

# 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

### What We Learn from Mountains

**Sunday August 7th**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**In-Person Service in Webster Hall**

**Rev Zackrie Vinczen**  
**Johanna Munson, Worship Associate**

Throughout human history mountains have played a significant role in the spiritual lives of people. Whether that be as a place of retreat or as an obstacle to overcome, there is something profound about these topographical features.

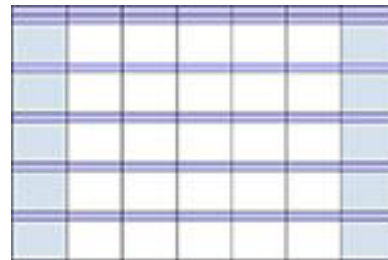
### Faith and Freedom

**Sunday August 14th**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**In-Person Service in Webster Hall**

**Rev Zackrie Vinczen**  
**Archer Philip, Worship Associate**

Unitarian minister and theologian James Luther Adams played a major role in shaping contemporary Unitarian Universalist theology. This service is the first in a series of sermons exploring the Adams legacy and will focus on his views of Faith and Freedom.

### 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 August 7th**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**In-Person Service in Webster Hall**  
**[Live-Stream Service Link](#)**  
**Social Hour Immediately following**

**Wednesday August 10th**  
**6:00 p.m. Song Circle at Cedars Center**

## News and Announcements

### Safe Gatherings at Cedars

Our congregation values using sound science and following advice of health agencies to adapt our safety guidelines to the changing status of the COVID-19 virus. You may find our current [COVID Safety Guidelines on the Cedars Website](#). It now includes the current Community Risk Level and a table describing what precautions we are implementing for

### Our Congregational Mission

*Worship with open hearts  
Nurture a learning spirit  
Serve justice with compassion  
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indoor gatherings. We are currently at GREEN, meaning Masking is optional, but Masks are required when singing.

The Cedars Board of Trustees has also decided to no longer require vaccinations at gatherings, though we do ask that all unvaccinated individuals wear masks and maintain appropriate physical distancing at all times. Community vaccination rates in Kitsap County are now at 80% and we know that a few people at Cedars have not been able to obtain vaccines. Our gathering precautions include social and physical distancing and increased ventilation at the current Community Risk Level.

The people at Cedars UU Church care deeply about each other and the community we have built together. We trust that each person will act responsibly to protect themselves and others using masks, distancing and other precautions. Following these guidelines will allow more people to gather and join in experiences safely.

We are all in this together, and as we say in unison on Sundays: let's "treat all people kindly because we are one family." **Your Cedars Board of Trustees**

### August Special Collection Project Backpack



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.

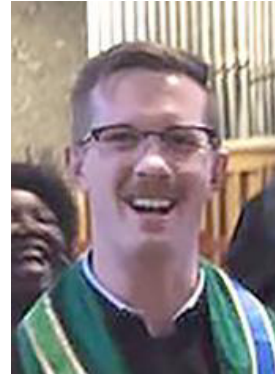
On August 14th, the Social Justice Committee has chosen to collect money for Project Backpack. All money donated in the Sunday offering on August 14th will benefit Project Backpack, a program through Helpline House that provides free school supplies and backpacks to children in need. Project Backpack began in 2000 and serves over 130 children each year. Students receive a large bag filled with grade appropriate school supplies including earbuds, paper and more. They receive a gift card to purchase other items as needed and get to select a backpack of their choice. This year lunchboxes will be offered as well. For more information about this program, visit

**Project Backpack | Bainbridge Island | [HelplineHouse.org](https://www.helplinehouse.org)**

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 "Project Backpack" to place in the offering basket or send it to the Cedars Church Office by August 21st.



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



**Rev. Zackrie Vinczen**



### 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.

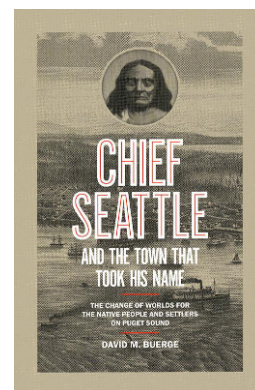
We typically meet on the second Sunday of the month and utilize the UU Principles as touchstones and reference points for exploration.

Contact **Cory Munson** for more information.

### Evans Reading Group

**We invite you to join us**

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 current selection, proposed by Richard Wilson, is ***Chief Seattle and the Town that took his name*** by David Buerge.

Historian Buerge has assembled disparate accounts of the time from the 1780's to the

## Cedars Teams

Currently, our Cedars Teams are inactive. As we began meeting in-person again after Covid safety protocols were implemented, it was soon clear that the Cedars Teams had lost participants and there were not enough people to handle setup duties.

