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*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, November 3
10:00 a.m.

Inspired by Our Ancestors

Rev. Jessica Star Rockers, Guest Minister
Nancy Philip, Worship Associate

Amidst a season of change—and in an era that often feels overwhelming and chaotic—let's take a moment to remember those who came before us. We'll gather inspiration from their creativity, express gratitude for their sacrifices, and imagine a future of joyful community care.

Rev. Jessica Star Rockers is a writer, musician, and minister who has served congregations around the Pacific Northwest since her ordination at Cedars in 2019. Recently, Cedars hired her to offer pastoral care during this time of transition. She lives on Bainbridge Island with her husband and son and works at Eagle Harbor Congregational Church. She also publishes a weekly newsletter at EverythingIsHolyNow.com.



Tuesday, November 5

*****Election Gathering**

*****5:00 - 7:00 pm**

*****Cedars Center**

***Please see below for more details.

Wednesday, November 6

*****Meditation Group**

*****5:30 pm**

*****Cedars Center**

***Please see below for more details.

[View detailed calendar here.](#)

Upcoming Service

Sunday Service, November 10
10:00 am

Early Lessons from Aikido: A Way Toward Peace

Rev. April Frazier, Guest Minister
Johanna Munson, Worship Associate

Aikido is a martial art, as well as a philosophy and a spiritual practice. There are lessons we can take from our training on the mat out into the world. Aikido teaches us to practice centering, while providing a real avenue for choosing peace and impacting both ourselves and the world we live in for the better.



Rev. April Frazier is a Board Certified Chaplain and has spent most of her career in home hospice. She is an Affiliated Community Minister at Shoreline UUC and received her M.Div. from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN. She finds joy in nature, creative projects and spending time with her family.

News and Announcements

Board News

Staying Connected in Uncertain Times

These are times that are full of anxiety on so many levels. Specifically, the weeks leading up to and following the national election have significant potential for increased disinformation, chaos, and even violence in our country. We know that many of you are already doing your part to build strong, connected, and resilient communities outside of Cedars. As a religious community, our responsibility in uncertain times is always to move deliberately, grounded in our values and in relationship with the key leaders, partners, and movements who share them.

You will find several examples below in this issue of the Beacon of how our Cedars community is living out our values in this regard, including our UU the Vote efforts, bringing in speakers like Rev. Bruce Bode to offer us his considerations around the upcoming election, and our planned election night gathering with Rev. Jessica Star Rockers.

Also, through our connection to the wider Unitarian Universalist movement, we have access to additional resources offering guidance and support for community resilience in times of instability and fear.



[Resources for Community Resilience](#)

- Cedars Board of Trustees

Helpline House Donations

Cedars will host a donations drive for the Helpline House every Sunday in November. There will be a collection box at The Island School every Sunday throughout the month of November. You can find their list of requested items [HERE](#). Please consider giving this season. For more information, contact Naomi Gary at Naomiwwwgary@gmail.com.



Time Change Reminder

This is just a quick reminder that the time change happens this weekend. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night. Enjoy the extra hour!



Thank you to the Cedars Community

The Cedars community wrote 230 letters encouraging voters to get out and vote. Naomi Gary initiated this effort for our church, inspired by the UU the Vote initiative.



Rev. Bruce Bode Sermon - Approaching Election Concerns & Considerations

Did you miss last week's Sunday Service with Rev. Bruce Bode? He spoke of our election concerns in this presidential race. You can find his sermon [HERE](#).

Election Night Gathering

Join Rev. Jessica Star Rockers for a warm cup of tea, snacks, and cozy music at the Cedars Center on Election Night. We could all use some caring and community during this stressful time. Rev. Jessica Star Rockers is our new Pastoral Care Minister during this time of transition and would love to hang out November 5, from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. For questions or more information, you can contact her at 206-890-2872.



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.



Fall Clothing Swap

Join ReFashion Bainbridge for a Fall Clothing Swap. Bring good-quality clothing, including casual, formal, business, athletic, outerwear, and scarves. Drop off is Saturday, November 16, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at Filipino American Hall. The Swap will be held on Sunday, November 17, from 1:00 am to 3:30 pm.

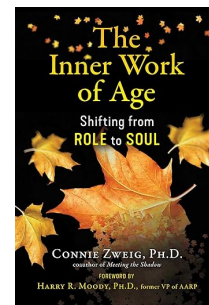


Ongoing Programs

Book Club

The Marvin Evans Book Group will discuss *The Inner Work of Age: Shifting from Role to Soul* by Connie Zweig, on Wednesday, Dec 11 at 1:30 pm, via Zoom. If you would like to be included in our email list, please contact **Mary Romeo** at nmromeo@msn.com.

"Instead of simply slipping into old age, Zweig encourages us to mine our lives for all the gold and silver that's there. Dive into this book to find the wisdom within yourself. As you grow old, learn to become an elder filled with vitality and purpose."



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.

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).

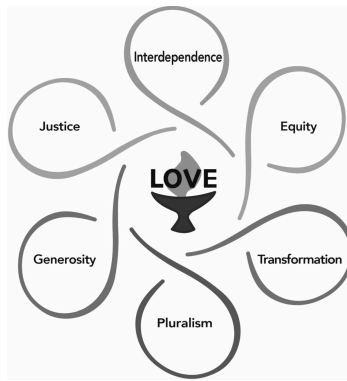
For more information contact **Mike Cox** at 206-799-3725 or toxman57@gmail.com or **Rod Kempkes** at rdkempkes@gmail.com.

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*

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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

Office at Cedars Center
Tuesday - Thursday 9 am - 2 pm
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