

The Beacon

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Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church
Serving Bainbridge Island and Northern Kitsap County



CEDARS CHURCH
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Upcoming Services

What I Learn From My Garden

Sunday March 27th
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Service in Webster Hall

Rev. Zackrie Vinczen
Johanna Munson, Worship Associate

Every time I go to work in my garden, I notice something new about myself and the world around me.

In this service we will pause to consider some of these lessons.

“The Songs We Know Best”

Sunday April 3rd
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Service in Webster Hall

Rev. Zackrie Vinczen
Gregory Cook, Worship Associate

John Ashbery is often named as one of the 20th century's greatest poets, and yet despite this, many lovers of poetry struggle to understand his enigmatic verse.

In this service we will reflect on the life of Ashbery and explore some of the recurring themes of his poetry.

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 26th
2:00 p.m. Sources of Our Faith
Spiritual Reflection Group
[Virtual Discussion Link](#)

Sunday March 27th
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 28th
2:00 p.m. Car Magnet Fundraiser
Cedars Center Meeting Room

Tuesday March 29th
4:45 p.m. Super Suppers

News and Announcements

Stewardship at Cedars

March is Stewardship Month, and we have

Our Congregational Mission

*Worship with open hearts
Nurture a learning spirit
Serve justice with compassion*

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 through the many in-person gatherings and events that have been offered throughout the current month as part of our stewardship campaign. As intended, we hope those activities have helped to renew and strengthen some of the friendships and congregational relationships that the Covid interlude has weakened. 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**.

Safe Gathering at Cedars

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).

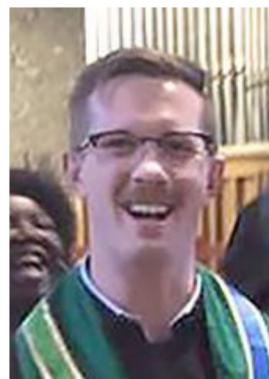
We are now in the process of creating additional protocols and plan to present them by the end of the month.

- 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

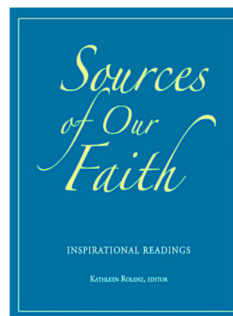
Love without judgment



Cedars UU Church is a Welcoming Congregation and Green Sanctuary



Rev. Zackrie Vinczen



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 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.

Saturdays @ 2pm on the following dates:

3/26, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 5/7, 5/14, 5/28

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

Parent Chalice Circle

Parents, Grandparents,

- 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 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.

Your Cedars Board of Trustees

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. Laid and open to all!



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.

Contact **Cory Munson** for more information.

Next Meeting:

Sunday April 10th at 7:00 p.m.



Film Fans Return

Returning for a new entertaining and hopefully enlightening season of movie viewing and discussion, Cedars members and friends who recently

reorganized themselves as **Film Fans** are continuing their monthly activities and welcoming participation by interested movie fans.

Group members typically view selected films on their own and then gather virtually to discuss, analyze, and interpret the month's selection. Film selections are proposed on a rotating basis by individual members who then lead the discussion sessions.

Discussion sessions using Zoom are typically scheduled to occur on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Our April 14th selection, by Richard and Sally Wilson, is **Harold and Maude**, the 50-year-old classic comedy exploring not-so-funny topics such as life and death (especially their endings), cross-generational relationships (especially inspirational and softly romantic ones), and demonstratively useful (if unexpected) acting and motoring skills.

For more information contact **Joan Spencer** or **Linda Andrews**.

Super Supper Sign-Ups

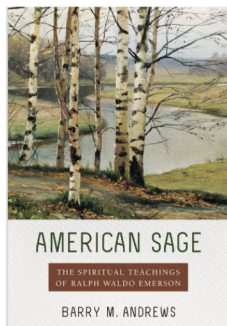
Cedars, in partnership with Kol Shalom, offers Super Supper dinners on the last Tuesday of each month. Super suppers are a free meal for those in need provided by members of the Bainbridge Island Interfaith Council.

We now have a regular sign-up for you to use each month so that all in our congregation

Evans Reading Group

We invite you to join us on Tuesday April 5th 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 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: 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**.

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.



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

The Pastoral Care team is looking for volunteers to help support our community through times of need by preparing meals, providing phone companionship, or offering rides. As such we are putting out a call to the Cedars community to solicit names of people who are willing to help with these efforts.



If this is something you would be willing to assist with, please take a moment to fill out our [Pastoral Care Volunteer Interest Form](#).

In addition, if you find yourself in need of additional support or assistance we encourage you to take a moment to fill out the [Pastoral Care Request Form](#) to let our Pastoral Care team know how we can be of support.

For more information about this effort please contact Rev. Zackrie at minister@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.

Contact: grace.colton@gmail.com.

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

Jenny Weaver says "I love sitting in the garden with the chickens in the early springtime. The big roo is named Tiana, isn't he a beauty?"



Claim Your Items in Lost and Found!

If you've lost something at Cedars over the past year, it's probably in our lost and found!



Read through the items listed below and email our **Office Administrator** at office@cedarsuuchurch.org to claim your item and schedule a time to pick it up.

Items still remaining in the lost and found by the end of the month will be donated.



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 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.



Portland GA Coming

- Blue REI windbreaker (Size Large)
- Green jacket from Deep Creek Lake, MD
- Purple water bottle from Rotary International
- Kate Spade glasses case (orange and pink) with glasses inside
- Black +2.50 readers
- Blue SubZero water bottle
- Gray Sensatec gloves
- Silver bracelet with gold detailing and green stones
- Blue rubber bracelet from Microsoft Youth Spark)
- Blue, black, and gray Turtle Fur beanie with Seattle Sounders FC logo
- Gray water bottle from Howard S Wright
- HTC black phone charger
- Brown tortoiseshell sunglasses from LRI Classic

UUA General Assembly is coming to Portland this year! In 2022, we will have the option of meeting online or in-person! For those who enjoyed the convenience and accessibility of remote participation, General Assembly will continue to offer virtual attendance with robust programming and enhanced delegate discussion tools. For those who have been missing the physical experience, GA 2022 will also feature face-to-face interactions, hanging banners, a browsable exhibit hall, meals with friends old and new, local site attractions, and more! Join us June 22 - 26, 2022 online or in-person in Portland, Oregon.

Would you like to be a Cedars delegate? Please contact **Rev. Zackrie** if interested in going. (Expenses not paid by Cedars) See FAQs from UUA.org [here](#).

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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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