

The Beacon

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



CEDARS CHURCH
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Volume 14 Issue 31 / August 2, 2024

[Website](#)

[Contact Us](#)

[Join Cedars](#)

This Week At Cedars

Sunday Service

Sunday August 4th

10:00 a.m.

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

Perceived Identities and Shadow Identities

Nancy Philip, Worship Associate
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.

Musical Notes

This week we offer special thanks to our Musician **Nick Colletto** and Song Leader **Alan Miller**.

Sunday Hymns:

Allelu, Allelu (#367) Hymn of the Month

For All that is Our Life (#128)

Love Will Guide Us (#131)

[View the detailed Calendar](#)

Upcoming Service

What is Necessary for Love?

Sunday August 11th

10:00 a.m.

In-Person Service in Webster Hall

Rev. Victoria Poling, Guest Minister
Johanna Munson, Worship Associate

Author and scholar bell hooks observes, "While ours is a nation wherein the vast majority of citizens are followers of religious faiths that proclaim the transformative power of love, many people feel they do not have a clue as to how to love." Today we'll explore a variety of perspectives on what is necessary for love.

News and Announcements

Board News

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

Rod Kempkes, President

Sandy Spears, Vice President

Gregory Cook, Treasurer

Andrea Barnes, Secretary

Rebecca Kim, Member-At-Large

Local Author, Spiritual Guide and Chef Speaks to Cedars



Kathryn LaFond has made it her mission to build gratitude for the sacred nature of life, to inspire belief in one's ability to heal, to rebuild trust in the innate wisdom of the body, and to support those who are willing to take responsibility for their personal journey.

During the Service, after a centering meditation, members, friends, and guests created a mandala of flower petals, stones, shells, candles, and cedar branches and expressed verbally and non-verbally their hopes, feelings, and dreams for the Cedars community.



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. If you want to RSVP, text **Jim Morse**.

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

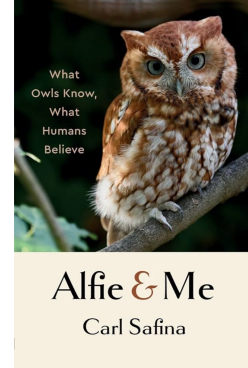
Evans Reading Group

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 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.



**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*

Print the Beacon Newsletter

The Beacon is available to download and print each week. Go to www.cedarsuuchurch.org. The newest issue is available on the Cedars website under News after 12:00 p.m. on Fridays.

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

Office at Cedars Center

284 Madrona Way, NE #128
Bainbridge Island WA 98110
(206) 780-0373
office@cedarsuuchurch.org

Would you like to subscribe to The Beacon? Email: beacon@cedarsuuchurch.org
Do you have an article, event, or announcement?
Send it to The Beacon **by Friday at 11:00 a.m. ONE WEEK BEFORE** the next Friday's newsletter (7 days in advance). See our [submission guidelines](#).



Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church | 284 Madrona Way NE, #128 | Bainbridge Island, WA
98110 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!