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Serving Bainbridge Island and Northern Kitsap County*



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This Week At Cedars

Sunday Service, October 13th
10:00 a.m.

Our Story and the Purpose of Our Being

David Korten, Guest Speaker
Johanna Munson, Worship Associate

Fran's service on October 6 reminds us that according to Genesis, God gave us dominion over Earth, presumably to exploit for whatever we choose. In recent obedience, we crafted an economics that tracks human progress by growth in human consumption. If that story is in error, what is our intended human purpose within the larger scheme of Creation? And what does it mean for how we choose to live together?



David Korten is an author best known for his seminal books framing a new economy for the Ecological Civilization to which humanity must now transition.

Wednesday, October 16th

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

Friday, October 18th

*****For the Love of Life**
*****6:30 - 8:30 pm**
*****Bethany Lutheran Church**
***Please see below for more details

[View detailed calendar here.](#)

Upcoming Service

Sunday, October 20th
10:00 am

Who Do You Think You Are? Four Practical Questions to Ponder Your Past, Present, and Future

Rev. Barbara Gilday, Guest Minister
Nancy Phillip, Worship Associate



From time to time in our lives, we find ourselves questioning who we are – graduating from school, becoming a parent, losing a job or a special relationship, retiring, experiencing a serious health crisis. etc. At these times, it's helpful to have a template to sort out the new evolving you and a way to remember those questions for when the need arises.

Rev. Barbara Gilday is an Affiliated Minister at the Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship.

News and Announcements

Board News

Town Hall Meeting!

All Cedars members should plan on attending the **Town Hall meeting with the Cedars Board of Trustees at The Island School after the Sunday service on October 13 (around 11:15 am)**. The primary purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the feedback that was received from our members in the Listening Circles that were held between Sept 29 and Oct 3. A written report on the Listening Circle process and feedback will be emailed to all Cedars members prior to the Town Hall meeting. At the meeting the Board will

- present a summary of the report
- 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.
- provide an overview of the options available for professional ministry
- provide an update on pastoral care ministry at Cedars

– Cedars Board of Trustees

Audio Recordings

Did you miss a Service or do you want to listen to a great sermon again? The Tech Team is making audio recordings of our Services and has posted several to our website. You can find them in our Service Archive [here](#). They are usually uploaded by the Friday following the Service



Support Hurricane Helene Relief

The scale of destruction in the wake of Hurricane Helene has been utterly devastating to many communities in the southeastern United States. Some Unitarian Universalist congregations have been seriously impacted and others are still trying to assess the damage. You can help support Unitarian Universalists and their communities as they recover from this storm by giving generously to the UUA's Disaster Relief Fund [here](#).



"We will prosper in the pursuit of life, or we will perish in the pursuit of money. The choice is ours." -David Korten



For the Love of Life: Finding Our Way to an Ecological Civilization

Join us for the Interfaith Council Climate Circle and Films for Flourishing to continue to imagine a new earth-centered civilization that welcomes love and justice for all. This event will be held on Friday, October 18th, at Bethany Lutheran Church 7968 Finch Rd NE, Bainbridge Island, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

Our gathering will feature ritual, conversation, and a film based on the work and life of David Korten.

All faiths, traditions, spiritual beliefs, and/or worldviews are welcome. Just bring your openhearted concern for our shared Earth as we build support for our collective efforts.

RSVP is recommended but not required. You can RSVP [here](#).
For more information contact **Mike Cox** at toxman57@gmail.com.

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. If you'd like to receive our reminder emails and Zoom link, contact **Mary Romeo** 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 6:30 p.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

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 of the upcoming date (November 13).

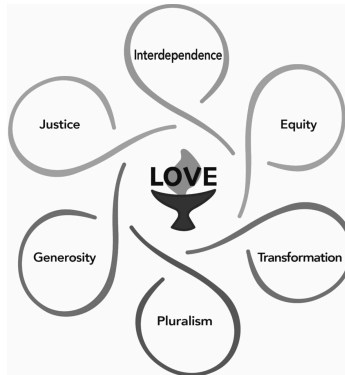
For more information contact **Mike Cox** at 206-799-3725 or toxman57@gmail.com or **Rod Kempkes** at rdkempkes@gmail.com.

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. 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
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