

# 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 Emergence

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**Sunday August 22nd**  
10:00 a.m.  
Virtual Worship Service

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

**Rev. Barry Andrews, discussion facilitator**

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 now 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 discussion following the service starting at 11:00 am with David and Reverend Andrews.

In addition, David has graciously offered to have a follow-up conversation with those interested on Thursday September 2nd at 7:00 p.m. and you can read more about David's work at <https://davidkorten.org/ecological-civilization-from-emergency-to-emergence/>.

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### The Future of Faith Formation

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**Sunday August 29th**  
10:00 a.m.  
Virtual Worship Service

**Rev. Zackrie Vinczen**  
**Johanna Munson, Worship Associate**

The idea of Faith Formation is one that encourages us to get beyond Sunday morning and see the work we do as a church as an all week endeavor. Join us for this service as we explore what the idea of Faith Formation might

### 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 August 22nd**  
10:00 a.m. **Sunday Worship Service**  
[Virtual Sunday Service Link](#)

12:00 p.m. **Virtual Discussion with David**  
[Virtual Coffee Hour Link](#)  
Use passcode 1959 if required  
or by phone using 1-253-215-8782

**Thursday September 2nd**  
7:00 p.m. **Follow-up with David Korten**  
[Virtual Follow-up Link](#)

## News and Announcements



### Our Special Guest: David Korten

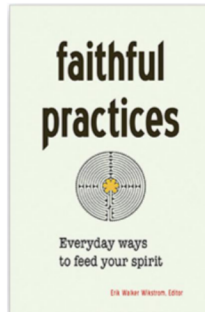
**David Korten**, our guest speaker for this week's Sunday Service, is also board chair of YES! Magazine, a board member of the Business

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 toward an Ecological Civilization.

### Faithful Practices Reading Group

*How's your prayer life? What spiritual practices ground you? Where do you find meaning throughout your week?*



If you find yourself struggling to answer these questions, you're not alone. Many people struggle to talk about the spiritual dimensions of their life. If this describes you or you're simply interested in learning more about spiritual practices from a Unitarian Universalist perspective, consider joining Rev. Zackrie for a group reading of the book "Faithful Practices: Everyday Ways to Feed your Spirit."

This group will meet on zoom from 2-3:30 p.m. on the following dates:  
September 25th, 2021  
October 30th, 2021  
November 20th, 2021  
**[December off]**  
January 22nd, 2022  
February 19th, 2022

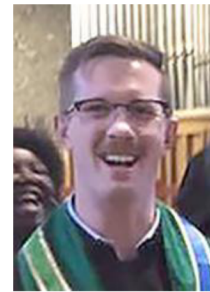
If you're interested in participating in this group, please take a moment to fill out the registration form [linked here](#).

### 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

Fall is just around the corner, and that means children in our congregation will be returning to school. Our congregation's Faith Formation (AKA Religious Education) programming generally follows the school year, which means preparing for ways to bring all ages together. We have several unique challenges ahead. The surges in COVID-19 and unavailability of vaccines for all ages means being cautious on how we gather in person.

We are also looking for a Director of Faith Formation to lead the development and coordination of our program. Looking to the near term, a group is exploring ways to serve our children so they have an active sense of belonging in the congregation and a developing understanding of Unitarian Universalist Values. We all long for a time when we can be present together, whether virtually or in person, and the group is forming a way of doing just that.

The search for a Director of Faith Formation is taking an interesting turn this year. Both our congregation and Kitsap UU Fellowship are

Registration will close on September 20th.

The book **Faithful Practices** can be purchased from the UUA bookstore [linked here](#).

If you would like to participate in this group but need help purchasing the book, please contact Rev. Zackrie at [minister@cedarsuuchurch.org](mailto:minister@cedarsuuchurch.org)

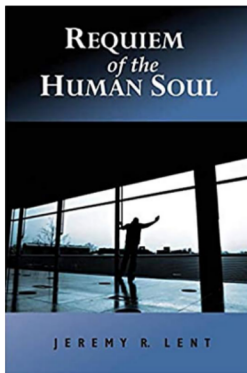
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## In-Person Safety at Cedars

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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## Evans Reading Group



We invite you to join us on Tuesday September 14th 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.

