

# 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, September 29th**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**In-Person Service in Webster Hall**

**What's Up with Young People These Days? A Teenager's View on Today's World**

**Grace Bonow, Guest Speaker**  
**Nancy Phillip, Worship Associate**

The World is a complicated place. It's full of catastrophic problems like climate change, social injustice, and of course the millennia-old complaint: young people. How do young people see the world? How can we ensure that we as humans, but especially desensitized younger generations, feel empowered to make positive change? This service aims to shed light on the views, problems, and influences of today's youth, as well as what we can do to break down barriers and find hope, all from a teenager's perspective.



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**Monday, September 30th**

**Mining, Faith, and the Future of Green Technology**  
**5:00 - 6:00 pm**  
**Webinar**  
Please see below for more details.

**Wednesday, October 2nd**

**Meditation Group**  
**5:30 pm**  
**Cedars Center**  
Please see below for more details.

**Thursday, October 3rd**

**Social Justice Committee**  
**5:30 pm**  
**Zoom Meeting**  
See below for more details.

**Sunday, October 6th**

**Zero Waste Potluck Party**  
**1:00 - 3:00 pm**  
**900 Park Ave NE, Bainbridge Island**  
Please see below for more details.

[View detailed calendar here.](#)

## Upcoming Service

**Sunday, October 6th, In-Person Service in Webster Hall**

10:00 am

## The Shift to a New Story

**Fran Korten, Guest Speaker**  
**Gregory Cook, Worship Associate**

In the Bible, Genesis tells us that God gave man dominion over all the creatures of Earth. That "old story" is well embedded in our culture with many dysfunctional results. We need a "new story" that recognizes we are simply one species among many other species, interconnected with all. We will discuss the signs of a shift to a new story in our culture and how we are stuck in the old story.



## News and Announcements

### Board News

Our Cedars community is in a time of great transition. We are faced with many decisions as we attempt to chart a new path forward after five years of settled ministry with Rev. Zackrie. In order to help us navigate through the challenges before us, your Board of Trustees is planning to provide an opportunity for every member to express their feelings, concerns, hopes, and aspirations for our Cedars community through an offering of "**Listening Circles**" with several options to participate **during the week of September 29th to October 6.**

These Listening Circles will serve as a place for participants to speak from the heart, to allow their feelings to manifest and have fellow members listen and really hear those feelings. The circles are meant to build understanding among members of what we are feeling individually and collectively about our Cedars community, to take an "emotional snapshot" if you will.

All members should look for an email from the Board this week with details about the Listening Circles, including how to sign up for a session and what to expect as a participant. The Board feels that gathering thoughtful input from as many members as possible, is vital to helping us chart our path forward. Every member should make their best efforts to attend a Listening Circle OR let us know if you are unable to attend and we will make alternative arrangements to receive your input.

After all of the Listening Circles have been held, the Board will prepare a written report and hold a **Town Hall meeting at The Island School after the Sunday service on October 13th (around 11:15 am)** to present a summary of the report and offer a time for questions and answers, as well as a time for everyone to talk about their own observations and ideas for opportunities in response to the report.

– Cedars Board of Trustees

### Mining, Faith, and the Future of Green Technology Webinar



Amidst our collective energy transition away from fossil fuels, demand for transitional minerals is rapidly increasing all over the world and in our backyards.

Given widespread practices of mining, especially on Indigenous lands, how are people of faith and conscience called to respond? Join us for a webinar co-sponsored by the Western State Affiliates of Interfaith Power and Light to learn about the landscape of mining in the United States, past and present, as we hear from panelists who hold a wide range of expertise and wisdom on issues of extractivism. Our time will include ways to get engaged with advocacy on these issues.

Register for the webinar [here](#).

### Social Justice Committee

The Social Justice Committee will meet Thursday, October 3rd via Zoom.

[Zoom Link](#)

Please contact Mike Cox at <mailto:tomax57@gmail.com> with questions.

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## Zero Waste Potluck

Join us for the Bainbridge Island Zero Waste Potluck on Sunday, October 6th from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Bring a dish to share and your own plate and utensils to Camp Yeomalt Cabin, 900 Park Ave NE, Bainbridge Island.

Please contact Jane Martin at [janemartin4569@gmail.com](mailto:janemartin4569@gmail.com) with questions.



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## Book Group

The Marvin Evans Book Group will discuss philosopher Robert Solomon's *Spirituality for the Skeptic* on Thursday, October 23rd, via Zoom at 1:30 pm. Let **Mary Romeo** know if you'd like to receive our reminder emails and Zoom link, contact Mary [nmromeo@msn.com](mailto:nmromeo@msn.com).

Dr. Solomon is Professor at University of Texas. "Spirituality is not just organized religion. Nor is it anti-science, un- or super-natural. There is a *naturalized* spirituality that I have always had a glimpse of, and this is what I want to pursue in this book... Spirituality, as I conceive it, embraces both emotion and rationality, both philosophy and religion".

## Ongoing Programs

### Meditation Group

Join us for meditation practice on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30p.m. at the Cedars Center. We will use mindfulness or Vipassana Meditation audio recordings from the Insight Meditation Center in Redwood City. For questions, please contact **Sandy Spears** at [sandy.spears@att.net](mailto:sandy.spears@att.net)



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 Morss**.

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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.



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 [here](#) for one of the team member roles on one or more of the upcoming date (November 13).

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).

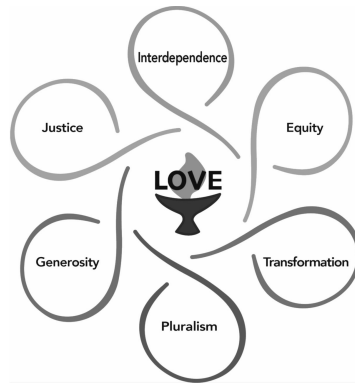
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### Cedars Facebook Conversations

If you're on Facebook, there is a new Facebook group called Cedars UU Church Community Conversations for members and friends to share events, fun stories, etc. Let's keep the coffee hour going all week long! Join the group [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*

### **Print the Beacon Newsletter**

The Beacon is available to download and print each week. Go to [www.cedarsuuchurch.org](http://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**

Tuesday - Thursday 9 am - 2 pm  
284 Madrona Way, NE #128  
Bainbridge Island WA 98110  
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