This Week and More at Cedars - October 22, 2026

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This Week At Cedars

Death in Dual (and Dueling) Perspectives

Sunday, October 25

10:00 am

The Island School

Reverend Bruce Bode, Cedars Guest Speaker

Gregory Cook, Worship Associate

Death is an ordinary part of nature's cycle, yet for humans it remains one of life's most significant mysteries. As we enter the season when the “veil between the worlds is thinnest”, this sermon will explore our relationship with death through the dual lenses described by neuroanatomist Dr. Jill Bolte Taylor in My Stroke of Insight: the “left-brain” (“ego- consciousness”) and the “right-brain” (“cosmic consciousness”) perspectives.



Bruce A. Bode is Minister Emeritus at the Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (QUUF) in Port Townsend, Washington, from which he retired in 2018 as the Senior Minister after serving the congregation for fourteen years (2004-2018). Before coming to Port Townsend, Rev. Bode was the Interim Minister of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Houston, Texas (2002-2004) and the Hope Unitarian Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma (2001-2002). Prior to that, he served for twenty-two years (1978-2001) as an Associate Minister at the Fountain Street Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, a large, independent, religiously liberal congregation.

Saturday, October 24

Kitsap Strong Resiliency Summit
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
7235 NE Pkwy, Suquamish

Tuesday, October 27

Super Suppers
4:45 pm - 6:00 pm
Eagle Harbor Congregational Church

JUUstice Washington and UU Social Action Network Conversations
6:30 pm –8:00 pm
via Zoom

Wednesday, October 28

Suquamish Community Dinners
12:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Suquamish United Church of Christ

Saturday, October 31

Ukulele & Rhythm Jam Group
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
Cedars Center

Sunday, November 1

Newer to Cedars Conversations
11:15 am - 12:00 pm
The Island School

Please see below for more details and use this **link** to find the Cedars calendar**.**

New News

Cedars Center Repair Update

Following a water-line break elsewhere in the Madrona Center, water damage was discovered inside a shared wall at the Cedars Center. Repair work is now underway and is expected to continue into November. During this time, portions of the office and kitchen will be disrupted, while open office hours and some events may need to be moved or held remotely. We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we work through the repairs.

The good news is that multiple insurance policies are involved, and we do not currently anticipate a significant financial impact on Cedars.

For more information about the repairs and recovery efforts, read Tyler Weaver's, President of the Cedars Board of Trustees, full update here.

Kitsap Strong Resiliency Summit 2026: Reconnecting with Our Village

Saturday, October 24

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

7235 NE Pkwy, Suquamish, WA

A family-friendly space for neighbors in Kitsap and North Mason to share something of their own story and village, learn something about someone else, and notice common threads while honoring the histories and cultures that make each community distinct. Event updates and announcements will be posted here: https://www.kitsapstrong.org/resiliency-summit.

Get Tickets HERE



Circle Dinners have returned to Cedars! November 7

For sign-ups, please contact Reverend Margo at minister@cedarsuuchurch.org with details to follow.

Upcoming Sunday Service

Leaning into the Love and Courage of Our Ancestors: Celebrating the Day of the Dead

Sunday, November 1

10:00 am

The Island School

Reverend Margo Rinehart, Cedars Minister

David Thomas, Worship Associate



During the fall, this time of change and in a time that can feel confusing and overwhelming, we will gather together to take a moment to remember those who have gone before us. Those who walked with us for a time. Those who still inspire us with their courage and commitment, no matter how visible or quietly expressed. Please bring a photo or other item that reminds you of your loved one for our communal altar.

Reverend Margo Rinehart serves Cedars by 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.

A Message From Reverend Margo

Reminder to bring a photograph or object to Sunday Service on November 1

An invitation to honor loved ones who have passed.

Our November 1 Sunday Service will include the Cedars annual ritual inspired by the Latin American Day of the Dead: a time of remembering, celebrating, and hosting those who have died but still inspire us. Please feel free to bring a photograph or object that reminds you of your loved one to be placed on the communal altar. In community we will hold the love, sadness and joy woven into our memories.

Social Action

JUUstice Washington and UU Social Action Network Conversations

Several Tuesday evenings through November

6:30 - 8:30 pm

via Zoom

JUUstice Washington, the UU Social Action Network for Washington State is inviting congregations to take part in a social justice focused conversation through a series of four Zoom gatherings. Starting with deepening relationships and then exploring what becomes possible when we act from those relationships, the themes will remain open and responsive to what arises. For more information, please follow this link to

JUUstice Washington – A Unitarian Universalist State Action Network

Oct. 27, 6:30–8:00 PM Pacific — Action

Nov. 17, 6:30–8:00 PM Pacific — Sustaining

If you are interested in attending, please let Reverend Margo or Naomi Gary know and they can supply you with the Zoom link at minister@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.

Typically, we provide side dishes or prepare the main dishes on alternating months. In September we will need to provide both the side dishes and the main dish. You can sign up to help with one or more slots using this link, whatever works for you, and your help will be SUPER APPRECIATED! Our next opportunity is Tuesday, October 27.

For more information about Super Suppers, 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.

Group Meetings

Cedars Women's Covenant Group

Monday, November 9 (ongoing 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 who identify as women and are 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 using this link for more information about the Women's Group.

Cedars Men's Group

Tuesday, November 10 (ongoing the second Tuesday of each month)

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Cedars Center

The Cedars Men's Group welcomes those who identify as men and 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 for Men's Group information using this link.

Cedars Music Committee

Tuesday, November 10 (ongoing the second Tuesday of each month)

7:30 pm - 8:30 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 for more information about the Music Committee.

Ukulele Jam Group

Saturday, October 31 (ongoing on the last Saturday of each month)

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Naomi's



A 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 extra Ukes and lots of rhythm instruments to share. Easy to sing along music… everyone is invited to join the Jam!

Please think about 3 favorite and easy songs you'd like to play.

Send your songs to Rebecca Kim to 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.

More About Cedars

Cedars on Social Media

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

Use this link to listen to our podcast on Spotify.

Use this link to listen to our podcast on Apple Podcast app.

Use this link to listen to our podcast on Amazon Music.

Use this link to listen to our podcast on iHeartRadio.



We are also on Instagram! Use this link to find us on Instagram. 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 conversations group using this link for our Cedars Community Facebook page.

Be sure to “Like” us and “Follow” us on each one!

Use this link to find audio recordings of our Services on our website.

Our Wider Community

League of Women Voters of Kitsap: Bainbridge Island Unit

Saturday, October 31 (ongoing the last Saturday of each month)

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Helpline House

282 Knechtel Way NE on Bainbridge Island

LWV candidate forums are done now and are available for viewing online https://www.lwv-kitsap.org/

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 using this link.

League of Women Voters Website

Beacon Article Deadline

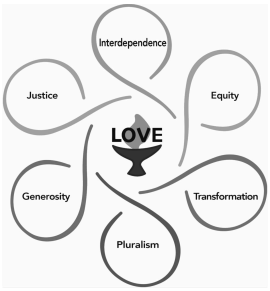
The deadline for submitting content for The Beacon is Monday by the end of the day. If you would like to add an article, use this link to email your Beacon article to the Cedars office at office@cedarsuuchurch.org.

UUA News and Information

Use this link or the image to learn more about UUA values, news, and information.

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Our Congregational Mission

Worship with open hearts
Nurture a learning spirit
Serve justice with compassion
Love without judgment

Print the Beacon Newsletter

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
(206) 780-0373
minister@cedarsuuchurch.org

Cedars Office

Monday thru Thursday 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm in office hours
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