

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

Sources of Our Faith

Sunday March 13th
10:00 a.m. (Daylight Savings Time Begins)
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.

Live Music!

On Sunday, come hear the pensive, soulful music Gretchen Yanoff creates on her acoustic and electric cellos. Her use of a "loop pedal" to produce heartbeat-like rhythms and multi-layered songs is breathtaking! See a preview of Gretchen's music [here](#).

Our Shared Liberation

Sunday March 20th
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Service in Webster Hall

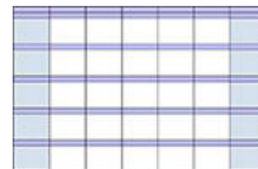
Rev. Deanna Vandiver
Penny Brewster, Worship Associate

In the face of dehumanization, devastation, and death, humans have gathered throughout the centuries to create life-affirming communities of faith.

Here, together, we practice the art and science of loving each other through the messy, wild chaos of life.

Invite your beloveds to join in worship as we engage in spiritual practices that sustain us and give us courage and skills for the call to shared liberation.

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.

Daylight Savings Time Begins on Sunday

Saturday March 12th
11:00 a.m. In-Person Diana Peters Memorial Service
[Live-Stream Service Link](#)

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

Sunday March 13th
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

7:00 p.m. Parent Chalice Circle
[Virtual Discussion Link](#)

Monday March 14th
2:00 p.m. Car Magnet Fundraiser
Cedars Center Meeting Room

Tuesday March 15th
4:30 p.m. Breeze Directory Training
[Virtual Discussion Link](#)
Use passcode 2020 if required

Thursday March 17th

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

7:00 p.m. Program Council
Virtual Meeting Link

News and Announcements

From the Co-Presidents

Beginning tomorrow, March 12, wearing a mask will be optional for indoor and outdoor settings in our state, including at Houses of Worship. For the safety of all, Cedars has been conservative and thoughtful when it has come to safety. Our agreement with The Island School, required that we follow school safety protocols (Houses of Worship have had different rules), and we gladly followed the school rules because that made us a safer community too!

Now, and going forward, Cedars will begin following the guidelines for Houses of Worship as a result of our Governor's actions and an Island School Task Force review. What does this mean?

- Masks are optional, but we will still welcome them for any reason (no judgment!).
- Unvaccinated friends and members should please mask up when they attend. Free KN95 masks available.
- We can be reasonably spaced between seats.
- Musical instruments (wind & brass) and singing can return; but Cedars will employ guidelines for this, especially for group singing (vs. soloist).

We are now in the process of creating additional protocols and plan to present them by the end of the month.

- Cedars will no longer ask for vaccination status at the door.
- Coffee and tea service will return on March 20 but no food will be served.
- Socializing is fine to do inside Webster Hall.
- Cedars Center is open.
- Cedars Center will continue to use a sign-in sheet for anyone entering, but will no longer ask health questions.
- Physical distancing and masking are optional at Cedars Center. The group meeting can decide how they want to handle these two issues.
- No shared food or meals at either location yet; For Cedars Center, brown bag lunch or single-serving boxed meal is okay. We're taking things one step at a time.

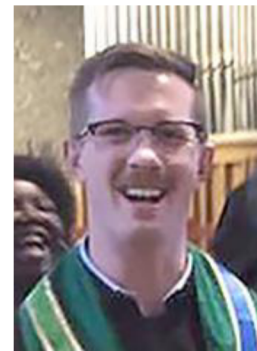
We will be careful about re-introducing too many things at once. We have far fewer helping hands at Cedars now, compared to

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, 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

pre-COVID, so we need to be able to handle all the details of putting on a Sunday Service safely and successfully using the state's House of Worship guidelines.

Please be patient with us as we adjust.

In Peace,

Kassia Sing & Mike Cox, Co-Presidents

Stewardship at Cedars

March is Stewardship Month, and we have an exciting year ahead. Some folks have been fully engaged during these past two years of masked or virtual services and activities, and others have been eagerly awaiting a return to in-person Worship Services and group or congregational events.

