

# 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

### 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.

### The Art of Life

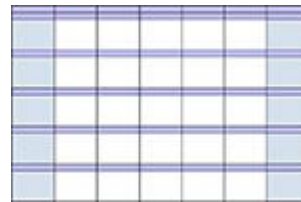
**Sunday May 15th**  
10:00 a.m.  
**In-Person Service in Webster Hall**

**Rev. Barry Andrews**  
**Gregory Cook, Worship Associate**

For the philosophers of ancient Greece and Rome, philosophy was a way of life, the art of living well. For many years I have been a casual reader of the literature of the Stoics, the most widely popular of these philosophies.

Three Stoic principles have greatly helped me to endure the last three years of worry and doubt. These are, "the view from above," "the present only is our happiness," and "live in accordance with nature." What can these mean for us?

### 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 May 7th**  
2:00 p.m. Sources of Our Faith  
Spiritual Reflection Group  
[Virtual Discussion Link](#)

**Sunday May 8th**  
10:00 a.m.  
**In-Person Service in Webster Hall**  
[Live-Stream Service Link](#)

**Coffee hour following the service**

**Thursday May 12th**  
7:00 p.m. Film Fans Movie Group  
[Virtual Discussion Link](#)

## News and Announcements

### Our Congregational Mission



## Climate Change and Cedars: Time for Action

On Tuesday May 17th at 7:00 pm, Autumn Salamack, the City of Bainbridge

Island's Climate Officer, will share with Cedars and Grace Church what the City is doing to address climate change and **what we can do individually and as a group to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.**

The discussion will be virtual, on Zoom, at this **link**: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9290482386>

If you have any questions, please reach out to **Michael Cox** ([toxman57@gmail.com](mailto:toxman57@gmail.com)) or call him at 206-799-3725.

### 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](mailto:Sandy.Spears@att.net)

### Special Collection Peaceful Morning Farm



Cedars holds a Special Collection monthly 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.

On May 15th, the Social Justice Committee has chosen to collect money for Peaceful Morning Farm, a local organic farm on Bainbridge Island. All money donated in the Sunday offering on May 15th will benefit Peaceful Morning Farm. These gifts will be used to grow organic fresh produce for local food banks including Helpline House and Fishline. The farm is run entirely with volunteer labor, with the mission to help those in need, promote healthy eating, and foster awareness of sustainable agriculture.

*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**



In 1963 the nascent Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations voted on a **Statement of Social Justice** that urged law makers to reform the statutes governing abortion

in the United States. This was 10 years before the 1973 Roe v. Wade case that affirmed a woman's right to choose.

At the UUA's 1973 General Assembly, just after Roe vs. Wade, the gathered delegates voiced their support of the Supreme Court's decision with another **Statement of Social Justice** in which it was written "BE IT RESOLVED: That we support the US Supreme Court ruling on abortion and its implementation."

For decades Unitarian Universalists have fought for and affirmed the right to bodily autonomy—especially in reproduction. I know the recent leaked decision from the Supreme Court is a major blow to the decades of hard-fought progress, however, I pray that we can keep our faith and continue to work to

Peaceful Morning Farm is in the process of receiving non-profit status and is currently accepting donations directly through Helpline House. Monies received through the Special Collection will be sent to Helpline House and designated for Peaceful Morning Farm through their partnership. For more information about their work, visit

### Peaceful Morning Farm

If you would like to receive a tax deduction for your donation, please write a check payable to Helpline House with a note in the memo "Peaceful Morning Farm" to place in the offering basket or send it to the Cedars Church Office by May 30th.

### 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.

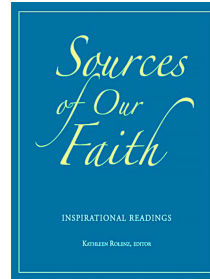


### Film Fans

Returning for a new season of movie viewing and discussion, Cedars members and friends recently reorganized as **Film Fans** are continuing their

advance our belief in the right of conscience for each person.

In Solidarity,  
**Rev. Zackrie Vinczen**  
[minister@cedarsuuchurch.org](mailto:minister@cedarsuuchurch.org)  
360-930-9339



### 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, please contact **Rev. Zackrie** at [minister@cedarsuuchurch.org](mailto: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 typically meet on the second Sunday of the month and utilize the UU Principles as touchstones and reference points for exploration, but this month we will shift to May 15th (saving May 8th for family celebrations of Mother's Day)

Contact **Cory Munson** for more information.

### Evans Reading Group

We invite you to join us on **Tuesday May 17th at 1:30 p.m.**

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, it offers a chance to connect with other folks similarly interested in movies and meaty discussions.

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

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### Portland GA Coming

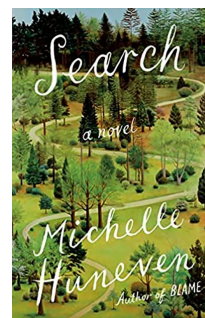
General Assembly is the annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists, where we conduct business of the Association, explore the theological underpinnings of our faith, and lean fully into our mission and principles.

That remains true even when we cannot gather physically. In 2021, more than 4,000 registered attendees participated from remote locations around the world. In 2022, we will again have the option of meeting online or in-person!

For those who enjoyed the convenience and accessibility of remote participation, GA 2022 will again support virtual attendance with robust programming and enhanced delegate discussion tools. For those 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](#).

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 Huneven.

Recently featured on NPR, this novel "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 conflict."

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

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### 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 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.

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### Your Cedars Board of Trustees

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### 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



Cedars was well-represented at the 2015 General Assembly in Portland.

## 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](#)

Donna Moore recently shared this memory in a poetry reading at the Bainbridge Library:

#### **CAPE FLATTERY TRAIL No. 2**

by Donna Moore

The wooden walkway dips and turns following the land's natural contours. The Makah curved those handrails so trees became embellishments not obstacles. I'm held captive in this dense forest of massive ferns and yellow skunk cabbages.

## Constant Contact

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. Tell your friends and help reduce waste created by the pandemic!

For more information, contact **Jane Martin** or **Carol Ann Davidson**.

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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.

## Super Supper Sign-Ups

Cedars, in partnership with Kol Shalom, offers Super Supper dinners on the last Tuesday of

Stepping onto the viewing platform,  
I spy the foaming waves below  
as they smash against the cliff's face.  
Directly opposite is Tatoosh Island;  
a pinnacle of rock topped with gnarly pines.  
Home to a flock of Puffins, their puffy beaks  
and vivid feathers make me laugh.

Overhead gulls wheel and eagles soar.  
Their screams pierce the crystal-clear air.  
Between Tatoosh and the mainland,  
a wave erupts with a mighty spray.

Beneath my feet the State of Washington  
becomes the prow of a ship  
thrusting its way out into the Pacific Ocean  
through the Straits of Juan d'Fuca.

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.

### Print the Beacon Newsletter

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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](mailto:minister@cedarsuuchurch.org)  
For an urgent matter, call (360) 930-9339 (Pastoral Care)

### Archer Philip

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### Carolyn Kerns, Office Administrator

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