Monday of each month)



2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Fieldstone Retirement Community

The Cedars Women's Covenant Group would welcome adding several new members committed to sharing experiences and feelings on a specific topic in a confidential setting. 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 you are interested or want more information, contact **Fran Korten** or [send an email to office@cedarsuuchurch.org](mailto:office@cedarsuuchurch.org) using [this link](#).

Cedars Men's Group



Tuesday, July 14 (ongoing the second Tuesday of each month)

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Cedars Center

The Cedars Men's Group welcomes any men who would like to consider joining to share experiences and feelings on a specific topic in a confidential setting.

If interested or want more information, contact Herb Hethcote or Ed Clemens or [send an email to office@cedarsuuchurch.org](mailto:office@cedarsuuchurch.org) for Men's Group information using [this link](#).



More About Cedars

Cedars Ride Matching Survey

Sharing a ride with someone to our services on Sunday mornings at The Island School is a great way for us to help our neighbors, build community, and take care of the earth at the same time!

Please take a few seconds to answer two simple questions in the survey linked below, and our Cedars Care Team will try to match up folks who are willing to drive and folks who would appreciate a ride on Sunday mornings and live in the same area.



Once a potential match(es) has been identified and communicated to the drivers and those wanting rides, they will be responsible for working out the details with each other. You can also talk to **Susan Shaffer** about this effort to match up potential drivers and riders.

Use this [link](#) to answer the Survey questions.

[View Survey](#)

Members and Friends of Cedars

Do you know someone looking for a calm, welcoming place to work—perhaps for a remote job or small practice? We're seeking a subletter who would feel at home in a space grounded in Unitarian values such as respect, inclusivity, and community-mindedness.



A bright, furnished **8' x 15' office** is available within a quiet, peaceful professional suite just two blocks from the local movie theater. The space includes access to a shared conference room, small kitchen, and bathroom. It features exterior windows, a comfortable two-seat couch, a corner desk, and bookshelves—move-in ready and well-suited for consultants, therapists, or remote workers seeking a thoughtful, values-aligned environment.

Rent is \$700 per month.

Contact **Sandy Spears** or [send an email to office@cedarsuuchurch.org](mailto:office@cedarsuuchurch.org) using this [link](#) for more information.

Cedars on Social Media

Did you know that Cedars now has a podcast? Our podcast is called "**Sunday Mornings at Cedars**".

[Click this link](#) to find our podcast on **Spotify**.

[Click this link](#) to find our podcast on the **Apple Podcast app**.

Click this [link](#) to find it on **Amazon Music**.
Click this [link](#) to find it on **iHeartRadio**.



We are also on **Instagram!** To find us on **Instagram** click this [link](#). And as usual, find us on our **Cedars Facebook** page with this [link](#). If you're on Facebook, there is a 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 using this [link](#) for our **Cedars Community Facebook** page.

Be sure to "Like" us and "Follow" us on each one!

Click this [link](#) to find **audio recordings** of our Services on our website.

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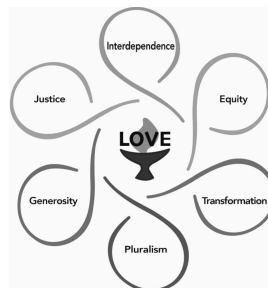
The deadline for submitting content for The Beacon is Monday by the end of the day. If you would like to add an article, [use this link](#) to email your Beacon article to the Cedars office at office@cedarsuuchurch.org.

UUA News and Information

Click this [link](#) or image to learn more about UUA values, news, and information.



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 using this [link](#) to our website.

Member Directory

Members and Friends can easily search our online Church Directory using this [link](#) to our [directory](#) for contact information. The link is located under the Connection tab of the Cedars website and via [this link to our directory](#).

Worship Services

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
[The Island School](#)
[8553 NE Day Road](#)
[Bainbridge Island, WA 98110](#)

[View Map Here](#)

Cedars Minister

Rev. Margo Rinehart, Cedars Minister
Tuesday 9:30 am - 3:00 pm in office hours
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