With our Belonging Initiative, we have been encouraging everyone to reconnect with our Cedars UU Church Community, and there are many in-person gatherings and events planned throughout the current month as part of our stewardship campaign. You can [sign up through the form on the website](#).

To keep fulfilling our mission, we rely on the resources you generously provide. Before the end of March, please return your pledge form or [complete an online pledge on the Cedars Website](#). Your support will help to make the coming year a remarkable one.

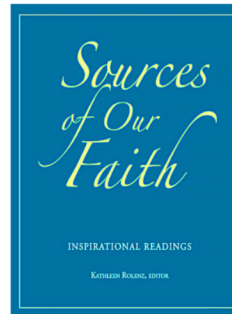
For more information, contact **Jeff Philip**.



Welcome our new Faith Formation Lead and Music Coordinator: Archer Philip

Archer Philip has been selected to be Cedars new Faith Formation Lead and Music Coordinator, and begins his new role on March

[Live-Stream Link](#)



Sources of Our Faith: Spiritual Reflection 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:

3/10 & 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

10th. Archer grew up in the Cedars Religious Education Program, and was a Pacific Northwest District leader as a youth. He attended the Unitarian Universalist Goldmine Youth Leadership School, learning about UU History, Worship Planning and Leadership Skills. Most recently, he has been ensuring that any children attending our in person services would be engaged in focused activities on Sunday mornings.

This is a new, hybrid position for Cedars UU Church. The Board of Trustees decided to fill the two roles with one person on a temporary basis as we begin to hold more in person services and other activities. Archer will work closely under the supervision of Rev. Zackrie Vinczen, and working closely with the Faith Formation and Music Committees. Feel free to reach out to Archer and welcome him to his new role at faith.formation@cedarsuuchurch.org

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



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.

If interested, please email **Joan Spencer** (gotospencers@yahoo.com) or **Linda Andrews** (lcgandrews@gmail.com).

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.

Cedars Special Collection Aid to the Ukrainian People



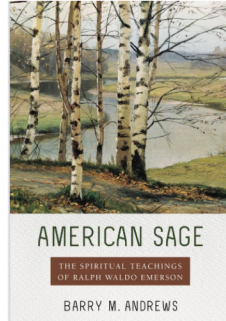
Prior to the pandemic, Cedars held a Special Collection monthly for community outreach as a way to educate our congregation about the work of various non-profit organizations that reflect our values, and to channel our generosity in support of them. Beginning this month, we are reinstating

Kassia Sing will be in-person conversation. Come on your way home from work, on your way to dinner or while on your daily walk. Laid-back and open to all!

Evans Reading Group

We invite you to join us on Tuesday March 22nd 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 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.

Special Collections as we reinvigorate our social justice efforts.

For the month of March, the Social Justice Committee has chosen to collect money for aid to the Ukrainian people as the humanitarian crisis unfolds. All money donated in the Sunday offering on March 20th will benefit The Ukraine Crisis Fund of CARE. Your emergency gifts will support their efforts to reach 4 million with immediate aid and recovery, food, water, hygiene kits, psychosocial support, and cash assistance — prioritizing women and girls, families, and the elderly.

CARE is a 501(c)(3) that works around the globe to save lives, defeat poverty and achieve social justice with a particular focus on gender equality and women's empowerment.

If you would like to receive a tax deduction for your donation, please write a check payable to CARE USA with Ukraine Crisis Fund in the memo line and place it in the March 20th offering basket or send it to the Cedars Church Office by March 25th.

For more information contact **Carol Ann Davidson**.

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.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care at Cedars helps our Cedars community in times of need. We are hoping to create a Phone



Companion opportunity where you will receive a call once or twice a month. Is this something you would appreciate? We are also looking for people to initiate the calls, as well as volunteers who would be willing to prepare meals or give rides occasionally. If you are interested, contact our Office Administrator, **Carolyn Kerns** at office@cedarsuuchurch.org.

Pastoral Care Concerns

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.

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

Jane Martin's jewelry art is currently featured in the Bainbridge Island Art Museum's gift shop (linked [here](#) for access).

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 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

JANE MARTIN



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)

faith.formation@cedarsuuchurch.org

Carolyn Kerns, Office Administrator

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