

# The Beacon

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



**CEDARS CHURCH**  
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

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## Upcoming Services

### Toward an Ecological Civilization: From Emergency to Emerging

**Sunday June 27th**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Virtual Worship Service**

**David Korten, Guest Speaker**  
**Mike Cox, Worship Associate**

As science warned that continuing business as usual will bring devastating and irreversible environmental consequences, a global pandemic disrupted every aspect of modern life. We stand at an unprecedented choice point: A moment of opportunity to create a world of material sufficiency and spiritual abundance for all aligned with UU principles and the wisdom of our African ancestors.

There will be a virtual coffee Hour with David following the service..

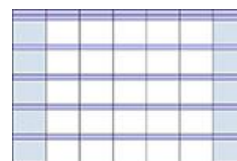
### Towards an Anti-Racist Patriotism

**Sunday July 4th**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Virtual Worship Service**

**Rev. Cecilia Kingman, Acting Senior Minister**  
**Johanna Munson, Visit Coordinator**

We will be virtually visiting Edmonds UU Church for the service on July 4th, with a sermon from Rev. Cecilia Kingman.

### 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.

**Friday June 25th**  
**7:00 p.m. Movie Essentials Group**

**Sunday June 27th**  
**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 29th**  
**7:00 p.m. Meditation Group**  
**[Virtual Meditation Link](#)**



## News and Announcements



### Our Special Guest: David Korten

**David Korten**, our guest speaker for this week's Sunday Service, is also board chair of YES! Magazine, a board member of the Business Alliance

for Local Living Economies, co-chair of the New Economy Working Group, a member of the Club of Rome, and a former Harvard Business School professor. David is also the author of numerous books, including *Agenda for a New Economy*, *The Great Turning*, and *When Corporations Rule the World*. He has also been a featured speaker at several of the national General Assemblies of the Unitarian Universalist Association, and is the husband of Cedars member Fran Korten.

Following the service, please join us in a virtual coffee hour where we can interact with David and discuss his sermon on moving towards an Ecological Civilization.

### 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](mailto: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**.

### Our Congregational Mission

*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



Dear Cedars friends,

I am writing to let you know that I have resigned as the lead of Faith Formation at Cedars UU Church, effective the end of June. As spring turns

to summer and church programs naturally slow, and as the time for the physical reopening of the church nears, I believe the Cedars community will be better served by someone local.

I have so enjoyed my time at Cedars! Even working remotely, I felt connected to so many people in the church. I can see your faces and hear your voices as I write this, and this makes me smile. The community's warmth and love radiated out over zoom calls and phone lines—no easy feat! I particularly enjoyed being part of the Worship Associate, Pastoral Care, and Continuing Connections teams, where people worked to sustain Cedars as a spiritual home despite the pandemic and the enforced distance. And telling you stories every week was such fun.



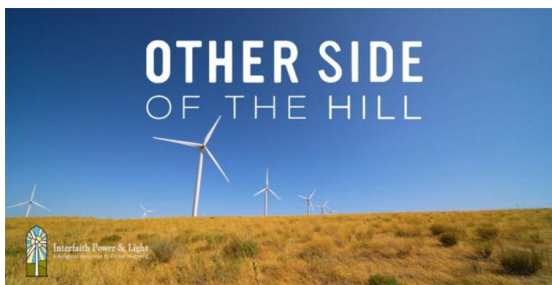
This film explores the impacts of a changing climate in rural Eastern Oregon – as seen through the eyes of local leaders on the ground. From innovative timber operations to large-scale solar, this film amplifies the voices of rural communities often left unheard, and shines a light on stories of progress & hope.

In a time of unprecedented cultural divide between rural and urban communities, we find common ground in an urgency to address a changing landscape. The film is 30 minutes long.

Registration opens July 1 and is required for free screening.

**Sign up through IPL to get a reminder to register.**

Highly recommended by **Cedars Green Sanctuary**.



## 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

Vicki Johnson's cat Reggie contemplates summer travel "If I'm quiet, maybe they'll take me with them..."

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.

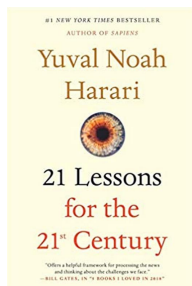
This zoom account has screen sharing, polling, breakout rooms, and no time limits on meetings (the time limit for a free zoom account is 40 minutes). To schedule a meeting using the account, email **Herb Hethcote** and he will schedule the meeting and send an email to you with the zoom information.

For more information click [here](#).

## 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.



## Evans Reading Group

We invite you to join us on Tuesday July 13th 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 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 fifth section (via Zoom) on July 13th. For more information contact **Alan Miller** or **Mary Romeo**

- 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

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](http://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

## Rev. Zackrie Vinczen, Minister

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

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**Carolyn Kerns, Office Administrator**

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