

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

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.

Poet and Philosopher: The Words of Robert Frost

Sunday May 1st
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Service in Webster Hall

Rev. Zackrie Vinczen
Johanna Munson, Worship Associate

In this service we will explore the philosophical views that underpin the poetry of American Poet Robert Frost.

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 23rd
2:00 p.m. Sources of Our Faith
Spiritual Reflection Group
[Virtual Discussion Link](#)

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

Thursday April 28th
7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting

News and Announcements

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Our Congregational Mission

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Nurture a learning spirit
Serve justice with compassion
Love without judgment*

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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

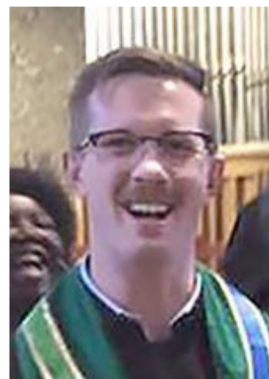
When:

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.



**Cedars UU Church is a
Welcoming Congregation
and Green Sanctuary**

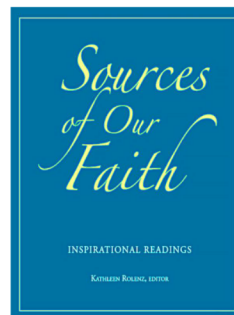


Rev. Zackrie Vinczen

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.



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

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 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](#), and [Meaningful Movies Project](#).

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

Safe Gatherings at Cedars

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

be found below.

Saturdays @ 2pm on the following dates:

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!

Please contact **Penny Brewer** or **Emily**

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.

With caution, singing is now returning as an integral part of our worship services. Masks need to be worn while singing but can be taken off during the rest of the service (and during Coffee Hour). Free masks are available for anyone wanting to sing at church.

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**.

Save These Dates!

Sunday May 15th: Your Fundraising Committee will host a special **Spring Raffle** featuring seven fabulous prizes! Tickets will be sold that morning for \$10 each, and winners drawn at the end of coffee hour. Buy as many tickets as you like and enhance your chances of winning! This raffle features prizes that will delight members and friends of all ages. For example, how would you like to win a crisp \$100 bill? Just put one or more tickets in that prize's mason jar for the drawing. Or you could try for a beautiful sterling silver and copper Chalice Necklace made by our own award-winning jewelry artist, Jane Martin. More info to come.

Sunday June 12th: Our popular **Cedars Marketplace** (yard sale) will occur. Bring gently used or new items (no clothing) to the outdoor tents and tables behind Webster Hall right before the worship service. Fundraising Committee members will help tag your item(s) with suggested prices, and we will hold a traditionally treasure-filled sale after church for Cedars Members and Friends.

Funds generated by these events will

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 remote participation, General Assembly will continue to offer virtual attendance with robust programming and enhanced delegate discussion tools. For those who have been

support Cedars Church operations in the coming fiscal year. Your participation will be thankfully appreciated.

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

Phil Hutcherson captured the almost full "pink" moon peeking out over sunset colored clouds last week:



Office Administrator Away

Carolyn will be visiting family and unavailable from **April 25** through **May 6**. Herb will be in the office from 10:30 to noon on **April 29, May 3, and May 6** and will be checking emails, so please be patient with any delays in getting back to you. Thank you!

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

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](#).

If you are interested in forming a Cedars team to take the challenge together, please contact **Mike Cox** at 206-799-3725 or toxman57@gmail.com.

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

resume.

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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