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## The Beacon

*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, November 24**  
**10:00 am**

**Brunch and Banter - "Radical Hospitality"**

**Hosted by The Board of Trustees**  
**Johanna Munson, Worship Associate**

Join us for a time of gathering, sharing a meal, music, and meaningful conversations around the theology of Radical Hospitality and "Loving the Stranger." Bring your curiosity and wisdom to share—plus your favorite Brunch-y dish! Let's connect and celebrate human togetherness.



**Saturday, November 23**

\*\*\* **Join or Die Documentary**

\*\*\* **3:00 pm**

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

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

**Tuesday, November 26**

\*\*\* **Super Suppers**

\*\*\* **4:00 pm**

\*\*\* **Eagle Harbor Congregational Church**

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

\*\*\* **Interfaith Council's Thanksgiving Service**

\*\*\* **7:00 pm**

\*\*\* **Rolling Bay Presbyterian Church**

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

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

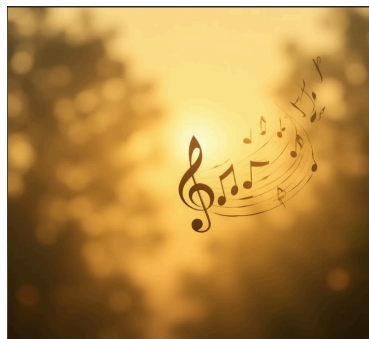
### Upcoming Service

**Sunday Service, December 1  
10:00 am**

**Singing on the Side of Love**

**Hosted by the Music Committee  
Gregory Cook, Worship Associate**

Join us for a special service where we reflect on the hymns that have resonated through our hearts each month from February to November. In this soulful gathering, we'll explore the melodies that have shaped our spiritual journey, delving into the rich tapestry of emotions woven into these hymns.



## News and Announcements

### Board News

#### Transitional Ministry Study Group formed

Following up on what we heard through the Listening Circles and the Town Hall Meeting on October 13, the Board has formed a study group to begin evaluating options for providing professional transitional ministry for Cedars as we continue to chart our path forward. The members of the study group are Herb Hethcote, Jeff Philip, Patricia Erdmann, Liz Motter, and Rod Kempkes. The group will begin meeting in November and is anticipated to bring forth a recommendation to the Board in December. If you have any questions or feedback that you would like to provide to the study group, please reach out to one of the Trustees directly or send by email to [president@cedarsuuchurch.org](mailto:president@cedarsuuchurch.org).

#### Childcare for Sunday Services

In order to be more welcoming to families with little ones, the Board would like to begin providing childcare at our Sunday services as we have done in the past before the pandemic. The Board is currently investigating options to provide this type of service to families that are interested in attending on Sunday mornings, but it isn't possible without childcare for them. If you would like to help with this effort, please reach out to one of the Trustees.

#### - Cedars Board of Trustees

### Interfaith Council's Thanksgiving Service



All are invited to the Interfaith Council's Thanksgiving Service. This year's theme is Loving Kindness, and donations will go to Kids in Concert, a free after-school music and youth development program in Kitsap County. Please join us at Rolling Bay Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, November 26, at 7:00 pm for an evening of music and fellowship.

### A message to the UU community

A thoughtful post-election message from your Unitarian Universalist Association, "Our wellspring of hope and courage for the times ahead." You can read the message [HERE](#).



### Join or Die Documentary Screening

Please plan to join us at the Cedars Center on November 23 at 3:00 pm for a screening of the documentary "Join or Die," with an informal discussion to follow.

From the makers: Join or Die is a film about why you should join a club — and why the fate of America depends on it. In this feature documentary, follow the half-century story of America's civic unraveling through the journey of legendary social scientist Robert Putnam, whose groundbreaking "Bowling Alone" research into America's decades-long decline in community connections could hold the answers to our democracy's present crisis. Flanked by influential fans and scholars — from Hillary Clinton, Pete Buttigieg, and Surgeon General Vivek Murthy to Eddie Glaude Jr., Raj Chetty, and Priya Parker — as well as inspiring groups building community in neighborhoods across the country, join Bob as he explores three urgent civic questions: What makes democracy work? Why is American democracy in crisis? And, most importantly... What can we do about it?



We hope to see you there!

You can find more information about this event [HERE](#).

### Helpline House Donations

Cedars will host a donations drive for 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 [Naomiwwgary@gmail.com](mailto:Naomiwwgary@gmail.com).



### Gift Card Donations for Seniors

Helpline House requests Gift Cards for Seniors for the Holiday Season from the following vendors:

- \*\*\* **Ace Hardware**
- \*\*\* **Amazon**
- \*\*\* **Eagle Harbor Book Co.**
- \*\*\* **Safeway**
- \*\*\* **Starbucks**
- \*\*\* **Town and Country**

Please bring the Gift Cards to Sunday Service if you want to donate. Naomi Gary will collect them and bring them to The Helpline House by the December 9 deadline.

### 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.

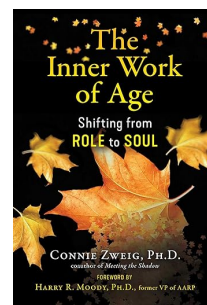


## Ongoing Programs

### 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](mailto:maryromeo@msn.com) at [nmromeo@msn.com](mailto: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](mailto:sandy.spears@att.net) 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 (January 8).

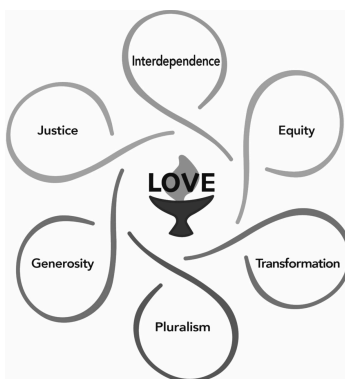
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### Cedars Facebook Conversations

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  
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