

The Beacon

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



CEDARS CHURCH
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Upcoming Services

Sharing our Call to Climate Action

Sunday October 23rd
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Service in Webster Hall

John Kydd, Guest Speaker
Penny Brewer, Fran Korten, and Mike Cox,
Worship Associates

As each of us has come to understand the threat of climate change, we have been called to take some kind of action. In this service we will explore the actions we feel called to take, small or large, all are important.

All Souls Day

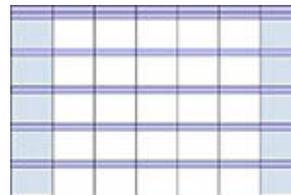
Sunday October 30th
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Service in Webster Hall

Rev. Zackrie Vinczen

Reflecting on the dead and our relationship to them can help give our lives meaning. This week you are invited to join us in a ritual of reflection as we consider the way we are still in relationship with the departed and how such relationships can help us to live our lives more fully.

As part of this service, people are encouraged to bring pictures of their departed loved ones to place on our communal table during the Prelude.

Current Week Calendar and Links



Your Cedars community invites you to participate in services and activities, get information, enjoy fellowship, and pause for reflection.

To view our detailed calendar [click here](#). Then click on the event titles for more information.

Sunday October 23rd
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Service in Webster Hall
[Live-Stream Service Link](#)
Coffee hour immediately following

11:15 a.m. St. Olav's Way with Rod Kempkes

Tuesday October 25th
4:45 p.m. Super Supper

Wednesday October 26th
1:00 p.m. Elder Spiritual Study Group
[Zoom Participation Link](#)

Friday October 28th
6:00 p.m. Cedars Center Game Night

News and Announcements

Cedars is Getting Active Again!

It is wonderful to see so many familiar

Our Congregational Mission

*Worship with open hearts
Nurture a learning spirit
Serve justice with compassion*

faces in person again. Whether it is on Sunday at Worship Service, at Social Justice efforts or gatherings just to be together and enjoy one another's company, this is the part of Cedars that I love. With the election coming up, we are also focusing on getting out the vote, because more voters means a healthier Democracy.



Your engagement in these events also makes for a healthier Cedars Community. Our future will be filled with new faces and new opportunities to gather, grow friendships, and change the world for the better. That is where you come in.

Everyone can also take action to ensure Cedars UU Church thrives in the months ahead. What can you do?

- **Participate:** There are great opportunities to gather together for fun or purpose. [Check the Calendar.](#)
- **Be Radically Welcoming:** Here is a great article on [How to find your new best friend.](#)
- **Share your affiliation with Cedars:** Who knows which of your friends may also find value in our congregation?

Someone also asked if they could increase their annual pledge. Of course, anyone may change their pledge at any time. [Just go to the Online Pledge Form.](#) Everyone's generosity helps.

Jeff Philip
President, Board of Trustees

Safe Gatherings at Cedars

Our congregation values using sound science and following advice of health agencies to adapt our safety guidelines to the changing status of the COVID-19 virus. You may find our current **COVID Safety Guidelines on the Cedars Website.** It now includes the current Community Risk Level and a table describing what precautions we are implementing for indoor gatherings. We are currently at GREEN, meaning Masking is optional, but Masks are required when singing.

The people at Cedars UU Church care deeply about each other. We trust that each person will act responsibly to protect themselves and others using masks, distancing, and other precautions. Following these guidelines will allow more people to gather and join in experiences safely.

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**Cedars UU Church is a
Welcoming Congregation
and Green Sanctuary**



Rev. Zackrie Vinczen

Musical Notes

So much hard work and dedication goes into providing music each week for our Sunday services. And each week we are grateful for those willing to make music and lead us all in song. This week, we want to offer a special thanks to **Peter Spencer** for leading music this coming Sunday.

Sunday Hymns:

[For the Beauty of the Earth \(#21\)](#)
[The Earth is Our Mother \(#1073\)](#)



Parent Chalice Circle

Parents, Grandparents, and caregivers! You are warmly welcome to join this monthly circle where we share in the

questions and experiences of nurturing faith formation in our children and in our own lives.

We typically meet on the second Sunday of the month and utilize the UU Principles as touchstones and reference points for exploration.

Join us on Zoom.

Contact **Cory Munson** for more information.

- The book can be purchased at Eagle Harbor Book Company for 20% off, or online
- Participants are encouraged to actively engage in reflection and discussion, and will need a journal to respond to practices offered in the book.

