

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



Sunday July 28th

10:00 a.m.

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

Harvesting What We Sow

Kathryn Lafond, Guest Speaker

Johanna Munson, Worship Associate

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

Kathryn LaFond is an author, spiritual guide and chef. Her mission is to build gratitude for the sacred nature of life, to inspire belief in one's ability to heal, to re-build trust in the innate wisdom of the body, and to support those who are willing to take responsibility for their personal journey.

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 **Audrey Blair** and Song Leader **David Barnes**.

Sunday Hymns:

For the Earth Forever Turning (#163)

May Your Life Be As a Song (#1059)

My Life Flows On in Endless Song (#108)

Current Week Calendar

Tuesday July 30th

5:00 p.m.

Super Supper

Eagle Harbor Church

See our "Ongoing Programs" section below for more information

[View the detailed Calendar.](#)

Upcoming Service

Perceived Identities and Shadow Identities

Sunday August 4th
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Service in Webster Hall

Nancy Phillip, Guest Speaker
Gregory Cook, Worship Associate

What happens to your identity when others have decided who you are? We'll examine the question of public perceived identity using the works of and recent events in the life of Salman Rushdie.

News and Announcements

Board News

Our Elected Leaders

The Board of Trustees is the governing body of Cedars UU Church. It has general charge of the property of the church, conducts its business affairs, and controls its administration, including the appointment of such Committees that it deems necessary.

On July 25, at a special Board Meeting, the Trustees elected officers for the 2024-2025 church year as follows:

Rod Kempkes, President
Sandy Spears, Vice President
Gregory Cook, Treasurer
Andrea Barnes, Secretary
with **Rebecca Kim** serving alone as a Member-At-Large at this time.

The Trustees will be holding a retreat on August 18 to do strategic planning for the upcoming church year. Please feel free to contact any one of your Trustees or email to President@CedarsUUChurch.org over the next several weeks to let them know of anything that they should be considering during this time of great transition for our Cedars community.

You are also encouraged to attend the Sunday service on August 18, when the Trustees will facilitate a Brunch & Banter session focused on the question, "What are you thinking about the future of Cedars that you would like the Trustees to take into their retreat?"

Cedars Board of Trustees



Do you like trivia? Join other Cedars members and friends at the **Meadowmeer Grill** on Bainbridge Island each Sunday for Trivia Time! The game starts at 5:00pm. Get there by 4:45pm to form teams. RSVP by texting **Jim Morse**.

Local Environmental Activist Speaks to Cedars



John Kydd, local environmental activist, spoke at Cedars last Sunday, July 21st. He is the Missioner for Climate Care and Climate Justice at The Episcopal Diocese of Olympia and a member of Grace Episcopal Church on Bainbridge Island.

Listen to the Service [here](#).

Cedars Says Farewell

At a pizza and ice cream party on July 11th, 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 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!

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."

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!

Carolyn Kempkes will take on production of the Beacon with **Patricia Erdmann** as Editor.

See What Others Have Been Doing

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.



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 **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.

Ongoing Programs

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 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

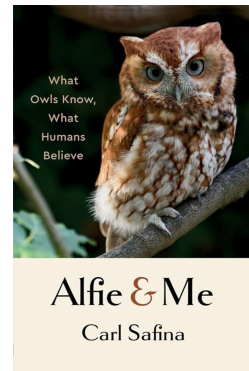
Evans Reading Group

The next reading selection is *Alfie and Me*, by 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](#).



**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.

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