

The Beacon

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Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church
Serving Bainbridge Island and Northern Kitsap County



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Upcoming Services

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.

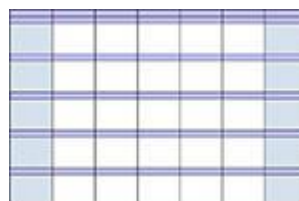
The Nature of Nurture

Sunday May 8th
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Service in Webster Hall

Rev. Zackrie Vinczen
Nancy Philip and Johanna Munson,
Worship Associates

Join us for this multi-generational service as the Cedars worship team invites us into an interactive exploration of the nature of nurture.

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 May 1st
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Service in Webster Hall
[Live-Stream Service Link](#)
Coffee hour following the service

Membership Information Session
following the service in The Island School Library

4:00 p.m. Youth v. Gov film screening
at Eagle Harbor Congregational Church

News and Announcements

Earth Day Celebration and Service

Our Congregational Mission

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



On Sunday April 24th, our Cedars Community met at Rotary Park for an outdoor worship service followed by an opportunity to be of service to the larger community by planting wildflowers and helping remove noxious weeds.

Approximately 30 people were present for a worship service that invited us into an embodied exploration of our connection to the Earth and each other. As part of this service, we made a tangible representation of the interconnected web of life using a ball of yarn to connect us all together.

As a bonus activity, many of us spent time deepening our reflection on the web of life by working to untangle and rewind the ball of yarn when we were done.

As the weather gets nicer, we are looking forward to more opportunities to gather outside to have fun, worship, and be of service.

A Special 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

Love without judgment



Cedars UU Church is a Welcoming Congregation and Green Sanctuary



Rev. Zackrie Vinczen

Remembering John Peck

A memorial service for John Peck is being planned for June 11. Please save the date, and watch for further details here.



Cedars Membership Information

This Sunday, 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 will be an opportunity 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 Unitarian Universalism, Cedars and its history, what it means to be a member, and each other.

Light refreshments and great conversation will be provided. We hope to see you there.

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, 4:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

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

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.

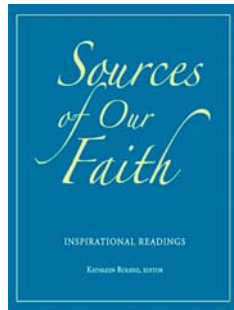
Funds generated by these events will support Cedars Church operations in the coming fiscal year. Your participation will be thankfully appreciated.

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



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.

Saturdays @ 2pm on the following dates:

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.

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 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 protective isolation and arrangement they prefer as we

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.

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.

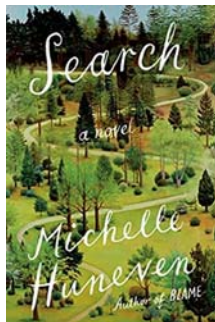
Join them in taking an hour per week to call or write friends, utilities, newspapers, and representatives with a bunch of other awesome people. They are present at <https://www.climatechangemakers.org/> and will welcome your joining with them.

For more information contact **Sandy Spears** at Sandy.Spears@att.net

Evans Reading Group

We invite you to join us on Tuesday May 17th 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 May selection, proposed by Joyce Jensen (via Mary Romeo) is **Search**, by Michelle Hunevan.

Recently featured on NPR, this novel, as a sharp and funny memoir (with recipes) gleefully digs into the activities of a New-Agey (UU) church committee trying to reach consensus. But there's also a profoundly spiritual dimension to the story. It raises difficult questions about living one's beliefs in a faith-based community and doesn't flinch when principles and practice come into conflict.

We will discuss the book (via Zoom) on May 10th. For more information contact **Alan Miller** or **Mary Romeo**.

Disposable Mask Recycling

Constant Contact

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



Film Fans

Returning for a new season of movie viewing and discussion, Cedars members and friends recently reorganized as **Film Fans** are continuing their monthly activities and welcoming participation by other 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.

The film **Passing**, currently showing on Netflix, will be discussed on Thursday, May 12 at 7 p.m. over Zoom. Linda and Barry Andrews will host the discussion, Jane Martin will host the Zoom meeting, and all those interested are invited to join the discussion.

Feel free to spread the word among friends, since Film Fans is not exclusively a Cedars group; rather, a chance to connect with other folks interested in movies and meaty discussions.

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

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](#)

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**.

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

Joyfully productive, **Dawn Weaver** says: "Inspired by a lifetime of watching my grandfather's beautiful pieces come to life in his shop, I craft meticulously detailed works for kitchen & home."



[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.

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](#).

Please contact **Penny Brewer** or **Emily Mockett** for more information.



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 missing the physical experience, GA 2022 will

More can be seen [here](#)

Office Administrator Away

Carolyn will be visiting family and unavailable from **April 25** through **May 6**.

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

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](#).

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

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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