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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, March 2
10:00 am**

A Pakistani Muslim Celebrates Ramadan in America

**Arman Fatima, Guest Speaker
Nancy Philip, Worship Associate**

What is it like being a teenage Pakistani Muslim in America? Hear from exchange student, Aman Fatima, as she shares her Muslim faith and the differences between life in Karachi and Poulsbo, Washington.

Aman Fatima is a 15-year-old exchange student from Karachi, Pakistan. She attends West Sound Academy in Poulsbo.



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

Wednesday, March 5

**Meditation Group
5:30 - 6:30 pm
Cedars Center**

Please see below for more details

[View detailed calendar here.](#)

Upcoming Service

**Sunday Service, March 9
10:00 am**

We Are Called

**Rev. Carol McKinley, Guest Minister
Gregory Cook, Worship Associate**

The architect, philosopher and futurist R. Buckminster Fuller wrote, "We are called to be architects of the future, not its victims." In our changing world, that call has become

increasingly urgent: when we hear it, how can we respond in ways that help create the future we hope to see?

The Reverend Carol McKinley, now retired, lives in Olympia and is an affiliated community minister with Olympia UU Congregation, where she coordinated that congregation's Faith in Action Ministry. Her passion for justice activism was nurtured by the Edmonds Unitarian Universalist Church, which she joined in the mid-1960s.

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News and Announcements

Spiritual Odyssey Potlucks!

At our last gathering on Saturday, February 22, at the Cedars Center, fifteen Cedars members and friends joined **Keri Schmit and Rick Blythe** via Zoom from Abu Dhabi, U.A.E. to hear about their experiences while living in the Middle East. Our next potluck will be on **March 22**, from noon to 2:00 pm at the Cedars Center when **Rebecca Kim** will share her personal spiritual journey. These monthly presentations are informal and are a great way to get to know others at Cedars! Please contact Johanna Munson (johanna.munson7@gmail.com) to indicate your interest in attending.



Social Action in Olympia

Last Thursday, February 20, along with 200 other participants, Cedars member, Patricia Erdmann, spent the day in Olympia at the Faith Action Network's Legislative Day. [HERE](#) is her report.

Ministerial Search Committee Update

The search committee is now reviewing applications as they come in through the system. Our hope is to find a suitable match with a minister later this spring. If you have any questions about the search process, please reach out to one of the search committee members, Herb Hethcote, Jeff Philip, Patricia Erdmann, Liz Motter, Naomi Gary, or Rod Kempkes.



This week's trivia question: What is the capital of the United Arab Emirates? Click [HERE](#) for the answer.

Community Events

Meet Artist Bryce Bennett

New Cedars member and artist, **Bryce Bennett**, will celebrate the opening of his latest exhibition, *Knives & Paint* at the Collective Visions Gallery, in Bremerton on **March 7**, during the **Bremerton First Friday Art Walk from 5:00 to 8:00 pm**. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet Bryce, hear about his creative process, and experience his vibrant, tactile works in person. You can learn more about Bryce's work [HERE](#)



Spring Clothing Swap

ReFashion will host the Spring Clothing Swap on March 16 from 12:00 -2:30 pm at Filipino American Hall. You can find more information [HERE](#).

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.pears@att.net.

Childcare on Sunday Mornings!

Good news! We're now offering childcare for families with young children during our Sunday services! If you know a family that hasn't been able to attend on Sundays because of a lack of childcare, please tell them about this!

We look forward to welcoming some new faces that otherwise wouldn't be able to 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](#).

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.

Beacon Article Deadline

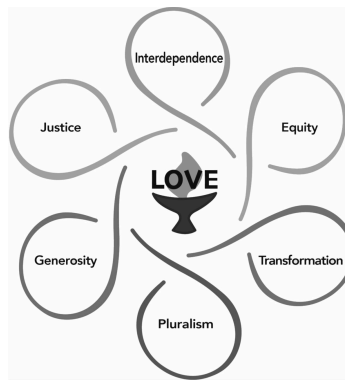
The new deadline for submitting content for The Beacon is now Mondays by the end of the day. If you would like to add an article, please send it to the Cedars Office at Office@cedarsuuchurch.org.

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. 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

Michelle Welsh, Office Administrator
Tuesday - Thursday, 9 am - 2 pm
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