Our summer selection, proposed by Mark Shaffer, is **The Requiem of the Human Soul** by **Jeremy Lent**.

In this provocative novel, the reader is faced with challenging questions about spirituality, history, and global politics: Could our race "evolve" itself to a higher plane? At what cost and benefit? If we lost what is now the "human race" as a result, would that be so bad, given our sordid and shameful history? On the other hand, is there something special, our soul, worth keeping at any price? Ultimately, this novel forces the reader to grapple with the fundamental question: **what does it mean to be human?**

We will discuss the book in its entirety (tentatively via Zoom) on September 14th. For more information contact **Alan Miller** or **Mary Romeo**.

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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

looking for a Director. In a spirit of collaboration, our two congregations are meeting to see if there are opportunities to create a better program together than we might separately. Ways in which we could collaborate include sharing programming ideas, selecting curriculum or specific activities, and perhaps even sharing a staff person. Sharing a staff person could attract someone looking for a full time position whose career path includes being a professional Religious Educator. We are in the early stages of understanding how we can collaborate, but there is excitement about the opportunity.

Religious Education and Faith Formation are integral to who we are as Unitarian Universalists. Paving the way for an inclusive, all ages experience will be an important step in preparing for the coming year.

If you have questions, please contact **Jeff Philip** ([philip.jeff@gmail.com](mailto:philip.jeff@gmail.com)).

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## 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!

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## UUs Are All Around Us

Have you ever wondered about the historic presence or relative significance of UUs in our country or culture? To satisfy some of that wondering (and perhaps for late summer enlightenment), here's a link to an impressive listing of individuals representing us: [Link to UUs](#)

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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.

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**

**Rod Kempkes says:**

**Day 37 - Finished yesterday! 486 miles from Denver to Durango. 89,000 vertical feet of climbing.**

An altogether amazing experience to put one foot in front of the other for 10 hours a day over 35 days of hiking and to watch the incredibly beautiful alpine Colorado landscapes disappear behind me and new ones continually unfold ahead. Wildflowers everywhere and abundant wildlife. And meeting and getting to know new friends from extraordinarily diverse backgrounds makes the Colorado Trail a special treat.

Thanks to the support of my wonderful wife, Carolyn Lockett Kempkes, daughter Erin Kempkes, parents Neville and Phyllis Kempkes, and the ABC's for making this hike possible!



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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

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

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

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

**Now that summer is ending, Linda Andrews says the first Wednesday group will reconvene in September if there is enough interest. Please contact her if you are interested.**

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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### **Super Supper Social Action**

Cedars is continuing to work with partner church Kol Shalom in the provision of dinner and dessert for those in need under sponsorship of the Bainbridge Island-North Kitsap Interfaith Council.

This month's Super Supper meal is scheduled for August 31st in the social hall of the Bainbridge Island Congregational Church.

Contact **Penny Brewer** for more information or to volunteer.

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### **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](mailto:office@cedarsuuchurch.org).

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### **Pastoral Care Concerns**

leave: door handles, light switches, computer mouse and keyboard, desks, tabletops, countertops, sinks, toilet, and shared equipment such as pens, staplers, and clipboards.

