

The Beacon

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Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church
Serving Bainbridge Island and Northern Kitsap County



CEDARS CHURCH
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Upcoming Services

Bridging

Sunday June 6th
10:00 a.m.
Virtual Worship Service

Guest Speakers and Associates

This Sunday we will be celebrating the accomplishment of high school seniors in the Cedars Community who are graduating this year.

Join us as we reflect on the meaning of this accomplishment and help bless our grads as they cross this important threshold.

2021!!

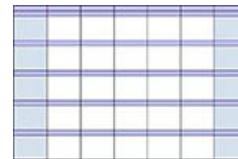
Can I Come Out Yet?

Sunday June 13th
10:00 a.m.
Virtual Worship Service

Rev. Zackrie Vinczen
Johanna Munson, Worship Associate

June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month. Join us for this service as we reflect on the wisdom gathered from queer spaces and the power that comes from affirming people's true identity.

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 June 6th
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
[Virtual Sunday Service Link](#)

11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting
[Virtual Congregational Meeting Link](#)
Use passcode 1959 if required
or by phone using 1-253-215-8782

Tuesday June 8th
1:30 p.m. Evans Reading Group
[Virtual Discussion Link](#)
Use passcode 2020 if required

7:00 p.m. Meditation Group
[Virtual Meditation Link](#)

Wednesday June 9th
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice
[Virtual Choir Practice Link](#)

News and Announcements

Cedars' Annual Meeting

Our Congregational Mission

Following this week's Sunday Service



Cedars' bylaws include requirements for an annual business meeting held prior to June 30th, the end of the church year, for electing members of the Board and Nominating Committee and to conduct other business deemed necessary by the Board.

The meeting will be held virtually again this year, after the Sunday Service on June 6, and a thirty-percent quorum of members is required for the conduct of business.

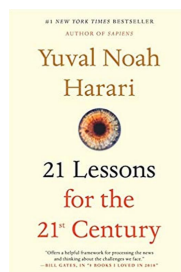
Please plan to participate so the quorum requirement will be satisfied.

Candidates identified by the Nominating Committee to fill open Board positions include **Mike Cox, Robyn Teske and Jeff Philip**, with **Dawna Kramer, Kassia Sing, Herb Hethcote, and Carol Ann Davidson** continuing. **Reverend Zackrie Vinczen** also serves as a non-voting, ex-officio member of the Board.

Judy Willot has been identified as a candidate for the Nominating Committee, with **Susan Shaffer**, and **Gillian Bull** agreeing to continue in new terms. **Johanna Munson** will continue in the second year of her term and **Carol Ann Davidson** will continue serving as the Board representative. One position remains open.

A proposed 2021-22 budget has been reviewed and tentatively approved after many months of work by the Budget Leadership Team composed of **Frank Petrie, Fran Korten, David Barnes and Reverend Zackrie..**

A summary presentation of this year's **Belonging Initiative** will also be a feature of the meeting.



Evans Reading Group

We invite you to join us on Tuesday June 8th at 1:30 p.m.

Seeking "Salvation by Bibliography" as our late friend Marvin Evans used

to say, we meet to discuss books that can intrigue and might enlighten us.

Pushing beyond the highly acclaimed and previously discussed **Sapiens** that explored our historic development as a species, author **Yuval Noah Harari** now presents a probing study of today's most urgent challenges as we

*Worship with open hearts
Nurture a learning spirit
Serve justice with compassion
Love without judgment*



Cedars UU Church is a Welcoming Congregation and Green Sanctuary



Rev. Zackrie Vinczen



Faith Formation at Cedars

Chalice Lighting as a Spiritual Practice

You may have noticed a number of different folks lighting and extinguishing the chalice in our Sunday services. It's part of an effort to get more people involved and make sure we "see" each other even when we can't meet in person.

Do you want to light the chalice? It doesn't have to be a solo affair either! Families and couples can do this together. We all look forward to seeing you. More information about doing this is available [here](#).

An Invitation

Do you know any high school students who would like to explore Unitarian Universalism with other high schoolers?



YUUP (the Young Unitarian Universalists Project) is launching a platform to forge connections, work together, support each other, and find leadership opportunities. It will have a variety of different topics and groups

move into the uncharted territory of the future in ***21 Lessons for the 21st Century***.

How do computers and robots change the meaning of being human? How do we deal with the epidemic of fake news? Are nations and religions still relevant? What should we teach our children?

The book is divided into five sections and we will discuss the fourth section (via Zoom) on June 8th. For more information contact **Alan Miller** or **Mary Romeo**

Meditation

Cedars Meditation Group
Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Virtual Sessions



Although the zoom format is not the same as meeting in person, it is a step in committing to a regular meditation practice. Each session includes 5 minutes of chanting, 25 minutes of silent meditation and at least 30 minutes of informal group discussion.

For more information or the Zoom link, contact **Dawna Kramer** at raddjk@yahoo.com or via phone number from the Breeze directory.

