

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

The Art of Blessing

Sunday July 18th
10:00 a.m.
Virtual Worship Service

Rev. Zackrie Vinczen
Bryan Baker, Worship Associate

Saying a blessing offers us a chance to mark a transition or delineate between what was and is not. Join us for this service as we reflect on what a blessing is and how we can learn the art of blessing.

Saving What We Love

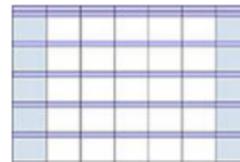
Sunday July 25th
10:00 a.m.
Virtual Worship Service

Revs. Kristin Grassel Schmidt
and Christian Schmidt
plus worship teams from the
UU Churches of Silver Spring (MD)
and BrazosValley (Bryan, TX)

"We're going to win this war not by fighting what we hate, but saving what we love." – Rose

In this Star Wars movie, the eighth of the mega-franchise, this startling quote appears. It speaks a truth to our anti-racist efforts we all need to be reminded of: we have to save, even create, the community we love, not just fight against the things we hate. Our anti-racist work is incomplete if it doesn't include joy, love, and community.

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 July 18th
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
[Virtual Sunday Service Link](#)

Immediately After Service Coffee Hour
[Virtual Coffee Hour Link](#)
Use passcode 1959 if required
or by phone using 1-253-215-8782

Wednesday July 21st
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice
[Virtual Choir Practice Link](#)



News and Announcements

[In-Person Safety at Cedars](#)

[Our Congregational Mission](#)

As announced last week, Cedars is implementing special safety practices for Covid-19 protection during all in-person events planned during the remainder of the summer. Detailed information and instruction about these practices is available on the [Cedars website](#), and the basic thinking about masking has been summarized in the illustrations located at the bottom of this newsletter.

Congregational Survey Coming

Members of the church should have received a congregational survey in their inbox on Tuesday, July 13th. You have received a link to the survey via the email address we have for you in Breeze. Please set aside some time to sit down and offer your opinions and ideas to the Cedars Board. Join us as we plan for the new 2021-22 church year with a revitalized zeal to “serve justice with compassion” and renewed commitment to faith formation.

The survey can be taken more than once, so please have everyone in your household complete a separate survey. Everyone’s voice matters!

We have also included a link to the survey here, for your convenience: [Cedars Survey](#)

If you haven't received a survey, please contact **Carolyn Kerns** at office@cedarsuuchurch.org or during her office hours at 206-780-0373.

Climate Change Perspective

A New Documentary Free viewing through July 25

Where can East and West, Republicans and Democrats, find the common ground needed to address climate change? How can industry and environmentalists work hand in hand? And how can local economies find opportunity in a lower emissions future?

The **Other Side of the Hill** is a hopeful, inspiring look at local leaders on the ground in rural America who are leading climate action in their communities. But it is also about coming together, finding common ground and new climate frameworks, and shining a light on rural voices as we envision a path forward.

You can watch the trailer and register to view or screen the film [here](#).

This is highly recommended by Cedars' Green Sanctuary Committee.

*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

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.

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!

Meditation

Although the zoom format is not the same as meeting in person, it is a step in committing to a regular



OTHER SIDE OF THE HILL

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

Phil Hutcherson captures the Milky Way shining above the Olympic Mountains as seen from Hurricane Ridge in the Olympic National Park (and with some sophisticated photo gear).



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.

meditation practice. Each session includes 5 minutes of chanting, 25 minutes of silent meditation and at least 30 minutes of informal group discussion.



The Meditation Group will take July off as a summer break and reconvene in August.

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.

Summer Choir

The Cedars Choir will be meeting this week. They will continue to meet virtually, as now, but only on the alternate Wednesdays of July 21 and August 4 & 18, and under the direction of Marcia Hill.

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

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!



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](#).