Registration for this group is now closed. If you have any questions, contact [Johanna Munson](#).

Reduce Pollution when Caring for your Yard



Fall is in the air and leaves are on the ground! Leaves are a great natural fertilizer and if left on the ground can help your plants thrive. If you do need to move them, try a rake or electric-powered piece of lawn equipment to reduce air and noise pollution.

Gas-powered lawn and garden equipment causes air pollution, with negative impacts for both people and our environment. In fact, running a commercial gas-powered leaf blower for an hour produces about as much pollution as driving a 2017 Toyota Camry 1,100 miles!

There are many kinds of zero-emission lawn and garden equipment available on the market today. The type you need depends on the size and kind of lawn and garden you have, as well as how much time you want to spend working on your landscape. You can also look for landscapers and lawn maintenance companies that use all electric equipment.

Learn more about electric options for landscaping tools and how to [go electric on the City's website](#).

Thanks for doing your part to create a [Climate Smart Bainbridge](#)!

Cedars Creativity Fair 2022

See What Others Have Been Doing To Cope with Social Isolation

Our identity as a congregational community has been weakened by the COVID-19 pandemic, and one response has been to re-imagine virtual versions of the several after-service **Creativity Fairs** that were held in Webster Hall in recent years.

Organized to provide opportunities to see and enjoy artful products and demonstrations of the creativity present in our talented and capable congregation, those fairs helped us get to know and appreciate each other.

Please join the fun and enjoy the growing show using the link below! If you have

your Halloween spirit.

Come to the Cedars Center between 2pm and 4pm on Saturday the 29th! All ages are welcome and there will also be a special activity decorating a larger item that will be used in the October 30th All Souls Day Service.

Climate Smart Challenge



Come join 16 other Cedars families who have joined the

Bainbridge Island Climate Smart Challenge.

The program is designed to help all of us reduce our contributions to climate change. The program provides lots of ideas on actions any household can take.

If you have any questions, please contact **Mike Cox** at **206-799-3725** or toxman57@gmail.com.

Super Supper Sign-Ups

Cedars, in partnership with Kol Shalom, offers Super Supper dinners on the last Tuesday of each month. Super suppers are a free meal for those in need provided by members of the Bainbridge Island Interfaith Council.

We now have a regular sign-up for you to use each month so that all in our congregation have a chance to participate. Please consider signing up for one or more slots [here](#).

Please contact **Penny Brewer** for more information.

This month's Super Supper is scheduled for **October 25**.

Pastoral Care Update

It's a new year for Cedars and the Pastoral Care team is looking for people who can help with meals or rides for people who are needing an extra boost. Please take time to fill out the **Pastoral Care Volunteer Interest Form**. We are thankful to the many people who have stepped up in the past few months to help.

In addition, if you find yourself in need of additional support or assistance we encourage you to take a moment to fill out the **Pastoral Care Request Form** to let our Pastoral Care team know how we can be of support.

For more information about this effort please contact **Rev. Zackrie** or send an email to pastoralcare@cedarsuuchurch.org.

Styrofoam &

something to share, send a photo and description to office@cedarsuuchurch.org.

Cedars Creativity Fair 2022

Phil Hutcherson says "A cooperative heron provides its profile" (and a smoky early sunrise adds late October color).



Mattress Recycle Collection Event

Styrofoam seems to effortlessly gather in our garages and similarly under-supervised domestic spaces as a byproduct of product packaging and package deliveries. The consequent challenge is how to dispose of it without littering our environment or wastefully overfilling our landfills.

Fortunately, In partnership with **DTG Recycle**, Kitsap County is hosting a styrofoam and mattress recycling collection event for Kitsap County households. This will be Saturday, October 29, from 9 am - 3 pm at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds Sheep Barn (enter at Tibardis Rd NW).

Questions? Email solidwaste@kitsap.gov.

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. Copies will also be available at Sunday Worship Services when they resume.

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](#).

Services and Faith Formation

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
The Island School
8553 NE Day Road
Bainbridge Island

Cedars Center

284 Madrona Way, NE #128
Bainbridge Island WA 98110
(206) 780-0373

Rev. Zackrie Vinczen, Minister

For an appointment, e-mail minister@cedarsuuchurch.org
For an urgent matter, call (360) 930-9339 (Pastoral Care)

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