

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 Perfectly Imperfect Example

Sunday May 29th
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Service in Webster Hall

Rev. Zackrie Vinczen
Mike Cox, Worship Associate

Clinton Lee Scott wrote that "It is easier to venerate saints than to learn the human qualities of their sainthood."

Join us for this service as we consider the perfectly imperfect examples of saintly people.

New Member Recognition

Sunday June 5th
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Service in Webster Hall

Rev. Zackrie Vinczen
Archer Philip, Worship Associate

This Sunday we gather to welcome the newest members of the Cedars Community. We hope you join us for this joyous event as we reflect on the meaning of membership and what it means to be a part of Cedars.

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 28th
2:00 p.m. Sources of Our Faith
Spiritual Reflection Group
[Virtual Discussion Link](#)

Sunday May 29th
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Service in Webster Hall
[Live-Stream Service Link](#)

Sunday June 5th
11:00 a.m. In-Person Congregational Meeting
[Zoom Participation Link](#)
Use Passcode 443344 if required

News and Announcements

Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday June 5th after the Worship Service
The Cedars Board of



Our Congregational Mission

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

Trustees will host the Annual All Congregational Meeting on June 5th directly after the service. People can participate in-person or via zoom.

Click here for the Zoom link

<https://zoom.us/j/91044542687?pwd=dDJwNm9vNWFSaUdKcWJhTm9pNTgydz09>

Meeting ID: 910 4454 2687
Passcode: 443344

We will discuss and vote on the Annual Budget for 2022-2023. The Board and the Budget Leadership Team have worked hard to present a budget that will allow us to maintain Cedars programs and foster growth during this time of opportunity after two challenging years of the pandemic and congregational change. In addition, we will vote on our slate of new Board of Trustee candidates: Andrea Barnes, Rod Kempkes, Dean Sampson, and Herb Hethcote who is renewing his term. Currently there are no candidates for the Nominating Committee. Please join us and lend your voice and gifts to make Cedars of the future thrive.

It is very important that we have a **quorum** at this meeting so that the votes are valid. We need 30% of the members to attend either in-person or via zoom. Therefore, we want and need as many people to attend as possible. If you cannot be present in-person or online via zoom for this meeting, but would like to vote, please e-mail Carol Ann Davidson, **Board Secretary**, for an absentee ballot (cadavidsonpt@yahoo.com). Absentee ballots will count as regular votes but **do not** count toward a quorum under the Cedars Bylaws.



Safe Gatherings at Cedars

With care, but also some comfort in the recognition that covid-related constraints are being monitored for guidance in seating arrangement and separation, mask wearing, and room ventilation, we are continuing to seek the familiar accommodation and settings of our past presence there.

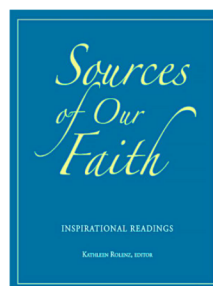
Our seating arrangements have evolved from six feet of separation between seat pairs or family groups, to more flexible separation of pairs or groups, and our service presence and participation should also now respond to safety guidelines released by [COVIDactnow.org](https://www.COVIDactnow.org) as follows:



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.

Next Meeting: 5/28

For more information, 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.

Kitsap County has seen an uptick in COVID spread and is now in the "Yellow" rating zone. This means that we request people mask when in groups and at Sunday Services. We know masking is one of the most effective protections for both you and others around you.

You can check Kitsap County Health Department's tracking online at [covidactnow.org](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html) or the CDC link <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html> to track Kitsap County numbers.

Vaccinations are also proven ways to both avoid getting sick or to severely lessen the virulence of the virus. Our hearts go out to our community members who cannot get vaccines or boosters due to medical issues— all the more reason for the rest of us to practice safe behaviors to protect them, such as getting vaccinated and boosted if medically possible.

Let's not only talk-the-talk, let's walk-the-walk by what we say in unison on Sundays: let's "treat all people kindly because we are one family."

Your Cedars Board of Trustees

Save This Date

We are also Looking forward to seeing everyone at the **Cedars Marketplace**, our next big fundraiser:

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.

All funds generated will support Cedars Church operations.

Cedars Fundraising Committee

Join the Tech Team!

Do you have an interest in technology, sound systems and/or video live-streaming technology? The Tech Team will be in dire need of more help starting in July. We would love to have you join us! We will train you and you will be working with nice and enthusiastic people!

Contact **Carolyn Kempkes** (ecrkempkes@icloud.com) if you would like to volunteer or to learn more about what the Team does.

Film Fans

Cedars members and friends organized as Film Fans are continuing monthly gatherings for discussion and analysis of previously watched movies and welcoming participation by others.



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 group's current selection, proposed by Mary Romeo, is **Licorice Pizza**, a 2021 coming-of-age comedy-drama available for a small fee on Amazon and described by one reviewer as a movie close to the experience of real life, where not everything has a meaning, and even when it does, it's not clear, at least not right away.

Mary will lead the discussion, scheduled for **Thursday, June 9th, at 7:00 p.m** in a Zoom session hosted by Jane Martin.

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**.

Join the Snake River Savers!

Are you interested in protecting the Southern Resident orcas, the Chinook salmon they rely on, or stopping our government from spending billions of taxpayer money on destroying an ecosystem? Join our team of passionate, motivated, and initiative-taking volunteers - the Snake River Savers. We are part of a big group that is advocating for the removal of the 50 year old lower Snake River dams.



Fill out this brief form to let us know your interests and we'll be in contact shortly!

Form Link

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

Cedars Monthly Potluck

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](#).



Cedars members meeting in the 2015 Portland GA exhibit hall.

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!

Our monthly potlucks are family friendly events held at members' homes.

June's potluck will be on June 11th at Nancy and Jeff Philip's home located at 19891 Mosjon Circle NE, Poulsbo, WA 98370 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. If weather permits, it will be held around their large outside fire pit space, otherwise on their covered outdoor deck area and indoors with ventilation. Please bring a dish to share (main dish, dessert, salad, appetizer, ...). Bring your own beverage and consider carpooling and bringing your own plates/utensils. Parking is available in their neighborhood.

For more information or if you are interested in hosting a potluck contact Carolyn Kempkes at ecrkempkes@icloud.com.

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.

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

Cedars Creativity Fair 2022

Alex Sanso says “Visit me at my newly relocated shop on Winslow Way and find original and unique gifts by local artists, all about Bainbridge Island.”



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.

A Special Opportunity

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee is offering a virtual replay of their UUSC Human Rights Leadership Celebration. This special event featured **Isabel Wilkerson**, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and National Humanities Medal, and author of the acclaimed **Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents**.

The virtual presentation will air on Thursday, June 9th at 4:00 p.m. Pacific time, at uus.org/celebration.

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

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

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