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

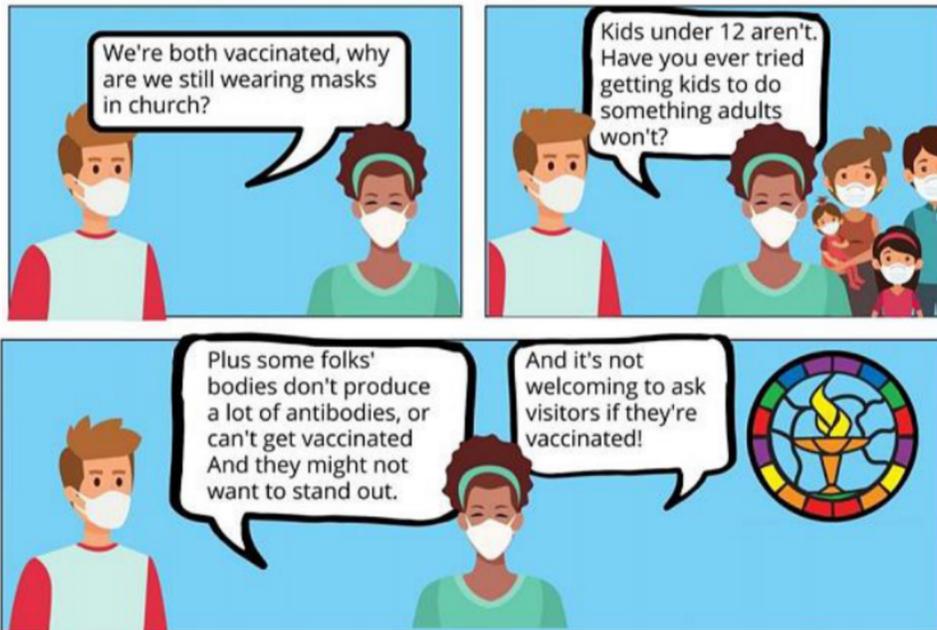
Mary Clear Padilla is in Poulsbo's Liberty Shores convalescent and retirement facility recovering from a fall and mild concussion. Cards and/or afternoon visits would be appreciated (call ahead to arrange at 360-779-5533). Her temporary address is:

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

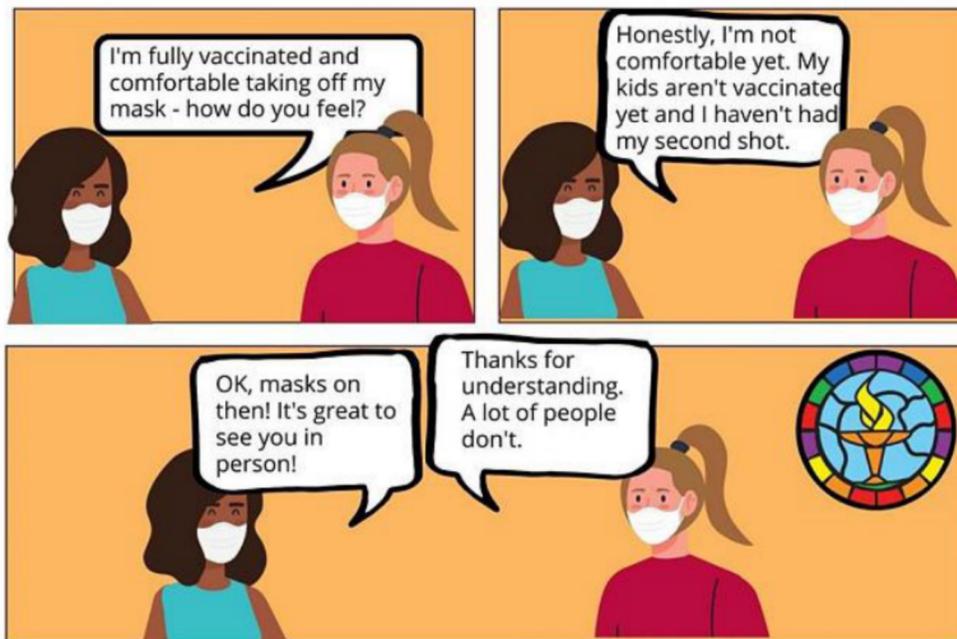
In discussion with the Pastoral Care Team, **Rev. Zackrie** confirmed that he would appreciate being informed if anyone in the Cedars community tests positive for Covid-19.

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.

MASKS IN CHURCH?



CONSENT: MASK EDITION!



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

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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Send it to The Beacon **by Friday at 11:00 a.m. ONE WEEK BEFORE** the next Friday's newsletter (7 days in advance). See our [submission guidelines](#).

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