

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

Stewardship Sunday

Sunday March 6th
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Service in Webster Hall

Rev. Zackrie Vinczen
Jeff Philip, Stewardship Committee

How we spend our time sends a message about what is important to us in life. In a similar way, how we spend our money says something about what we value in this world.

Join us for this service we explore the importance of bringing both our time and treasure into the service of our values.

Sunday Service Music:

The Music Committee has scheduled various musicians to play at upcoming services. This Sunday, local classical pianist **Cisco Stranahan** will join us

Come enjoy the music and welcome Cisco!

Sources of Our Faith

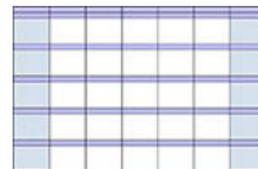
Sunday March 13th
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Service in Webster Hall

Rev. Zackrie Vinczen
Gregory Cook, Worship Associate

As Unitarian Universalists we often make reference to our principles, but less attention gets paid to the sources of our faith.

In this service, we will reflect on the six sources of our Unitarian Universalist faith.

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.

Saturday March 5th
2:00 p.m. Sources of Our Faith
Spiritual Reflection Group
[Virtual Discussion Link](#)

Sunday March 6th
10:00 a.m. In-Person Worship Service
[Live-Stream Service Link](#)

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

Monday March 7th
2:00 p.m. Car Magnet Fundraiser
Cedars Center Meeting Room

4:00 p.m. Monday Mingle
Cedars Center Meeting Room

Tuesday March 8th
1:30 p.m. Evans Reading Group
[Virtual Discussion Link](#)
Use passcode 2020 if required

Thursday March 10th
10:00 a.m. Sources of Our Faith
Spiritual Reflection Group

7:00 p.m. Film Fans Group
[Virtual Discussion Link](#)

News and Announcements

The Belonging Initiative

Our year-long exploration of promises and possibilities

At the congregational meeting on January 30th, the Board of Trustees presented the findings and recommendations of its year-long **Belonging Initiative**.

Over the course of the past year, the Board had been inviting and listening to many stories of connection as well as disconnection in a variety of discussion settings and gatherings.

In response, at the congregational meeting in June, members and friends were asked to brainstorm ideas for moving forward and deepening a sense of belonging in four suggestively titled areas of focus:

- **Come, Come Whoever You Are**
- **Beyond Pastoral Care**
- **Living Our Values**
- **Cedars of the Future**

The first three areas have been discussed in earlier Beacon issues, and this week we consider the fourth area: Cedars of the Future, which poses the challenging question: How do we expand, enrich, and nurture the Cedars community, and especially, how do we keep and attract more families?

A number of ideas and approaches were offered in response, including these:

Intergenerational event planning

- **Movies/Book Groups**
- **Movement Classes**
- **Walks/Hikes**
- **Coffee Chats behind Cedars Center**
- **Outdoor singalongs**
- **Connect with a Family/Child at Cedars**

Serve and connect with Cedars via a small group or committee

For information regarding events and small groups and committees, look for notices in the Beacon or contact a member of the Board of Trustees or Rev Zackrie Vinczen. To connect with a Cedars family, please reach out to Keri Schmit, our Faith Formation chair.

If you are interested in joining the efforts of the committee for one or more events, please reach out to **Carol Ann Davidson**.

To view the Board's slideshow presentation summarizing the Belonging Initiative's overall findings, click [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

Diana Peters Memorial Service

On Saturday March 12th, 2022 the Cedars Community is invited to gather to remember the life and legacy of Diana Peters.

The service will take place at Eagle Harbor Congregational Church, with a reception following the service.

People who are unable to attend in person are invited to view a live-stream sharing of the service.

When: March 12th @ 11:00 a.m..(with reception to follow).

Where: Eagle Harbor Congregational Church
105 Winslow Way W, Bainbridge Island, WA

[Live-Stream Link](#)

**Sources of Our
Faith: Spiritual
Reflection Group**

Safe Gatherings Update

Gov. Inslee eliminated several mandates related to COVID that will be in effect on March 12, 2022.

The Board is evaluating how this impacts our community's activities and gatherings and will send an update on our Safe Gatherings protocols in the next few weeks.

For this Sunday's service on March 6, we will continue using our existing protocols. Be safe out there!

Disposable Mask Recycling

The Green Sanctuary Committee and the Social Justice Committee have teamed up to offer disposable mask recycling. Cedars has purchased a box through the Terracycle program in which we will collect disposable masks which will be sent to Terracycle where they will be taken apart and recycled. To read how the program works, click [here](#)

There is a bucket placed outside the Cedars church office and at the exit doors after services at the Island School. The buckets will then be brought into our office and masks placed in the Terracycle box. This is also being publicized on the local Zerowaste website. Tell your friends and help reduce waste created by the pandemic!

