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Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church  
Serving Bainbridge Island and Northern Kitsap County*



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

**Sunday Service, October 20**  
10:00 a.m.

**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.

**Wednesday, October 23**

\*\*\***Meditation Group**

\*\*\***5:30 pm**

\*\*\***Cedars Center**

\*\*\*Please see below for more details.

**[View detailed calendar here.](#)**

### Upcoming Service

**Sunday, October 27**  
10:00 am

#### **Backdoor Solutions**

**Rev. Bruce Bode, Guest Minister**  
**Jenny Weaver, Worship Associate**

This sermon, related to Halloween and the transition from the light half of the year to the dark half of the year, will address the limits of direct, straight-forward solutions to our concerns and

Speak about solutions that come indirectly and from unexpected directions.

Rev. Bruce A. Bode is Minister Emeritus at the Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Port Townsend, WA.



## News and Announcements

### Board News

#### Town Hall Highlights

The Board is very appreciative of every Cedars member who attended the Town Hall meeting after the Sunday service this past week. The discussion was lively and robust around the challenges facing our community and the opportunities they present for new ways of being together. Highlights of the discussion were about deciding what we want and how we should approach professional ministry going forward. Stay tuned for further opportunities to engage in these types of energetic discussions.

#### Pastoral Care Ministry Update

We are pleased to announce that Cedars has engaged in an agreement with Rev. Jessica Star Rockers for the purposes of providing pastoral care services during our current period of transitional ministry. Pastoral Care is defined as a caring, listening presence, spiritual support, and hope in times of need. It is a ministry of listening and companionship.

Rev. Jessica will provide pastoral care to Cedars for a six-month period ending March 31, 2025. Her duties during this time will include:

- Meeting monthly with our Cedars care team and working with them to identify pastoral care needs
- Offering ten hours monthly of pastoral care to Cedars
- Tending to rites of passage as needed (memorials, weddings) at the standard UUA rates for our geographical area.

Rev. Jessica is a former Worship Associate and Board President at Cedars. She holds a Master of Divinity from Meadville Lombard Theological School and has served the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Bremerton as its Minister.

#### – Cedars Board of Trustees



**Donna Moore**  
January 3, 1932 - October 13, 2024

Our beloved longtime member of Cedars, Donna Moore, passed away peacefully on October 13, at 1:40 pm with family and friends by her side. Donna is survived by her brother, Denny Moore, niece Katherine Moore, and nephew Ben Moore.



Donna lived an amazing life and touched so many others along the way. We hold many memories of Donna in our hearts and honor her deep connections to our Cedars and wider Bainbridge Island communities since 1979. Please see below to read more about Donna's story.

A celebration of Donna's life will take place at The Island School, 8553 NE Day Road, Bainbridge Island at 2:00 pm on Sunday, October 20. All Cedars members and friends are invited to attend.

### 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](#).



### 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](mailto:MaryRomeo@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 pm 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)

## 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. You can find the sign-up for Super Suppers [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 [here](#) for one of the team member roles on 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).

## 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](#).

## Obituary

### Donna Jean Moore

January 3, 1932 - October 13, 2024

Donna was born in Seattle, Washington January 3, 1932, to Nelvia Catherine Murphy and Harry Chalmers Moore. She spent her early years in Tacoma, Washington and graduated from Stadium High School in 1950. After her father's death in her senior year of high school, she attended Bates VocTech School taking secretarial classes. She worked as a "girl Friday" in a small insurance office before moving to Los Angeles in 1953 where she worked for a large insurance company.

After spotting a recruiting ad for secretaries, she applied for and was accepted by the U.S. Department of State. Her first overseas assignment was in Benghazi, Libya in 1954. As the only single American girl in a 700-mile radius, she worked as a secretary/code clerk and lived on the second floor of the Consulate. That began an amazing career which took her from secretary to Personnel Officer in such places as Paris, Jiddah, Saudi Arabia, Dacca, East Pakistan (now Bangladesh), and Lima, Peru.

In 1966 she asked for an assignment to Washington, D.C. in order to attend university. Working as a Career Counselor during the day and attending school at night she completed two additional years. At the request of an Office of Economic Opportunity contractor, she was granted a leave of absence by the Department of State to head up a nationwide effort to recruit returning Peace Corps and Vista volunteers to join anti-poverty work. In 1970 she resigned from the Foreign Service, electing to continue to work with the Office of Economic Opportunity. She helped design that office's first Upward Mobility Program, a part of their nationwide Equal Employment Opportunity effort. She received several commendations for this work and was eventually asked to join the Civil Service Commission where she designed classes and trained other agencies in how to develop Upward Mobility programs. Eventually, she became the nationwide Upward Mobility Coordinator and, once again received recognition for her efforts.

Desiring to be closer to her aging mother, she took a leave of absence in 1976 and headed west. She moved to Bainbridge Island, and the Seattle office of the Civil Service Commission hired her as Associate. Director of the General Management Training Branch, which position she held until her retirement in 1985. During this time she designed courses on such subjects as communication, office management, leading meetings, and career planning. In 1979 she published the first edition of her book TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR OWN CAREER, *A Guide to Federal Employment*.

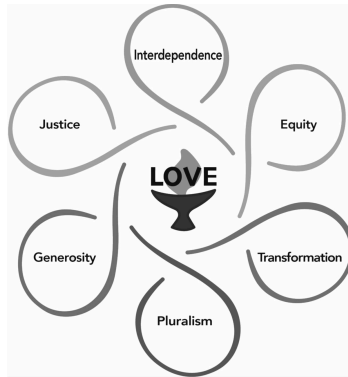
After retirement, she established a career counseling consulting business and conducted classes nationwide until her mother's failing health in 1989 restricted her ability to travel. Since that time she has devoted herself to her writing and has published two additional books: UP CLOSE AND

PERSONAL: *Experimental Exercises for Building A Spiritual Community* and CIRCLES WITHIN CIRCLES: *Honoring the Elements Through Haiku Poetry.*

Although work and career were always the main focus of her life, she had many other creative interests including pottery, batik, haiku poetry, and sumi painting. She was a certified instructor in Tai Chi Chih and taught for the Bainbridge Island Parks & Recreation District for many years. She traveled widely and had many friends around the world. She has been a member of the Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church since 1980 and served in several capacities. One of the great passions of her life was the study of worldwide Shamanic practices. She was also a hospice volunteer with the Group Health Cooperative in Kitsap County and a proud member of the Bainbridge Island Women in Black.

In the last years of her life, she faced several physical battles including having overcome leukemia and degenerative arthritis. She did not let these difficulties sour her outlook, however. How would she have summed up her life? She believed that her purpose was to empower others to be the best they could be in order to serve- in balance and harmony with The Source- by creating, sustaining, and maintaining the universe. She believed that two of her greatest gifts were creativity and trust in a loving God. If she had a banner to display, it would have these words emblazoned on it:

HONESTY and BALANCE



**Our Congregational Mission**

*Worship with open hearts  
Nurture a learning spirit  
Serve justice with compassion  
Love without judgment*

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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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