

# The Beacon

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



**CEDARS CHURCH**  
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## This Week At Cedars

### Sunday Service

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**Sunday August 11th**

10:00 a.m.

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

#### What is Necessary for Love?

**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.

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### Musical Notes

This week we offer special thanks to our Musician and Member **Audrey Blair** and Song Leader **Robyn Teske**.

#### Sunday Hymns:

Allelu, Allelu (#367) Hymn of the Month  
When I am Frightened (#1012)  
Love Will Guide Us (#131)

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[View the detailed Calendar](#)

## Upcoming Service

### Brunch & Banter: What are you thinking about the future of Cedars?

**Sunday August 18th**

10:00 a.m.

**In-Person Service in Webster Hall with Brunch**

#### Cedars Board Members

Join us for a time of gathering, sharing a meal, and meaningful conversations. Bring your curiosity, questions, and wisdom to share—plus, your favorite Brunch-y dish! Let's connect and discuss your vision for the future of Cedars.

## News and Announcements

### Board News

The Trustees will be holding a retreat on August 18th 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](mailto: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, (see Upcoming Service above) 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

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## Bainbridge Island Environmental Conference: Electrification Expo

Join us **Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup>** from 12- 5 at **Woodward Middle School** for the **Bainbridge Island Environmental Conference and Electrification Expo!**



We need volunteers on the day. If you are interested in volunteering, you can sign-up [here](#).

The program includes:

1. Speakers on a wide variety of topics surrounding electrification and conservation.
2. Vendors who will provide information on how to take steps to electrify your home and your life (e.g., solar panels, heat pumps, electric vehicles, electric bikes, landscaping equipment and much more).
3. Homeowners and local organizations will discuss the practicalities of home electrification.
4. Food booths and music.

Looking for volunteers to help. Contact **Mike Cox** at [toxman57@gmail.com](mailto:toxman57@gmail.com).

**For more information and to register for the event visit [here](#).**

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## Bainbridge/North Kitsap CROP Hunger Walk-Dance registration is open



No one in this world should be hungry. That's why the Bainbridge/North Kitsap CROP Hunger Walk-Dance is more than just a gathering of people in a place. It is part of a movement, taking steps and raising funds together to provide meals for those in our own community who need them—and supporting programs that create greater food security in communities all around the world.

Please join our team in the fight against hunger. The steps we take and funds we raise will make a difference in the lives of others. Join our team [here!](#)

**Sunday, Sept. 22nd at Eagle Harbor Congregational Church**  
**Registration time is 1:30 p.m. and Dance starts at 2:00 p.m.**

Sponsored by Bainbridge Island/North Kitsap Interfaith Council

## Ongoing Programs



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**.

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## 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](mailto:toxman57@gmail.com) or **Rod Kempkes** at [rdkempkes@gmail.com](mailto:rdkempkes@gmail.com).

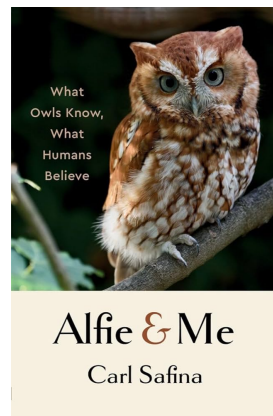
## Evans Reading Group

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](mailto: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

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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.  
The Island School  
8553 NE Day Road  
Bainbridge Island

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