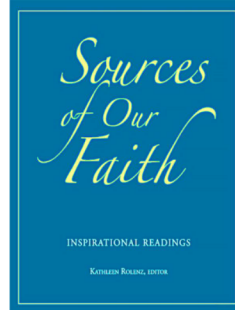
For more information, contact **Jane Martin** or **Carol Ann Davidson**.



Monday Mingle!

Drop by Cedars Center between **4:00 and 6:00 pm on the first and third Mondays of the month** and visit with Board member **Kassia Sing** for an in-person conversation. Come on your way home from work, on your way to dinner or while on your daily walk. Lay-led and open to all!

Evans Reading Group



Currently open and continuing through May, the Cedars Community is invited to join Rev. Zackrie for a regular time of reflection on the sources of our Unitarian Universalist faith. This gathering will take place twice a

week on zoom and is a time for participants to engage in thoughtful reflection on a variety of readings found in the book "[Sources of Our Faith: Inspirational Readings](#)," written by Kathleen Rolenz.

Folks should feel free to attend one or all the sessions as your schedule permits. A complete schedule for both sessions of this reflection group can be found below.

Thursdays @ 10am and Saturdays @ 2pm on the following dates:

3/3 & 3/5
3/10 & 3/12
3/24 & 3/26
4/7 & 4/9
4/14 & 4/16
4/21 & 4/23
5/5 & 5/7
5/12 & 5/14
5/26 & 5/28

For more information (or if you need help purchasing a copy of the book), please contact Rev. Zackrie at minister@cedarsuuchurch.org



Movie Group Returning

Our Cedars community has experienced losses over the past two years, including some who had previously been active participants in congregational life.

Hoping to see Cedars more inclusive and welcoming, we are interested in reviving the film discussion group, which will now be called **Film Fans**.

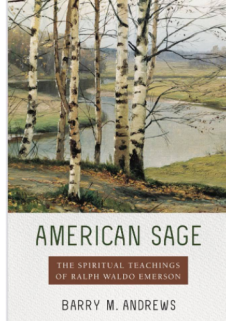
We will meet on Zoom and be open to all who are interested in watching selected films on their own and then meeting to discuss, analyze, and interpret the films, often using this as an opportunity to explore our own social, political and far-reaching ideas.

Because we will meet on Zoom, those now living elsewhere during part of the year or who have moved away will be able to participate, and our discussions will also be open to non-Cedars participants.

Each month a different person can select a film for the group to watch and then facilitate the discussion.

We invite you to join us on Tuesday March 8th 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 March selection is ***American Sage - The Spiritual Teachings of Ralph Waldo Emerson***, the latest title by Cedars member **Barry Andrews** (who can also provide copies for sale).

A review summary: "Even during his lifetime, Ralph Waldo Emerson was called the Sage of Concord, a fitting title for this leader of the American Transcendentalist movement. Everything that he said and wrote directly addressed the conduct of life, and unsurprisingly, he sought to rescue spirituality from decay, eschewing dry preaching and rote rituals."

Barry has spent years studying Emerson, finding wisdom and guidance in his teachings and practices, and witnessing how the spiritual lives of others are enriched when they grasp the many meanings in his work. Based on scholarship grounded in historical detail, this enlightening book considers the nineteenth-century religious and intellectual crosscurrents that shaped Emerson's worldview to reveal how his spiritual teachings remain timeless and modern, universal and uniquely American.

We will discuss the book via Zoom (with Barry Andrews' invited participation) as follows: March 8, Intro and Chapters 1-4; March 22, Chapters 5-7; April 5, Chapters 8-10; and April 19, Chapters 11-13.

The sessions are on alternate Tuesdays and will begin at 1:30 p.m. For more information contact **Alan Miller** or **Mary Romeo**.



Parent Chalice Circle

Parents, Grandparents, and caregivers! You are warmly welcome to join this monthly circle where we share in the

questions and experiences of nurturing faith formation in our children and in our own lives.

We meet on the second Sunday of the month and utilize the UU Principles as touchstones and reference points for exploration.

Please join us! Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. using this **Zoom link** with Rev. Zackrie and Cory Munson co-leading.

Contact **Cory Munson** for more information.

We will meet on the second Thursday of each month from 7:00-8:00, beginning March 10th. The film we have chosen for our first gathering is "**The Power of the Dog**" an Academy Award nominee available on Netflix.

