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Serving Bainbridge Island and Northern Kitsap County



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This Week At Cedars

Sunday Service, April 6
10:00 am

Creating the Garden of Beloved Community

Rev. Rose Edington & Rev. Mel Hoover, Guest Ministers

Jenny Weaver, Worship Associate

Springtime and gardening go together and have us imagining Beloved Community as a garden. Imagine the soil of Beloved Community as the ground of being that nurtures Unitarian Universalism. What do we want to cultivate? How do we handle the weeds? Will everyone be welcome? Camille Dungy's book *"Soil: The Story of a Black Mother's Garden"* provided inspiration for this sermon.



Clergy couple Mel Hoover and Rose Edington are co-ministers Emeriti of the UU Congregation in Charleston, West Virginia. Retired from congregational ministry in 2014, they continue their ministries through MelRose Ministries, with a focus on creating Beloved Community that considers the intersections of racism, classism, sexism, and environmental justice. Wishing to be closer to their granddaughter (and her parents) prompted their move to Bellingham in 2020.

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

Wednesday, April 9

Meditation Group

5:30 - 6:30 pm

Cedars Center

Please see below for more details

Bookclub

1:30 pm

on Zoom

Please see below for more details

[View detailed calendar here.](#)

Upcoming Service

Sunday Service, April 13
10:00 am

Everyday Depression': Our Potential Ally

Rev. Bruce Bode, Guest Minister
Gregory Cook, Worship Associate

An exploration of why "everyday depression" comes to us, what it intends, and what meaning it may hold for us.

Bruce A. Bode is Minister Emeritus at the Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (QUUF) in Port Townsend, Washington, from which he retired in 2018 as the Senior Minister after serving the congregation for fourteen years (2004-2018).



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

News and Announcements

Welcome, Rev. Margo!

Rev. Margo Rinehart will be in the pulpit at The Island School for the first time on **Sunday, April 27th! Please mark your calendars for the beginning of this next chapter for our Cedars community!** Rev. Margo will also be leading our service on **May 4th.**



Cedars members and friends will also have several opportunities to meet and greet Rev. Margo in small groups of 8 to 10 people in member's homes starting May 4th.

Here are the dates of these Meet & Greets:

Sunday, May 4, 4-6 pm - Hosts: Jeff & Nancy Philip, Poulsbo
Thursday, May 8, 6- 8pm - Host: Patricia Erdmann, Suquamish
Saturday, May 10, 2-4 pm - Hosts: Jenny & Tyler Weaver, South B.I.
Thursday, May 15, 2-4 pm - Host: Jane Martin, Winslow
Please sign up to attend one of these events [HERE](#).

Read a greeting to us from Rev. Margo [HERE!](#)

Supporting Our Local Farmers

On Saturday, March 29, several Cedars members, together with the **B.I. Interfaith Council's Climate Circle** toured two farms on Bainbridge Island to learn about the challenges of running small scale agriculture in our community. The two farms were **Winney Farm**, which produces pasture-raised beef, pork, chickens, eggs, and produce; and **BlueTree Farm and Forest** which grows lavender and produces lavender based products. Please consider supporting these two farms and their efforts to provide locally produced food and other products for our community!



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? Then come to our **New to Cedars Conversation**

on May 4, after the service in the library from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm.
Fill your cup and join the conversation.



Welcome New Members!

New Cedars members, **Marijke DeVos** and her husband **Bryce Bennett**, live in Poulsbo, WA, with their two cats, Jimmy and Ezel. Marijke works as a hand surgeon at the Doctor's Clinic in Silverdale. Bryce is an artist who shows paintings throughout the area. You can see his work at Verksted Gallery in Poulsbo and Collective Visions in Bremerton. They are both Southerners (Marijke from Alabama, Bryce from Arkansas) who met on the East Coast at Williams College. Welcome, Marijke and Bryce!



Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT) Circle

Join us on Saturday, April 13, from 2:00- 3:30 pm, as **Rebecca Kim** leads an EFT circle at Cedars Center. EFT focuses on tapping the 12 meridian points of the body to relieve symptoms of a negative experience or emotion. You can find more about this technique [HERE](#).



Stewardship Update

Our annual Stewardship campaign will kick off in April. Please look for further announcements in the coming weeks and note on your calendars that we will have a **special event at Prue's House in the Grand Forest on Bainbridge Island from 4:00 to 5:30 pm on Saturday, April 26**. This will be the day before Rev. Margo leads our Sunday service for the first time on April 27.

Community Events

Earth Day Expo

Come join us for a few hours during the Earth Day Expo to assist the Parks Department's Natural Resource Team. You can find more information and sign up [HERE](#).



Hands Off Rally

Join the Bainbridge Island community on Saturday, April 5, for the Hands Off Rally. You can find more information about this event [HERE](#).



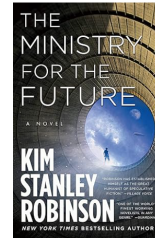
Japanese Exclusion Memorial Tour: Sunday, June 1, 2:00-4:00 pm

Please join us for an exclusive tour of the Japanese Exclusion Memorial at Prichard Park. You can find more information, including signup [HERE](#).



Bookclub

Cedars Book Group will discuss *The Ministry for the Future*, by Kim S. Robinson, via Zoom on Wednesday, Apr 9, at 1:30 pm. This is an epic science fiction novel about climate change, recommended by B. Obama & Booklist. Get on our email list to receive the link for our fascinating discussions. Contact **Mary Romeo** at marvinbookgroup@cedarsuuchurch.org for more information.



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 meditation@cedarsuuchurch.org

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, May 14.

For more information, contact **Mike Cox** at 206-799-3725. or green@cedarsuuchurch.org or **Rod Kempkes** at president@cedarsuuchurch.org

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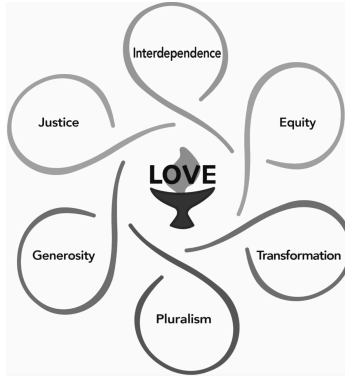
The new deadline for submitting content for The Beacon is now Mondays by the end of the day. If you would like to add an article, please send it to the Cedars Office at Office@cedarsuuchurch.org.

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](#).



**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

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