The Beacon

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



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Upcoming Services

Can I Come Out Yet?

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

Rev. Zackrie Vinczen Mike Cox, 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.

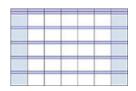
From Yahweh to Atticus: What it Means to Parent and the Myths We Cling To

Sunday June 20th 10:00 a.m. Virtual Worship Service

Jennifer Springsteen, Guest Speaker Penny Brewer, Worship Associate

Our year in the pandemic has certainly challenged parenting. We've learned a lot about societal—and our own—expectations. Too often we become fixated on what media offers as "best" examples and wonder why our experiences fall short. Let's revel in the good times, and forgive the rest.

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

11:00 a.m. Congregational Coffee Hour Virtual Coffee Hour Link

Use passcode 1959 if required or by phone using 1-253-215-8782

Tuesday June 15th 7:00 p.m. Meditation Group Virtual Meditation Link

Wednesday June 16th 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice Virtual Choir Practice Link

News and Announcements

A Special Sharing from Rev. Zackrie

During the June 6th Bridging Service, I offered a blessing written by John O'Donohue to the graduates. I wanted to share these words with

Our Congregational Mission

Worship with open hearts Nurture a learning spirit all of you, so that you can take some time in the week ahead and reflect on these words to discover what they have to offer you.

For the Traveler

Every time you leave home, Another road takes you Into a world you were never in.

New strangers on other paths await. New places that have never seen you Will startle a little at your entry. Old places that know you well Will pretend nothing Changed since your last visit.

When you travel, you find yourself Alone in a different way, More attentive now To the self you bring along, Your more subtle eye watching You abroad; and how what meets you Touches that part of the heart That lies low at home:

How you unexpectedly attune
To the timbre in some voice,
Opening in conversation
You want to take in
To where your longing
Has pressed hard enough
Inward, on some unsaid dark,
To create a crystal of insight
You could not have known
You needed To illuminate
Your way.

When you travel, A new silence Goes with you, And if you listen, You will hear What your heart would Love to say.

A journey can become a sacred thing:
Make sure, before you go,
To take the time
To bless your going forth,
To free your heart of ballast
So that the compass of your soul
Might direct you toward
The territories of spirit
Where you will discover
More of your hidden life,
And the urgencies
That deserve to claim you.

May you travel in an awakened way, Gathered wisely into your inner ground; That you may not waste the invitations Which wait along the way to transform you.

May you travel safely, arrive refreshed, And live your time away to its fullest; Return home more enriched, and free To balance the gift of days which call you. 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**.

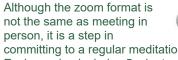
An Invitation

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

Meditation

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



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.

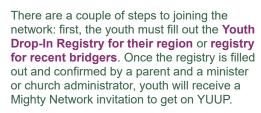
The group recently finished *Kahlil Gibran's The Prophet* and has decided to take the summer off while considering its next selection.

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 COVD-19 pandemic, and one response has been to reimagine virtual versions of the several after-



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

Join the Pastoral Care Team

Caring for one another is a core Unitarian practice, and the Cedars Pastoral Care Team is central to this ministry. We can offer a listening presence, connection, and hope to members of our Cedars community in times of need. We send cards, make phone calls, provide information resources and support family and friends who are caregivers.

The Team meets just once a month with our minister. We are now expanding the Team, and we would love to have you join us.

For more information about the Pastoral Care Team, please contact our new office administrator, Carolyn Kerns at office@cedarsuuchurch.org.

Pastoral Care Concerns

John Peck is at Seattle's Virginia Mason Hospital receiving chemotherapy in preparation for a bone marrrow 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 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

A recent addittion to the show:

Emily Mockett says "All beings are celebrated here! Who knew how much I could love a bird!! Happy first year in our yard, ladies"



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.
- 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!

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.

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**.

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.



Note from Rev. Zackrie

From Friday June 25th until July 6th I will be away from Cedars. For a portion of this time, I will be in the Denver Colorado area to meet with my ministerial mentor. This time is

meant to be a period of spiritual deepening



and reflection. I plan to return to Cedars after the 4th of July holiday refreshed and ready to begin my 3rd year with all of you.

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

Services and Faith Formation

Sundays at 10:00 a.m. 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

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

Rev. Zackrie Vinczen, Minister

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

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