

# The Beacon

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



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## Upcoming Services

### 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.

### A Case for Pride

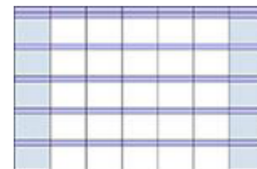
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**Rev. Zackrie Vinczen**  
Nancy Philip, Worship Associate

Pride is more than a parade or a party, it's a chance to fight shame, social stigma, and violence – all while having a good time.

In this service, we will explore the important role that Pride events play in society at large.

### 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 June 5th**  
10:00 a.m.  
In-Person Service in Webster Hall  
[Live-Stream Service Link](#)

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

**Thursday, June 9th**  
4:00 p.m.  
UUSC Human Rights Celebration  
[Virtual Presentation](#)  
7:00 p.m.  
Film Fans Movie Group  
[Virtual Discussion Link](#)

## News and Announcements

**Annual Congregational Meeting after the June 5th Worship Service**

The Cedars Board of Trustees will host the Annual All Congregational Meeting on June 5th directly



### Our Congregational Mission

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

after the service. People can participate in-person or via zoom.

Click here for the Zoom link

<https://zoom.us/j/91044542687?pwd=dDJwNm9vNWFSaUdKcWJhTm9NTG9ydz09>

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, 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.

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## June Special Collection

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 June 19th, in honor of Pride Month, the Social Justice Committee has chosen to collect money in addition to arts and craft supplies for LGBTQ+ Youth at Kingston Middle School and a Gay Straight Alliance club at Choice Academy.

Both projects were started this school year by their school counselors, recognizing needs expressed by students. Both groups are student-driven and meet every other week.

All money donated in the Sunday offering on June 19th will benefit the LGBTQ+ youth groups of these schools. These gifts will be used to purchase water bottles with positive logos, arts and crafts supplies for the counselors to use, and snacks for club meetings.

We are also collecting extra arts and crafts supplies that you have at home but no longer need, so items such as yarn, string, drawing



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



**Rev. Zackrie Vinczen**

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## Remembering John Peck

We will gather in Webster Hall at 2:00 p.m. Saturday June 11th for a Memorial Service honoring the memory of Cedars member **John Peck**, who passed away on April 9th following a long battle with cancer.



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## 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.

Contact **Cory Munson** for more information.

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and paint supplies, beads, etc. are available. A box will be available after services on June 12th and 19th for donated arts and craft supplies.

For more information, contact **Patricia Erdmann**.



### 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 in Webster Hall.

Our seating arrangements have evolved from six feet of separation between seat pairs or family groups, to more flexible separation, and our service presence and participation will also now respond to safety guidelines released by COVIDactnow.org as follow:

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 the Kitsap County Health Department's tracking online at covidactnow.org or the CDC link at <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**

**Don't Miss This:**

### Evans Reading Group

**We invite you to join us on Tuesday June 14th 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.



Writing by Transcendentalist Margaret Fuller was suggested as the group's next focus, and the collected work edited by Cedars' own Barry Andrews and published by the UUA's Skinner House as "**The Spirit Leads -- Margaret Fuller In Her Own Words**" was selected.

Presenting quotations from Margaret Fuller's letters, journals, and published writings preceded by a biographical introduction to Margaret Fuller's life and work, the quotations have been arranged in thematic sections inviting the reader to engage directly with the ideas of this nineteenth-century public intellectual, progressive social theorist, and pioneering feminist and to explore how her thoughts resonate today.

We will discuss the book via Zoom on June 14th. For more information contact **Alan Miller** or **Mary Romeo**.

### 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.



## Cedars' Marketplace, June 12

Come early Sunday with donations for our big Marketplace (Yard Sale) fundraising event!

Bring gently used or new items (no clothing). The sale begins after church service. Drop off donation items behind Island School 9-10 am. (Look for the tents behind Webster Hall.) Fundraising Committee members and volunteers will be available to:

1. Receive your donations
2. Price and tag your items
3. Create item displays

After church, shop the sale 11 am – noon. You are sure to find a treasure or two! **Cash or checks preferred**, credit cards accepted. Funds generated will be used to support Cedars Church operations in the coming year.

To volunteer to help with setup and tear-down, please contact **Patti Shannon**, 206-755-5139, [pattishannon3@gmail.com](mailto:pattishannon3@gmail.com).

### Cedars Fundraising Committee

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## 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, National Humanities Medal, and acclaimed author of **Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents**.

The virtual presentation will air on Thursday, June 9th at 4:00 p.m. Pacific time, at [uuscs.org/celebration](https://uuscs.org/celebration).

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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 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. 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](#).

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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## 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](mailto:sandy.spears@att.net)

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## Cedars Monthly Potluck

**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](mailto:ecrkempkes@icloud.com).

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## 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





Cedars youth gathering at 2015 Portland GA

## Cedars Creativity Fair 2022

### See What Others Have Been Doing To Cope with Social Isolation

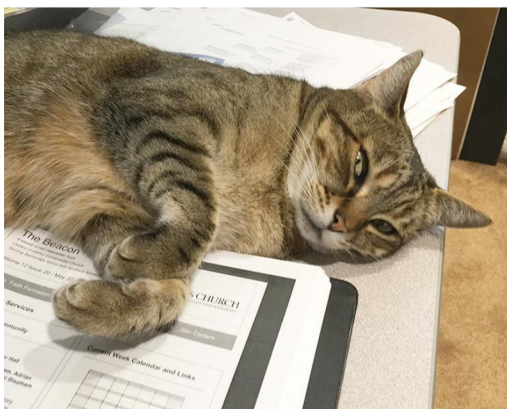
Our identity as a congregational community has been weakened by the Covid-19 pandemic, and one response has been to re-imagine virtual versions of the several after-service **Creativity Fairs** that were held in Webster Hall in recent years.

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

**Lily**, Editorial Assistant in the Wilson home office, demonstrates how good news coverage can be accomplished.



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.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:ecrkempkes@icloud.com)) if you would like to volunteer or to learn more about what the Team does.

## Print the Beacon Newsletter

The Beacon is available to download and print each week. Go to [www.cedarsuuchurch.org](http://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

## 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)

**Archer Philip**

**Faith Formation Lead**  
faith.formation@cedarsuuchurch.org

**Carolyn Kerns, Office Administrator**

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