

The Beacon

A weekly email newsletter from
Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church
Serving Bainbridge Island and Northern Kitsap County



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Upcoming Services

Rise

Sunday April 17th
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Service in Webster Hall

Emilyjane Mockett, Guest Speaker
Penny Brewer, Worship Associate

As the days grow longer, as the new green sprouts show their splendor, what is Rising in our own hearts? After two long winters of both extra rest and unsettled rest, let's explore how the return of the light, at this time, may invite more creativity, more growth, more amazement, more embodied reverence for all of Life.

Emilyjane is an interfaith/interspiritual ministerial candidate from One Spirit interfaith seminary. With her ordination in June, she is committing her life to Life Affirming actions for an earth of loving Unity and Joy for the Sacred diversity of Aliveness.

Earth Day Celebration & Service

Sunday April 24th
9:30 a.m.
In-Person Service at Rotary Park

Rev. Zackrie Vinczen
Nancy Philip, Worship Associate

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

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.

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 April 16th
2:00 p.m. Sources of Our Faith
Spiritual Reflection Group
[Virtual Discussion Link](#)

Sunday April 17th
9:30 a.m. In-Person Worship Service
[Live-Stream Service Link](#)

Immediately After Service Social Hour

Tuesday April 19th
1:30 p.m. Marvin Evans Reading Group
[Virtual Discussion Link](#)
Use passcode 2022 if required

From the Co-Presidents:



It's Earth Day month – a wonderful month to celebrate our UU values and actions. The weekly Beacon will list the many activities we have going on. Join us also for a special outdoor service and community work day on April 24 at Bainbridge Island's Rotary Park/Owen's playground. Please contact **Alison Stokes** for more information about the work day event.

We also continue to have safety considerations for our gatherings:

With new COVID variants circulating across the country and state, please remain cautious in public and when you travel out of the area. We know that for spring break, many traveled, and Washington is seeing signs of a low uptick in King County. The good news is that Kitsap County numbers are still quite low. Check on latest CDC data [here](#).

We are still in a "green" rating, which allows us to gather in person. However, we must watch the spread carefully and adjust if we need to (such as requesting masks to be worn). If you've been exposed or not feeling 100%, please choose to watch our Sunday Services online. The variant(s) have the same symptoms as allergies, so please be careful. For Cedars Center meetings, please use the air filters and please stay home if exposed to COVID or not feeling well. Finally, consider wearing a mask if you've traveled recently – there's no harm in protecting others (and yourself) right now.

Lastly, due to low (or no) attendance, we are no longer doing the Monday Mingle and virtual Sunday coffee hours. With the amount of work required to put on in-person services, the coffee hour was difficult for hosting while putting away chairs and greeting newcomers in Webster Hall.

We want to ensure we have a safe environment for all. Remember to "treat people kindly because we are one family."

In Peace, **Mike & Kassia**



Cedars Special Collection for Our Children's Trust

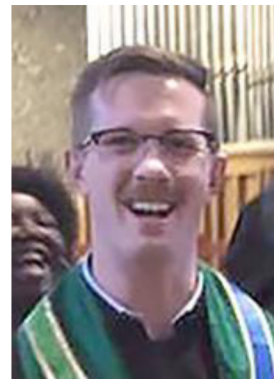
Cedars holds a monthly Special Collection for community outreach as a way to educate our congregation about the work of various non-

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

From **April 15th-19th** I will be away from Cedars visiting with Elliott and friends near Lake Tahoe. During this time, I will not be checking email or phone messages, but will be eager to reconnect with all of you when I return to the office on April 20th.

If you find yourself in need of pastoral support during this time, please reach out to **Julie Hill**.

If you find yourself in need of other assistance, I'd encourage you to reach out to the Co-Presidents of our Board of Trustees **Kassia Sing** and **Mike Cox**.

Contact information for all three of these individuals can be found by accessing the Breeze directory.

I hope that you all have a wonderful Sunday Service on April 17th with **Emily Mockett** and **Penny Brewer**, and look forward to being back with all of you for our Earth Day service at Rotary Park on April 24th.

Sad News

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.

Cedars Green Sanctuary: Film Viewing



Cedars Green Sanctuary is sharing an opportunity from Quimper UU Fellowship & Meaningful Movies Port Townsend to view the film **"The Story of Plastic."**

"The Story of Plastic" is a searing exposé revealing the ugly truth behind plastic pollution and the false solution of plastic recycling. Different from every other plastic documentary you've seen, this film presents a cohesive timeline of how we got to our current global plastic pollution crisis and how the oil and gas industry has successfully manipulated the narrative around it. From the extraction of fossil fuels and plastic disposal to the global resistance fighting back, **"The Story of Plastic"** is a life-changing, Emmy-winning film depicting one of the world's most pressing environmental issues.

[Register Here](#)

After you register you will receive a week-long screening link to use on your own device. The screening window is **April 16 to April 22**. Then join us for the **panel discussion and community conversation** via Zoom on **Friday, April 22 at 7pm PT.**

This event is free but donations are gratefully accepted on behalf of [The Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund \(CELDF\)](#), [Zero Waste Washington](#),

It is with sadness that I write to inform you of the death of **John Peck**. John had been a member of Cedars since 2007 and had lived on Bainbridge since 2000. John was originally from Oakland California and spent many years living in the Napa Valley working in the wine industry.