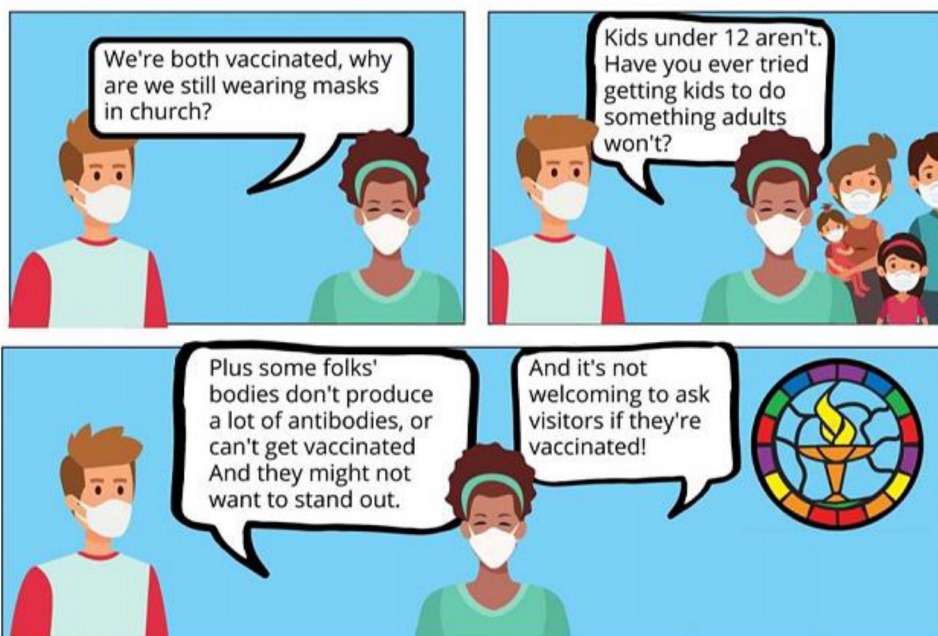
*Thank you for helping to keep us safe!*



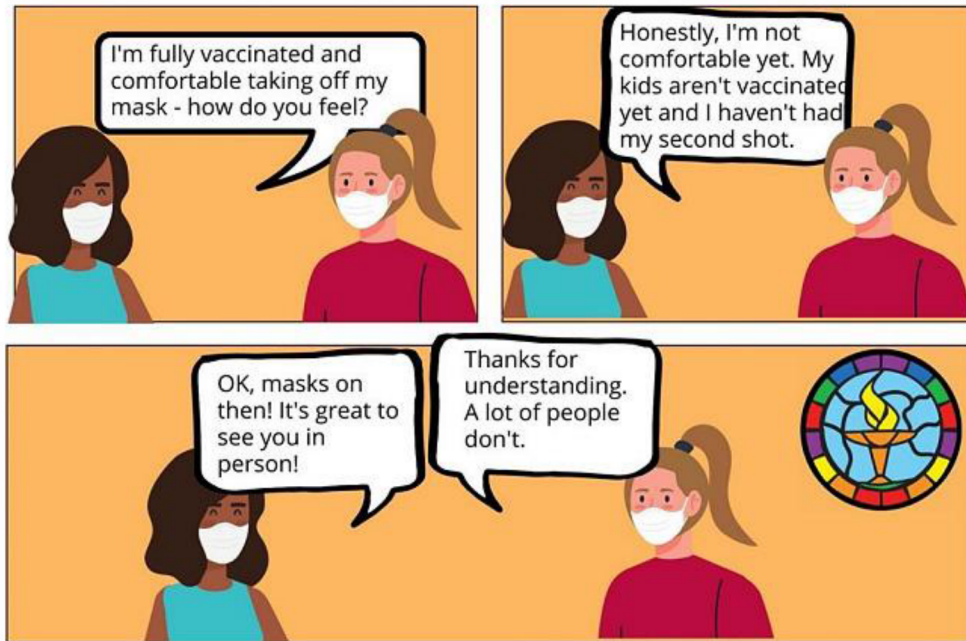
In discussion with the Pastoral Care Team, **Rev. Zackrie** confirmed that he would appreciate being informed if anyone in the Cedars community tests positive for Covid-19.

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](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

Closed during COVID-19 Pandemic

## 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)

### Carolyn Kerns, Office Administrator

hours: 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday,  
Friday [office@cedarsuuchurch.org](mailto:office@cedarsuuchurch.org)

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