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



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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

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This Week At Cedars

Sunday Service, January 19
10:00 am

**Brunch and Banter: Reflections on the
Legacy of Jimmy Carter and Expectations
for Leadership**

Nancy Philip, Guest Speaker
Gregory Cook, Worship Associate

Join us for a time of gathering, sharing a meal, music, and meaningful conversations around the topic of the Legacy of Jimmy Carter and Expectations for Leadership. Come ready to share your curiosity and knowledge, along with a favorite dish for brunch!

Childcare will be offered during this service.
Click [HERE](#) for details.



Sunday, January 19

Interfaith Peace Prayer Vigil
5:00 pm
Sakai Park
Please see below for more details

Wednesday, January 22

Meditation Group
5:30 - 6:30 pm
Cedars Center
Please see below for more details

Saturday, January 25

Spiritual Odyssey Potluck
12:00 - 2:00 pm
Cedars Center
Please see below for more details

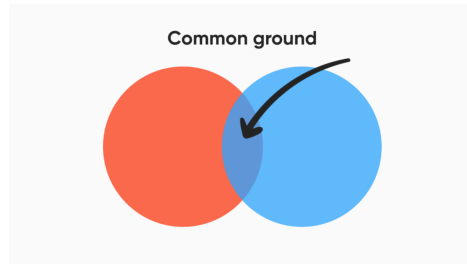
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Upcoming Service

Sunday Service, January 26
10:00 am

Finding Common Ground in a Time of Division

Mike Cox, Guest Speaker
Tyler Weaver, Guest Speaker



We are living in a time of great division within our country. Tyler and Mike will discuss why we believe finding common ground is important for the health of our families, communities and country. We will be breaking up into small groups to explore what we can do as individuals and as a congregation to address these divisions and then sharing those ideas. We believe there is common ground to be found, and it is essential to develop strategies to address our differences.

Mike Cox and Tyler Weaver are both members of Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church.

Childcare will be offered during this service. Click [HERE](#) for details.

News and Announcements

Welcome New Member

Our newest member, Naomi Gary, started attending Cedars last summer and became a member in January. In Naomi's words:

I'm a "born and raised" Unitarian Universalist from San Diego, CA. My parents met at the Flint Michigan Unitarian Church! I have two adult daughters. I moved to Bellingham in 2019 as a climate and political refugee... I figured I'd rather be at the northern border if things got bad. Here we are again! I met a wonderful Bainbridge Island man named Thomas. He convinced me we could maintain two households (one here and one in Bellingham). I still attend the Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship and I'm active on the Black Lives Matter Ministry Action Team. I hope to make friends and get involved in social justice activities through Cedars!



Welcome to Cedars, Naomi! We are glad you are here!

People's March

Please join a few of us for the People's March on Saturday, January 18! It will be fun, goofy, and community-building. It will also be something light to look back on during the dark days of the upcoming Danish/Canadian War. :)



We will aim for a 9:30 am arrival at Cal Anderson Park in Seattle. We will start walking at 11:00 am. It should be over by 1:00 pm. From Bainbridge, we will take the ferry and the light rail to the Capitol Hill/Cal Anderson stop.

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

Spiritual Odyssey Potlucks Are Back

Starting Saturday, January 25, we will hold these potlucks on the fourth Saturday of each month from noon to 2:00 pm at the Cedars Center. We invite you to gather for a potluck lunch and discussion with friends or members of Cedars who have agreed to share stories of their personal spiritual journeys.

The presentations are informal and can lead to deeper understanding of each other as we discuss where we have come from, as well as what we seek (or perhaps have found) here at Cedars. Contact Johanna Munson (johanna.munson7@gmail.com) to indicate interest.

Jimmy Carter Eulogies

This Sunday, we honor the life and legacy of President Jimmy Carter, reflecting on his unwavering commitment to peace, human rights, and humanitarian service. To watch heartfelt eulogies that pay tribute to his enduring impact on our world, click [HERE](#).

New to Cedars Conversation

Are you new to Cedars and wonder what Unitarian Universalism is all about? Do you want to know more about this community? Do you want to know how and when to become a member and what that means for you? If you have questions about Cedars, this is the time and place to ask them!



Come to our New to Cedars Conversation on February 2, in the library at The Island School from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm following the service.

Fill your coffee cup and join the conversation! Please let us know if you would like us to provide childcare by emailing office@cedarsuuchurch.org.

Interfaith Peace Prayer Vigil

This event is organized by the ministers of Bainbridge Island churches and will be held on Jan 19, gathering at Pia the Peace Troll at Sakai Park at 5:00 pm. All are invited to bring a prayer for peace from your spiritual tradition.

Climate Cafe

The **Climate Café** is a safe place for people to come together in circles of trust to share and bear compassionate witness to the varied personal perceptions they have about the future of our **Earth** home and our interconnected life.

This event will be Saturday, February 1, from 9:00 - 11:00 am at The Island School. You can find more information, including registration [HERE](#).

Childcare on Sunday Mornings!

Good news! We are now offering childcare for families with young children during our Sunday services! Thanks to our volunteers, Sandy Spears, Rebecca Kim, Susan Shaffer, and Mary Romeo, along with our newly hired childcare assistant, Marcus Stroman, we are able to offer Sunday morning childcare again after a nearly five-year absence. If a family you know of has not been able to attend any of our Sunday services because of a lack of childcare, please let them know about this new development! We look forward to welcoming some new faces that otherwise have not been able to come and be with us on Sunday mornings!

For details about how childcare will be provided, click [HERE](#).

Cedars on Social Media

Cedars now has a podcast! We will be posting our Sunday Services on **Spotify** [HERE](#), on the **Apple Podcast** app [HERE](#), on Amazon Music [HERE](#), and on **iHeartRadio** [HERE](#) for easier access to our audio recordings. Our podcast is called “**Sunday Mornings at Cedars.**”

We are also now on **Instagram**! Find us [HERE](#).

And as usual, find us on our Church **Facebook** page [HERE](#) and our **Community Facebook** page [HERE](#).



Be sure to “Like” us and “Follow” us on each one!

You can also still find audio recordings of our Services on our website [HERE](#).

Beacon Article Deadline

The new deadline for submitting content for The Beacon is now Mondays by the end of the day. If you would like to add an article, please send it to the Cedars Office at Office@cedarsuuchurch.org.

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.

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](#).



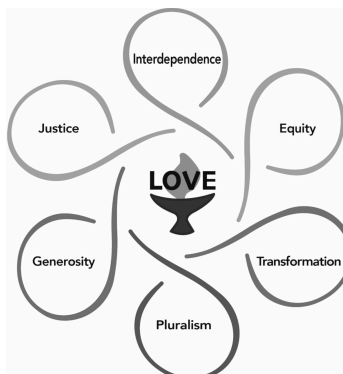
Cedars is also committed to leading the preparation and serving of a free meal to anyone in the community every other month through the Suquamish Community Kitchen. These meals require many helping hands to prepare, serve, and clean up. Please consider signing up [HERE](#) for one of the team member roles on the upcoming date, Wednesday, March 12.

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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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

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