John was known for his love of biking, kayaking, and photography—activities that intersected with many of his relationships in our congregation.

John had been battling cancer with little result for the past few years, and as a result made the decision to participate in death with dignity. To those present during this process he described a sense of relief "like jumping into a mountain lake."

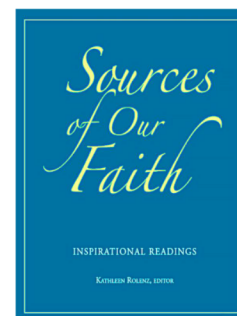
At this time, I ask the entire Cedars Community to hold John's family in your thoughts and prayers.

Service details are yet unknown, but I will work to communicate them as they become known.

If you find yourself needing someone to talk to during this emotional time, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or a member of the pastoral care team.

In Solidarity,

Rev. Zackrie Vinczen
minister@cedarsuuchurch.org



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

and Meaningful Movies Project.

[Link to trailer and more info.](#)

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 District.

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



Film Screening

Youth v. Gov is the story of America's youth taking on the world's most powerful government. Armed with a wealth of evidence, twenty-one courageous leaders filed a groundbreaking lawsuit against the U.S. government, asserting it has willfully acted over six decades to create the climate crisis, thus endangering their constitutional rights to life, liberty, and property.

If these young people are successful, they will not only make history, they will change the future. As people of faith we care about climate justice for future generations.

Where:

Eagle Harbor Congregational Church
105 Winslow Way West
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

When:

Sunday May 1st, 2022 4:00pm-6:30pm

The film is 1 hour and 50mins long and will be followed by a time of facilitated discussion. Refreshments will be available.

sessions as your schedule permits. A complete schedule of this reflection group can be found below.

Saturdays @ 2pm on the following dates:

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, 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.

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.

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 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!

Membership Information Session

On **May 1st Rev. Zackrie and the Membership Committee** will be hosting a membership information session in The Island School library following our Sunday service. This is a chance for folks who have made a commitment to become members (as well as those still considering membership) to gather and learn a bit more about Cedars, Unitarian Universalism, each other, and what it means to be a member.

Lite refreshments will be provided as well as great conversation. We hope to see you 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**.

Evans Reading Group

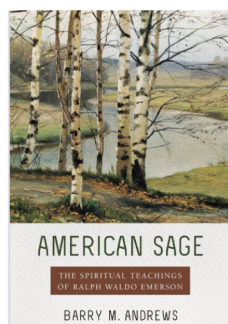
We invite you to join us on Tuesday April 19th at 1:30 p.m.

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,



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

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

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 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.

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

Emilyjane Mockett has shared a poem and photo:

BLOOMING

Inner folds of wovenmoss
Cling to trees of ground
Emergent beings rise at
The ecotone of the Sound

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.

Join the Bainbridge Island Climate Smart Challenge!

Bainbridge Island is working to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions 25% by 2025, and you can help! The new **Climate Smart Challenge** will be a fun way to identify key actions you and your family can take to help implement our Climate Action Plan.

The Challenge encourages you to think critically about your life and changes you can make (some small, some big) to reduce your climate impact, save money, and improve your health and the comfort of your home.

Learn more by visiting the **City's website** or by attending a Zoom webinar on Thursday, April 21st at 6:00 PM. The City's Climate Officer will share how the Challenge will work, how to join as an individual or form a team, and what resources are available to support efforts to create a Climate Smart Bainbridge.

Zoom Webinar Link

Thursday, April 21st at 6:00 PM
Or join by phone: US: +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799
Webinar ID: 947 4452 6344

If you are interested in forming a Cedars team to take the challenge together, please contact **Mike Cox** at 206-799-3725

Modestly showing face
Newest fingers reach
In their arrival from everywhere
Do they know of beach?

Dreamed into matter
Overnight
Yesterday we did not greet
Spring whispers to me over
A bouquet of quiet sweet

Wisdom of the driftwood
In distance forests lived
Calling me to listen here
What songs I may have to give?



or toxman57@gmail.com.

Save These Dates!

Sunday, May 15, 2022:
Cedars Raffle Drawing following Sunday Service

See next week's BEACON for information on how you could win prizes when your raffle ticket is drawn! Several prize packages designed for all ages!

Sunday, June 12, 2022:
CEDARS 2022 MARKETPLACE returns to The Island School following Sunday Service

Cedars Market Place is always a fun way to offer your gently used or new items for sale to friends and members. Bring your items to church on June 12. This is another great way to raise funds for Cedars and is always a popular event. More details will be in future editions of the BEACON. Tag your items with a price tag. You might have kitchenware, collectibles, artwork, gadgets, books or other useful and decorative items. Please do not include articles of clothing. All items not sold will be donated to a local organization or you can just take the item home.

Print the Beacon Newsletter

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.

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

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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)

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