

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

“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.

Poetic Form

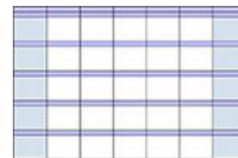
Sunday April 10th
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Service in Webster Hall

Rev. Zackrie Vinczen
Archer Philip, Worship Associate

What makes a poem a poem? What features distinguish poetry from other forms of writing? Why is Rev. Zackrie so in love with poetry?

In this service, we will consider some of the features of poetry as they apply to our spiritual lives.

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.

Sunday April 3rd
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 April 4th
4:00 p.m. Monday Mingle
Cedars Center Meeting Room

Tuesday April 5th
1:30 p.m. Marvin Evans Reading Group
[Virtual Discussion Link](#)
Use passcode 2022 if required

Wednesday April 6th
1:00 p.m. Cedars Knitting/Crafting Circle
[Virtual Meeting Link](#)

News and Announcements

Safe Gathering at Cedars

Our Congregational Mission

*Worship with open hearts
Nurture a learning spirit*



With care, but also some comfort in the recognition that covid-related constraints on our activities are being relaxed as infection rates drop, our services in Webster Hall are beginning to enjoy the familiar accommodation and settings of our past presence there.

Our seating arrangements have evolved from six feet of separation between seat pairs or family groups, to three-foot separation of pairs or groups, and is now providing a mix of standard seating sections and spaced pairs allowing individuals to choose the arrangement they prefer as we return to the relatively familiar environment of our previous experience.

Beginning in April singing will return to Worship Services. Masks need to be worn while singing, but can be taken off during the rest of the Service (and Coffee Hour). Free masks will be available for anyone wanting to sing at church.

Your Cedars Board of Trustees



Cedars Special Collection for Our Children's Trust

Cedars holds a monthly Special Collection 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.

For the month of April, the Social Justice Committee has chosen to collect money for **Our Children's Trust**, which is a 501(c)(3) organization that works to secure constitutional right to a safe climate.

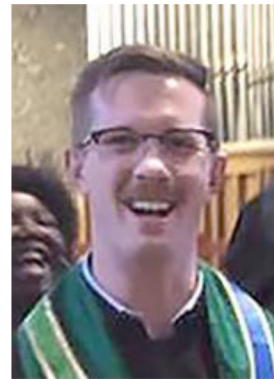
All money donated in the **April 17th Sunday offering** will be used to advance science-based climate litigation on behalf of all children and future generations. For more information about this work, visit <https://www.ourchildrenstrust.org> and watch for details in the Beacon about our upcoming screening of **Youth v. Gov.**

If you would like to receive a tax deduction for your donation, please write a check payable to Our Children's Trust to place in the offering basket or send to the Cedars Church Office by April 30th.

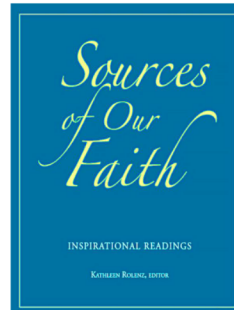
*Serve justice with compassion
Love without judgment*



**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 of this reflection group can be found below.

Saturdays @ 2pm on the following dates:

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**

Ukraine Crisis Fund

Thanks to the generosity of Members and Friends, Cedars raised \$1120 for the Ukraine Crisis Fund of CARE USA as our March Special Collection. These funds will be used to support efforts to reach 4 million Ukrainians with immediate aid and recovery, food, water, hygiene kits, psychosocial support, and cash assistance — prioritizing women and girls, families, and the elderly.

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



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.

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**.

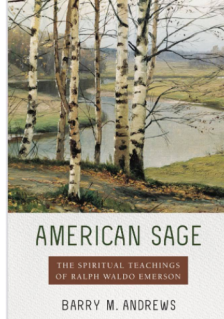
Super Supper Sign-Ups

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

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**.

Cedars Knitting/Crafting Circle

Wednesday April 6th
Time: 1:30 p.m.

The Wednesday Knitting/Crafting group will meet via Zoom on Wednesday next week.

Linda Andrews will host and you are warmly welcome to join us for any part of that time to chat, share ideas, or work on a project!

You can be a Climate Changemaker!

Changemakers are energetic, ardent advocates for environmental values making a world-changing difference, especially



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.



Portland GA Coming

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

Rev. Zackrie shared beautiful learnings from his own garden to enrich last Sunday's "Learning From My Garden" service in fact as well as word.



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](#).



Cedars was well represented at the UUA General Assembly in Spokane in 2019.

Earth Day: Save the Date!

Sunday April 24th 9:30 – 1:00 at Rotary Park on Bainbridge Island

Instead of meeting at Webster Hall, come join us for a short service at Rotary Park starting at 9:30 am followed by a service project sponsored by the Bainbridge Island Park Department.

It will be a multi-generational event where we will be planting hundreds of wildflowers, pulling invasive weeds, dancing to live music, eating local fare, and getting creative with nature themed activities.

For a listing of all Earth Month related events go to the [Sustainable Bainbridge website](#). For more information on the Rotary event you can contact **Alison Stokes** at stokes0603@yahoo.com

The Beacon is available to download and print each week. Go to 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.

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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