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*A weekly email newsletter from
Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church
Serving Bainbridge Island and Northern Kitsap County*



CEDARS CHURCH
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

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This Week At Cedars

Sunday Service, October 6th
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Service in Webster Hall

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 the 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.



Sunday, October 6th

*** **UU the Vote**
*** **11:15 am (After Sunday Service)**
*** **The Island School**
*** Please see below for more details.

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

Wednesday, October 9th

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

[View detailed calendar here.](#)

Upcoming Service

Sunday, October 13th

10:00 am

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?



News and Announcements

Board News

Your Board of Trustees is extremely grateful to all of the members who gave generously of their time to participate in the five Listening Circles that were offered this past week. The Board feels it is vital to hear from as many members as possible on what they are feeling about where our Cedars community might direct its energies in its current state of transition. If you weren't able to participate in any of the Listening Circles, please let us know by dropping us a note at president@cedarsuuchurch.org and we will make alternative arrangements to receive your input.

The Board will be preparing a written report on the feedback we have received from the Listening Circles, and will 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

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.



UU the Vote

Please join us for another get out UU the Vote session, Sunday, October 6th, after Sunday Service.

We will meet on the stage after the service as it will be quieter and not in the way of the take-down crew.

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



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. with questions.



"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 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 Sceptic* 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.

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 on one or more of the upcoming date (November 13).

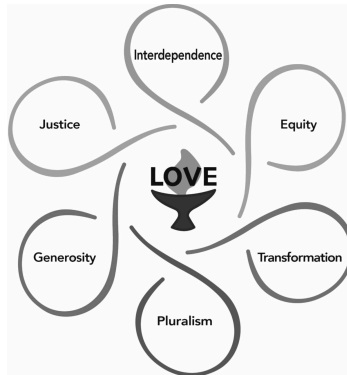
For more information contact **Mike Cox** at 206-799-3725 or toxman57@gmail.com or **Rod Kempkes** at rdkempkes@gmail.com.

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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