

# The Beacon

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



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## Upcoming Services

### Saving What We Love

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**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 Brazos Valley (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.

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### A Place Apart

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**Sunday August 1st**  
10:00 a.m.  
Virtual Worship Service

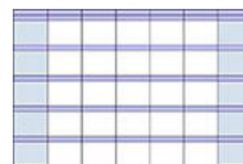
**Rev. Zackrie Vinczen**

Our woundedness can cause us to take solace in isolation and create a place apart. In the Movie (and book) "Into the Wild" this sort of separation is exactly what the protagonist Chris McCandles sets out to find—a world removed from pain and people.

Join us as we consider the implications that flow from creating such a place apart and the deeper pain such isolation can cause.

### Current Week Calendar and Links

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*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 25th**  
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

**And note this special date too!!!**

**Sunday August 15th**

An all-ages in-person picnic gathering is being planned to follow our virtual service at the park and playground adjacent to the Suquamish Museum.



## In-Person Safety at Cedars

As recently announced, 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.

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## Congregational Survey

The Cedars Board is beginning to review and process information gathered in the congregational survey emailed to members on July 13th. Your ideas and opinions are important in the planning for a successful 2021-22 church year, so please respond if you haven't already done so.

There is 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](mailto:office@cedarsuuchurch.org) or during her office hours at 206-780-0373.

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## Climate Change Perspective

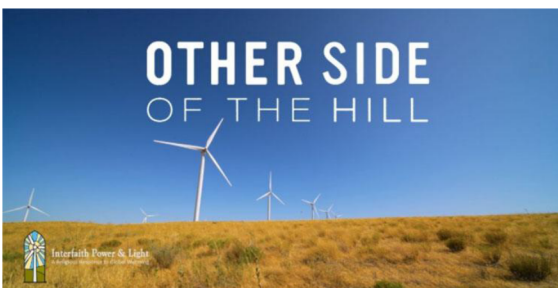
### A New Documentary Free viewing through July 25

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.**



## 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**

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## Sad News from the Board

Significant change has come to Cedars this week with the announcement of Chris Smellow's resignation from her position as Music Director after 14 years of much-appreciated service. Her talent, creativity, and care will be missed by all as we continue on without her.

Further details about the change have been shared in a special letter sent to all members by the board. If you did not receive a copy of this letter please notify Carolyn Kerns at the Cedars Center office or Dawna Kramer, Cedars Board President

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## 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)

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## 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

**Thea Peterson** was featured as part of last Sunday's Summer Art Market at the Bainbridge Island Museum of Art (BIMA):



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## 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](#).

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## Join the Pastoral Care Team

Caring for one another is a core Unitarian

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!

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## Meditation

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.



**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](mailto:raddjk@yahoo.com) or via phone number from the Breeze directory.

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## 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.

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## 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

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](mailto:office@cedarsuuchurch.org).

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### 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

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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.

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**Watch for a late summer announcement about reconvening.**

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### Guidelines for using Cedars Center

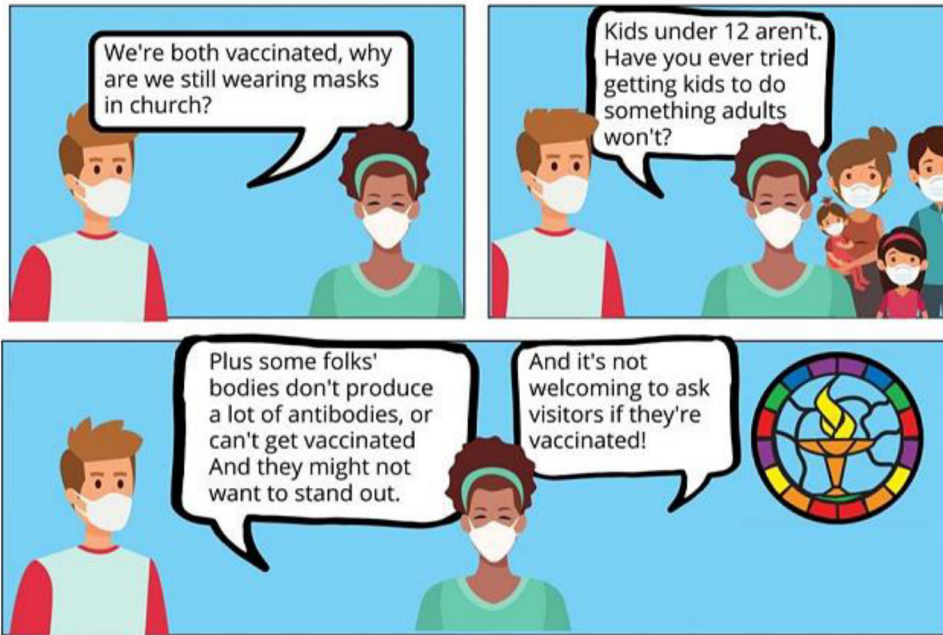
The Cedars Board is making the following restrictions to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission to the few people who must enter the Cedars Center to keep us functioning.

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.

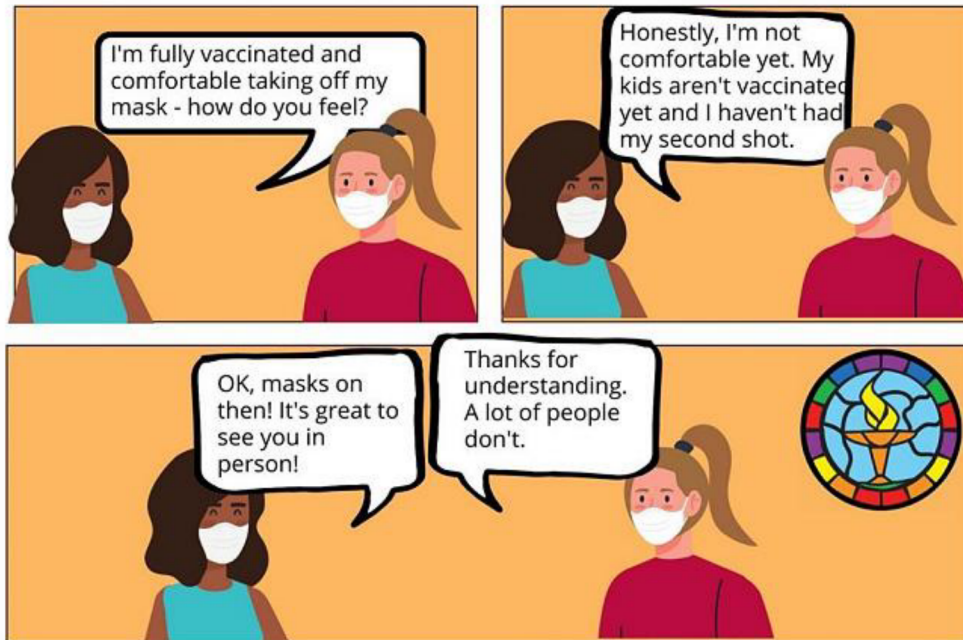
***Thank you for helping to keep us safe!***



# MASKS IN CHURCH?



# CONSENT: MASK EDITION!



## Print the Beacon Newsletter

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

**Faith Formation Lead (Position Vacant)**  
[faith.formation@cedarsuuchurch.org](mailto:faith.formation@cedarsuuchurch.org)

Bainbridge Island WA 98110  
(206) 780-0373

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**Carolyn Kerns, Office Administrator**

hours: 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday,  
Friday office@cedarsuuchurch.org

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