Cedars Knitting/Crafting Circle

Cedars knitters and crafters enjoy virtual social gatherings on first Wednesdays of the month at 1:30 p.m. and third Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

Both groups have decided to take a summer pause however, agreeing that "It's just too nice to be indoors and Zooming."

So stay tuned as autumn approaches, and watch for an announcement about resuming the activity, perhaps even mask-to-mask if not face-to-face as our lives return to normal.

The Wednesday afternoon group is now hosted by **Linda Andrews**, and the Monday evening group is hosted by **Hilda Wiens**.

Contact **Carol Ann Davidson** for details.

Morning Reflection Sessions

During Morning Reflection, led by **Rev. Zackrie**, participants are invited for meditation and discussion of brief sections from a selected and inspirational source.

This past week the group finished **Kahlil Gibran's The Prophet** and has decided to take the summer off while considering its next selection.

within it for UU youth and recent bridgers across the country.

There are a couple of steps to joining the network: first, the youth must fill out the **Youth Drop-In Registry for their region** or **registry for recent bridgers**. Once the registry is filled out and confirmed by a parent and a minister or church administrator, youth will receive a Mighty Network invitation to get on YUUP.

Spread the word! YUUP is for everyone. We hope to see you soon!

Chalice Circles

Are you interested in meeting regularly with people to listen and learn and to deepen spiritual connections to yourself and your community? Consider joining a Cedars Chalice Circle!

For more information click [here!](#)

Kathryn Jay
Faith Formation Lead
 360-559-2381

Pastoral Care Concerns

John Peck is at Seattle's Virginia Mason Hospital receiving chemotherapy in preparation for a bone marrow transplant and further care at Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. His temporary address for cards and mail is:

John Peck
 JP/Level 18
 PO Box 900
 Seattle, WA 98101

Mary Clear Padilla is in Poulsbo's Liberty Shores convalescent and retirement facility recovering from a fall and mild concussion. Cards and/or afternoon visits would be appreciated (call ahead to arrange at 360-779-5533). Her temporary address is:

Mary Clear Padilla
 Apt. 115
 Liberty Shores
 19360 Viking Avenue NW
 Poulsbo, WA 98370

In discussion with the Pastoral Care Team, **Rev. Zackrie** confirmed that he would appreciate being informed if anyone in the Cedars community tests positive for Covid-19.

The information will remain confidential if the person so wishes, but Rev. Zackrie's awareness could help with contact tracing as well as determining what support and possible services could be offered by Pastoral Care Team members and perhaps the larger Cedars UU community as well.

Watch for a late summer announcement about reconvening.

Cedars Creativity Fair 2021

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 by sharing what you have been doing and enjoy the growing show using the link below!

Cedars Creativity Fair 2021

Something special is coming!

Summer is nearly upon us, and rumor has it that our continuing connections team is organizing a family event featuring some of our very talented artists and crafts people showing the rest of us how creativity can bring joy and perhaps unexpected accomplishments into our lives.

More details are coming!



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Cedars Zoom License

Cedars UU Church has purchased a licensed zoom account through UUA for use by Board members, committees, and affinity groups.

This zoom account has screen sharing, polling, breakout rooms, and no time limits on meetings (the time limit for a free zoom account is 40 minutes). To schedule a meeting using the account, email **Herb Hethcote** and he will schedule the meeting and send an email to you with the zoom information.

For more information click [here](#).

The Pastoral Care Team

Social Justice News

Reform Our Justice System: Targeting the Poor

Banning debt-based drivers license suspensions is a goal of the Kitsap Equity, Race, And Community Engagement Coalition, **Kitsap ERACE**. The organization's criminal justice team added the objective to its list of collective actions after conferring with those working with impacted people.

Kitsap ERACE is a collaboration of many groups, organizations, and individuals, all striving for racial equity in Kitsap County. More information is available [here](#).

Guidelines for using Cedars Center

The Cedars Board is making the following restrictions to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission to the few people who must enter the Cedars Center to keep us functioning.

1. Permission from staff or Board Member is required for entry.
2. Sign in when entering and sign out when leaving.
3. Use hand sanitizer when entering.
4. Wear a mask and practice social distancing.
5. Avoid touching your face.
6. Please disinfect high contact surfaces when you enter and before you leave: door handles, light switches, computer mouse and keyboard, desks, tabletops, countertops, sinks, toilet, and shared equipment such as pens, staplers, and clipboards.

Thank you for helping to keep us safe!



Note from Rev. Zackrie

The recent United States Supreme Court appointment is worrying to many folks and for many reasons.

If you're a member of the LGBTQ+ community and find yourself suddenly needing to get married for legal protections, contact me, I am willing to officiate small socially distanced weddings in Western Washington.

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

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

Closed during COVID-19 Pandemic

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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faith.formation@cedarsuuchurch.org

Carolyn Kerns, Office Administrator

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Friday office@cedarsuuchurch.org

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