

The Beacon

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Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church
Serving Bainbridge Island and Northern Kitsap County



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This Week At Cedars

Sunday Service, August 18th

10:00 a.m.

In-Person Service in Webster Hall with Brunch

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

Cedars Board Members

Nancy Philip, Worship Associate

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.

Musical Notes

This week we offer special thanks to our Musician **Peter Spencer** and Song Leader **Rebecca Kim**.

Sunday Songs:

If I Had a Hammer by *Pete Seeger*

Imagine by *John Lennon*

Saturday, August 17th

Summer Pig Roast Event - contact **Jeff Philip** for more information

3:00 p.m.

Monday, August 19th

Climate Smart Challenge - see our Calendar for the Zoom link

7:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Tuesday, August 20th

Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Cedars Center

[View the detailed Calendar](#)

Upcoming Service

Natural Divina

Sunday August 25th

10:00 a.m.

In-Person Service in Webster Hall

Rev. William (Bill) Comfort, Guest Minister

Gregory Cook, Worship Associate

The title comes from the name of a meditative way of interacting with scripture called Lectio Divina. In Lectio Divina a person reads a piece of scripture over several times slowly until a

part of the text seems to particularly speak to the person. The scripture in question can come from the Bible, another holy text or a contemporary text. In Natural Divina the test is the natural world. During the sermon, Rev. Comfort will ask people to share times when they have been moved by their contemplation of something in the natural world.

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 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 this Sunday's service, when the Trustees will facilitate a Brunch & Banter session focused on this 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

Films for Flourishing: Closer to Home

Grace Episcopal Church in collaboration with the BINK Interfaith Climate Circle is starting a film series called *Films for Flourishing*. The next film is:

Tuesday, August 27th
6:30 p.m.
Grace Episcopal Church
8595 NE Day Road



"Closer to Home" brings together an extraordinary array of thinkers, writers and activists from every continent to make a simple but revolutionary argument: by reducing the scale of the economy, we can not only stop the rush towards social and ecological breakdown but restore damaged ecosystems and increase our own personal well-being.

After the film, there will be a lively discussion about the film and what lessons we can take away for each of us personally and for our congregation.

If you have any questions, please reach out to **Mike Cox** at toxman57@gmail.com or 206-799-3725.



Bainbridge Island Environmental Conference: Electrification Expo

Join us on **Saturday September 14th** from **12- 5 p.m.** at **Woodward Middle School** for the **Bainbridge Island Environmental Conference and Electrification Expo!**

We need volunteers on the day of the event. 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.

For more information, please contact Mike Cox at toxman57@gmail.com.

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

UU the Vote: Sunday, September 15th after the Service

Come join us as we write postcards to encourage people to come out to vote in the crucial swing states. We will meet right after the service on Sunday, September 15th for about 1 hour to write the postcards. Snack and drinks provided.



UU the Vote is a bold initiative created by the Unitarian Universalist Association's Side with Love team, providing UUs a thoughtfully crafted "plug-and-play" opportunity to bring our democratic values to life in the crucial struggle to build a genuine multiracial democracy. Find more information [here](#).

For details, please contact **Mike Cox** at toxman57@gmail.com or **Naomi Gray** at naomiwwwgray@gmail.com.

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 one 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**.

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.

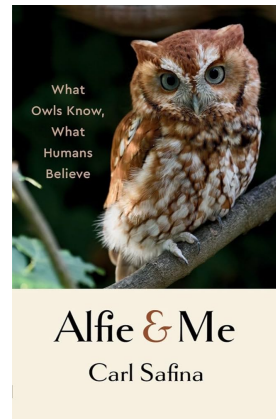
Evans Reading Group

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](#).

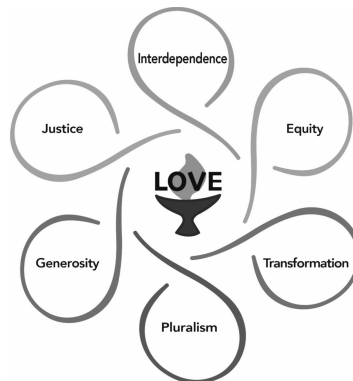


Cedars Creativity Fair 2024

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
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