Because setup is still necessary, we have eliminated or simplified some of the things we used to do and created new Task Teams responsible for Setup Leadership, Worship Setup, and Hospitality/Greeting. Each Task Team has a leader and ideally 4-5 members made up of people attending the in-person services. The leader schedules the rotation of duties.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for one of the Task Teams, please contact **Sally Wilson**, setup coordinator.

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## Cedars Monthly Potluck

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

August's potluck will be on Saturday, August 13th at the home of Alison, Mike, Aidan and Cecile Stokes located at 4255 Sorrel Ave NE Bainbridge Island, WA 98110 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. The potluck will be held in their large backyard. In the event of sprinkles their covered outdoor deck area, their gazebo, and a tent will be available for shelter. 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 along the street in their neighborhood.

For more information or if you are also interested in hosting a potluck contact **Carolyn Kempkes** at [ecrkempkes@icloud.com](mailto:ecrkempkes@icloud.com).



## UU Camp in the Pacific Northwest

The Eliot Institute holds four multi-day inter-generational

camps each year for members and friends of Unitarian Universalist congregations at the Seabeck Conference Center in the Pacific Northwest.

For three of Eliot's camps, there is a morning program on topics that range from spiritual growth, social justice, environmental issues, and the arts. Programs for youth and children run concurrently with the adult morning program. Afternoons and evenings are filled with traditional camp activities. Our fourth camp, Creative Arts Eliot, features workshops led by artists instead of a speaker.

**Visit our website** to learn more and read

1860s—including native oral histories, Hudson's Bay Company records, pioneer diaries, and historic newspaper reporting to tell the story of an era of tremendous flux, turmoil, and violence during which a Native American war leader became an advocate for peace and strove to create a successful racial hybrid community.

We will discuss the book (via Zoom) at 1:30 pm on September 13th. For more information contact **Alan Miller** or **Mary Romeo**.

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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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## Song Circle

**Song Circle**, another Cedars Center activity, is scheduled for Wednesday August 10th, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. If you enjoy singing, but have come across a UU hymn that you found challenging, then Archer invites you to join others for an hour of singing from our ***Singing the Living Tradition*** and ***Singing the Journey*** with both hymnals provided. Come and sing our living tradition.

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## Join Us for a Grand Hike

Join our Faith Formation Lead Archer Philip on Saturday August 13th at 2pm for a hike through the Grand Forest! The hike will be led by the experienced Christina Conklin and afterward you may join us on a short walk to the home of Hugh Handeyside for a light meal and games. All ages are welcome, if you are interested in joining us please RSVP by emailing Archer Philip at [faith.formation@cedarsuuchurch.org](mailto:faith.formation@cedarsuuchurch.org).

Where: Meet at the West entrance of the Grand Forest off of Miller Rd.  
After the hike you may walk or drive to 6265 NE Tolo Rd.



about specific **camp descriptions and dates**. Seabeck Conference Center has a variety of **housing options**. Proof of vaccination is required by Eliot Institute and there are **scholarship funds** available. If you have questions, you can contact our administrator, Bev Hesterberg at [eliotregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:eliotregistrar@gmail.com).

Come relax, grow and connect with others on the beautiful 90-acre campus in Seabeck, Washington, with sweeping views of Hood Canal and the Olympic Mountains. We would love to have you join us!



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## Cedars Creativity Fair 2022

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

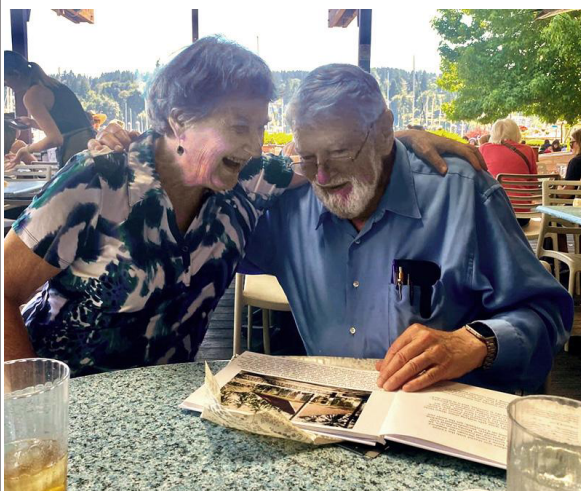
Our identity as a congregational community has been weakened by the Covid-19 pandemic, and one response has been to re-imagine virtual versions of the several after-service **Creativity Fairs** that were held in Webster Hall in recent years.

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

**Fran Korten** said "Last Saturday, we celebrated Dave's birthday and I gave him a Shutterfly book with photos of his 3-month 1961 trip to Asia and text from the letters he sent home about his various adventures and travails. The book was a real hit, bringing back long forgotten memories."



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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 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)

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## 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.

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## 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.



## 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.

## 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 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 and [here](#).

## 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

### Faith Formation Lead

[faith.formation@cedarsuuchurch.org](mailto:faith.formation@cedarsuuchurch.org)

## Carolyn Kerns, Office Administrator

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