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Serving Bainbridge Island and Northern Kitsap County*



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

**Sunday Service, October 27**  
10:00 a.m.

**Approaching Election 2024: Concerns & Considerations**

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

This sermon will offer a range of thoughts, feelings, reflections, and perspectives as we draw near to this consequential national election.

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



**Tuesday, October 29**

\*\*\***Super Suppers**  
\*\*\***4:45 - 6:00 pm**  
\*\*\***Eagle Harbor Congregational Church**  
\*\*\*Please see below for more details.

**Wednesday, October 30**

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

[View detailed calendar here.](#)

### Upcoming Service

**Sunday Service, November 3**  
10:00 am

**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 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.



## News and Announcements

### Board News

#### Lean in!

In the town hall meeting we held on October 13, we had a lively community conversation about how having professional ministry can both help us be “more UU” and, at the same time, can lead us to believe that a minister will “do everything” for us and we won't have to be so personally involved with building our beloved community. While we didn't come to any definitive conclusions in the town hall about the future of professional ministry for Cedars, there are many ways that you can support our community in this time of transition. There are several ongoing calls for help that various groups within our community have voiced.

- Our outstanding Worship Associates team is looking to add a few members. If you watch what they do each Sunday morning and think that just might be your calling, please seek out any one of them (Nancy Philip, Gregory Cook, Johanna Munson, and Jenny Weaver) after the service during the coffee hour to find out more about how you might get involved.
- Setting up our worship space each Sunday takes a village. It's not that hard to do, and it feels great when the cold, empty Island School gymnasium is transformed into our sacred space in less than an hour! If you'd like to see how you can help, please look for David Barnes after the service during the coffee hour.
- Radical hospitality is what our Membership team practices each Sunday as folks walk in the door. Whether it's their first visit or they've been coming for a long time, a warm greeting and a smile lighten everyone's day. If you'd like to be a part of this very spiritual practice of welcoming, please look for Liz Motter or Sally Wilson on Sundays to learn how you can help.
- If you'd like to support Cedars in other ways that speak to your unique talents and interests and don't know where to start, please send a message to [office@cedarsuuchurch.org](mailto:office@cedarsuuchurch.org), and we'd be glad to help you find your way. You can also talk to any one of the five members of the Board (Rod Kempkes, Andrea Barnes, Gregory Cook, Sandy Spears, or Rebecca Kim).

There's an old saying most often attributed to Woody Allen that goes, **"90% of success in life is just showing up."** Actually, it turns out that the number is somewhere between 75 and 90, depending on the recollection of the person reciting the quote, but either way, the balance is about following up. Allen's point is a good one. Just get involved, and the results will astonish you.

#### – Cedars Board of Trustees

### 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.



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

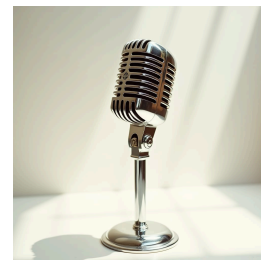
Our beloved longtime member of Cedars, Donna Moore, passed away peacefully on October 13 at 1:40 pm with family and friends by her side. Donna is survived by her brother, Denny Moore, niece Katherine Moore, and nephew Ben Moore.



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. You can read Donna's full Obituary [here](#).

### 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](#).



### 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.

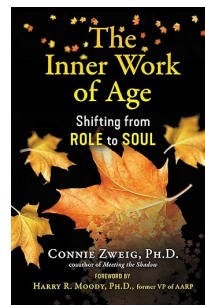


## Ongoing Programs

### 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](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** 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).

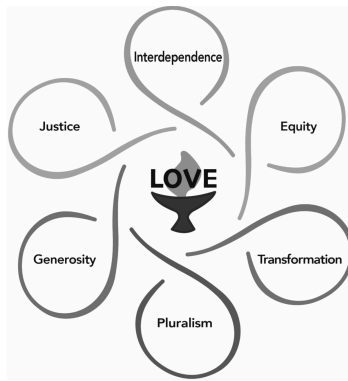
For more information contact **Mike Cox** at 206-799-3725 or [toxman57@gmail.com](mailto:toxman57@gmail.com) or **Rod Kempkes** at [rdkempkes@gmail.com](mailto:rdkempkes@gmail.com).

### 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](#).



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**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  
284 Madrona Way, NE #128  
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