If interested, please email **Joan Spencer** (gotospencers@yahoo.com) or **Linda Andrews** (lcaandrews@gmail.com). **Jane Martin** will facilitate Zoom and has provided this link to the 7:00 p.m.meeting.

Film Fans Discussion Link

We look forward to seeing many of you at our first Film Fans gathering on March 10th.
Joan & Linda

Breeze 101 Training: Tuesday March 15th, 4:30 pm, via Zoom

Have you always wanted to learn how to navigate Breeze but were afraid to ask? Well, your opportunity has arrived.

Rick Blythe has volunteered to conduct a 101 training on using Breeze. Rick will walk through how to gain access to Breeze, create your profile, send emails, and much more. The training should last about 1 hour.

[Zoom Link](#)

Phone if needed: 253-215-8782

If you have any questions please contact **Mike Cox** (206-799-3725) or toxman57@gmail.com.

Super Supper Sign-Ups

Cedars, in partnership with Kol Shalom, offers Super Supper dinners on the last Tuesday of each month. Super suppers are a free meal for those in need provided by members of the Bainbridge Island Interfaith Council.

We now have a regular sign-up for you to use each month so that all in our congregation have a chance to participate. Please consider signing up for one or more slots **here**.

Thank you so much for continuing to help our neighbors in need!

Please contact **Penny Brewer** or **Emily Mockett** for more information.

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

You can be a Climate Changemaker!

Changemakers are energetic, ardent advocates for environmental values making a world-changing difference, especially addressing the challenges of climate change.

Join them in taking an hour per week to call or write friends, utilities, newspapers, and representatives with a bunch of other awesome people. They are present at <https://www.climatechangemakers.org/> and will welcome your joining with them.

For more information contact **Sandy Spears** at Sandy.Spears@att.net



Cedars Creativity Fair 2022

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 2022

Shayne and **Warren** have escaped our damp northwest weather to enjoy “the Chiracahua’s (AZ).”



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 office administrator, Carolyn Kerns at office@cedarsuuchurch.org.

Pastoral Care Concerns

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.

Tell Your Story

Do you identify as Asian or Pacific Islander?

Tell your story for a documentary film.

Filmmaker **Vivien Hao** is making a documentary film that uplifts and spotlights Asian and Pacific Islander Unitarian Universalists. The film needs your compelling story of experiences in general communities or Unitarian Universalist spaces.

All people who identify as Asian and Pacific Islander and Unitarian Universalist in Washington State are invited to submit their stories for consideration to be in the film.

Deadline for submission is March 31, 2022. Details and how to apply are [here](#).

Contact: grace.colton@gmail.com.



Car Magnet Fundraiser

Make a special donation to Cedars and receive a Cedars UU Church car magnet. Donate \$25 or more via cash, check or PayPal – one magnet may be yours for every \$25. Display your magnet(s) to help people know about our welcoming spiritual community, and to help Cedars grow.

To donate in person by cash or check and pick

Hello From Your Office Administrator



Hello! I'm beginning a column that will run in the first Beacon of every month. I plan to use this space to talk about a variety of topics and share a bit about myself to help you get to know me better.

This past week, I've started to yearn for springtime. It's going to be my first spring here in Washington! I live in Seattle, and my walk from the ferry to Cedars has quickly become filled with flowers. We're beginning to have more in-person events and you all are stopping by the Cedars Center more often now. Those changes make me feel even more ready for a change of season. I'm looking forward to chatting with you this spring, especially those of you I haven't had the pleasure of meeting yet.

Please, feel free to contact me with questions or concerns (or simply to say hello). My email address is office@cedarsuuchurch.org. I'm in the office on Tuesdays and Fridays from 11 to 3:30 and available remotely on Thursdays.

Happy Almost Spring,
Carolyn Kerns

up your car magnet(s) at the same time, visit Jane Martin at Cedars Center on Mondays 2-4 pm. If donating by a mailed-in check, write the number of magnets you want in the "Memo" line at the bottom left of your check. If you decide to donate \$100, but want only one car magnet, just write "one magnet" on the Memo line. If using PayPal through the Donate button on Cedars' website, select the "Car Magnet Event" donation option. Every \$25 donation transaction you make will appear on our PayPal report so we know how many magnets to set aside for you.

If you can't pick up pre-ordered magnet(s) email jjanemartin4569@gmail.com and she will mail it/them to you. Thank you for your continued support of our beloved Cedars community.

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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
Bainbridge Island WA 98110
(206) 780-0373

Rev. Zackrie Vinczen, Minister

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

Faith Formation Lead (Position Vacant)

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