

The Beacon

A weekly email newsletter from
Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church
Serving Bainbridge Island and
Northern Kitsap County



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This Week At Cedars

Sunday Service

A Climate In Crisis: The Path Forward

Sunday July 21st
10:00 a.m.

In-Person Service in Webster Hall

John Kydd, Guest Speaker
Jenny Weaver, Worship Associate

Special Collection

Our **July Special Collection** is for Fishline. Charlie Thompson, Fishline's Executive Director, will explain the many ways that Fishline supports our neighbors in need. Thanks for your contributions—either in person or by check to the CEDARS office and include Fishline on the memo line.

Current Week Calendar

Sunday July 21st

10:00 a.m.

In-Person Service in Webster Hall
Coffee and Social Time following

Tuesday July 23rd

7:00 p.m.

Worship Coordination Team
Meeting - Virtual*

Thursday July 25th

6:00 p.m.

Special Board of Trustees Meeting
to Elect Officers - Virtual*

*See our [Calendar](#) for Zoom link

Your Cedars community invites you to participate in services and activities, get information, enjoy fellowship, and pause for reflection.

[View the detailed Calendar.](#)

News and Announcements

Cedars Says Farewell



At a pizza and ice cream party, 30+ Cedars members and friends wished **Rev. Zackrie** a very fond farewell. As tokens of appreciation of his 5 years with us, members presented him with a blanket and print created by PNW

Long Time Beacon Editor Steps Away

Richard Wilson, Beacon Editor for more than 7 years, is stepping away from editing and producing our newsletter. Richard became editor after our previous office administrator moved on.

Richard says “We started using Constant Contact in 2014 and I got involved as far back as 2017, but it has always just been about gathering the news and sharing it. And a lot of people have been involved in that for years and years.”

indigenous artists. We wish him well in the next chapters of his life!

Olympic Trail Bike Ride



Stewardship Event hosts **Mike Cox** and **Dean Sampson** took **Arlene Wade**, **Gregory Cook**, and **Rod and Carolyn Kempkes** on a 32 mile bike ride from Sequim to Port Angeles on the Olympic Discovery trail with lunch in Port Angeles on Saturday, July 13th. It was a gorgeous day and fun was had by all!

Upcoming Service

Harvesting What We Sow

Sunday July 28th
10:00 a.m.

In-Person Service in Webster Hall

Kathryn Lafond, Guest Speaker
Johanna Munson, Worship Associate

Our thoughts too are seed-sowers. With so much change being asked of us, let's explore the visions we are holding...

Super Supper and Community Kitchen Sign-Ups



Cedars, in partnership with Kol Shalom as members of the Bainbridge Island Interfaith Council, offers Super Supper dinners on the last Tuesday of each month. We have a regular sign-up for you to use each month to provide various dishes and to assist with setup, serving, and cleanup, so that all in our congregation have a chance to participate. Please consider signing up for one or more slots [here](#).

Cedars is also now committed to leading the preparation and serving of a free meal to anyone in the community every other month through the Suquamish Community Kitchen. These meals require many helping hands to prepare, serve, and clean up. Please consider signing up for one of the team member

One new thing he started after Covid kept us home and away from each other was the **Creativity Fair** to showcase some "creative" endeavor one of our members had shared with him or on social media.

Cedars thanks you, Richard, for your dedication and great work!

Musical Notes

Much hard work and dedication goes into providing music for our Sunday services. And each week we are grateful for those willing to make music and lead us all in song.

This week we offer special thanks to our Musician/Member **Tom Kuniholm** and Song Leader **Rebecca Kim**.

Sunday Hymns:

For the Earth Forever Turning (#163)
Amazing Grace (#205)
We'll build a Land (#121)

Cedars Creativity Fair 2024

Our identity as a congregational community is strengthened by the activities and gatherings we enjoy together, as well as by the ways we can find to know each other better. If you have something to share, send a photo and description to office@cedarsuuchurch.org.

See What Others Have Been Doing



Johanna Munson's First Book is Published

"Of course, you don't want to think about dying!"

Inspired by the gifts of wisdom she

received from her father as he faced his mortality, Johanna Munson delivers a hard-to-argue-with message: *When we don't make arrangements to die thoughtfully, we leave our loved ones burdened by decisions we could have made ourselves.* Living responsibly means we understand the implications of our choices.

In **Live Responsibly, Die Thoughtfully**, she empathetically poses a question we all grapple with: *"Who among us wants to be responsible for causing more pain to those we hold dear?"* Using her

roles on one or more of the upcoming dates (September 11, and November 13) [here](#).

For more information contact **Mike Cox** at 206-799-3725 or toxman57@gmail.com or **Rod Kempkes** at rdkempkes@gmail.com

Sunday Services Update

Your newly elected Board of Trustees met on July 16 with leaders of the Worship, Music, Communications, Setup, and Tech teams to discuss how we will continue to plan, prepare, and hold meaningful lay-led Sunday services for our members, friends, and visitors for the foreseeable future.

A new Sunday Services Committee has been formed to take responsibility for planning out the calendar to attract interesting speakers, coordinating the many elements that make up a meaningful service, including music, and communicating our Sunday service offerings to our members, friends, and the wider community. If you would like to be a part of this effort in this new and exciting time in our Cedars community, please reach out to **Jeff Philip** who has stepped forward to lead this new committee. The next meeting of this committee will be on July 23 at 7:00pm on Zoom. The Zoom link is in the Cedars calendar on our website.

Rod Kempkes
Andrea Barnes
Gregory Cook
Rebecca Kim
Sandy Spears

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Living Responsibly Roadmap, Johanna helps us make decisions we don't want to think about and, in the process, offers reassurances that there is a thoughtful way to die, and it's one that offers us peace and grace.

The book will be available on Amazon on July 25th, both in print and Kindle formats, and you can email Johanna at johanna@johannamunson.com to get on the notification list.

Evans Reading Group

The next reading selection is **Alfie and Me**, by **Carl Safina**.



Alfie & Me
Carl Safina

A moving account of raising, then freeing, an orphaned screech owl, whose lasting friendship with the author illuminates humanity's relationship with the world.

Join us for an interesting discussion via Zoom at 1:30 p.m. On Wednesday, August 28th. If you would like to be on our email list, let **Mary Romeo** know.

More information about the Marvin Evans Reading Group can be found on our website [here](#).



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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](#).

Services and Faith Formation

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
The Island School
8553 NE Day Road
Bainbridge Island

Cedars Center

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Bainbridge Island WA 98110
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