

The Beacon

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Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church
Serving Bainbridge Island and Northern Kitsap County



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Upcoming Services

All Souls Day

Sunday October 30th
10:00 a.m.

In-Person Service in Webster Hall

Rev. Zackrie Vinczen

Reflecting on the dead and our relationship to them can help give our lives meaning. This week you are invited to join in a ritual of reflection as we consider how we are still in relationship with the departed and how such relationships can help us live our lives more fully.

For this service, people are encouraged to bring pictures of departed loved ones to place on our communal table during the Prelude.

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Sunday November 6th
10:00 a.m.

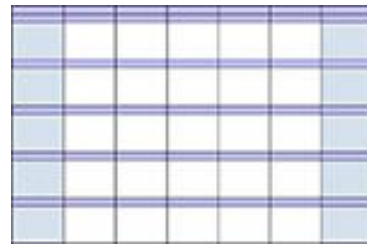
In-Person Service in Webster Hall

Rev. Zackrie Vinczen
Gregory Cook, Worship Associate

The differences between Unitarian Universalism in the United States and Unitarianism in Transylvania seem vast on their surface, and yet we consider ourselves to be partners in our religious endeavors.

In this service we will explore characteristics of the Hungarian Unitarian Church in light of our own UU identity.

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.

Friday October 28th

6:00 p.m. Cedars Center Game Night

Saturday October 29th

2:00 p.m. Halloween Craft-ernoon

Sunday October 30th

10:00 a.m.

In-Person Service in Webster Hall

[Live-Stream Service Link](#)

Coffee hour immediately following

Reminder: Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday, November 6th.

News and Announcements

The Time is Now

Facing the Climate Crisis

The just-released Fall/Winter issue of the Unitarian Universalist

Association's **UU World** magazine presents a multi-faceted exploration of the very significant climate crisis now threatening our future as the human race.

The issue is distributed directly to active members of our Cedars Congregation, and is also publicly available online at uuworld.org in an expanded presentation with additional material.



Climate Smart Challenge

Come join 16 other Cedars families who have joined the

Bainbridge Island Climate Smart Challenge.



The program is designed to help all of us reduce our contributions to climate change. The program provides lots of ideas on actions any household can take.

If you have any questions, please contact **Mike Cox** at **206-799-3725** or toxman57@gmail.com.

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 indoor gatherings. We are currently at GREEN, meaning Masking is optional, but Masks are required when singing.

The people at Cedars UU Church care deeply about each other. 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.

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Our Congregational Mission

*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



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.

Join us on Zoom.

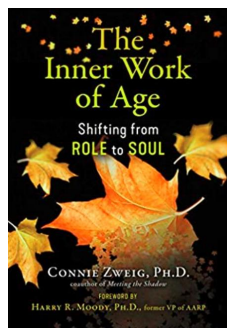
Contact **Cory Munson** for more information.

All-Ages Game Night!

Join Faith Formation Lead, Archer Philip, at

Elder Spiritual Study Group

Calling all Crones, Sages, Elders, and Seniors. Are you interested in a study group on the subject of Spiritual Aging? Donna Moore and Johanna Munson have started a relevant discussion group. Using The Inner Work of Age: Shifting from Role to Soul by Connie Sweig, Ph. D. as a guide, we are exploring the inner obstacles and embrace the hidden spiritual gifts of aging.



Psychotherapist and bestselling author Connie Zweig uses inner work to uncover and explore our unconscious denial and resistance to aging. "Reclaim your creativity and allow mortality to be a teacher." Woven throughout with wisdom from such prominent elders as Ken Wilber, and Rabbi Rami Shapiro, the text shows ways to embrace a fulfilling late life.

You've filled out your Advance Directive forms, posted your POLST and written your Will, now what do you do? (If you haven't done these vital tasks, contact **Johanna**). Sit and wait for the Grim Reaper? Not very UU of you. Obviously, we have to have one last discussion group.

Details: Sessions every other week, held on Zoom- no charge.

Time/Date remaining: Wednesday 1-2:30pm, November 9

- The book can be purchased at Eagle Harbor Book Company for 20% off, or online
- Participants are encouraged to actively engage in reflection and discussion, and will need a journal to respond to practices offered in the book.

Registration for this group is now closed. If you have any questions, contact **Johanna Munson.**

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

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our Cedars Center meeting room from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday October 28th for a night of family games.



All are welcome to join in on the fun. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided and we hope to see you there!



Halloween Craft-ernoon

It's almost Halloween and you can never have too many decorations. Embrace your creative side and

join Archer Philip for an afternoon of craft projects that you can take home and use as decorations to show your Halloween spirit.

Come to the Cedars Center between 2pm and 4pm on Saturday the 29th! All ages are welcome and there will also be a special activity decorating a larger item that will be used in the October 30th All Souls Day Service.

Pastoral Care Update

The Pastoral Care team is looking for people who can help with meals or rides for people who are needing an extra boost. Please take time to fill out the **Pastoral Care Volunteer Interest Form**. We are thankful to the many people who have stepped up in the past few months to help.

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** or send an email to pastoralcare@cedarsuuchurch.org.

Social Justice Committee Update

In October the Social Justice Committee had four activities:

1. We wrote over 100 postcards to get the vote out in Arizona. Thanks to all of those that participated.
2. We collected about \$700 for Earth Justice as our special collection

the creativity present in our talented and capable congregation, those fairs helped us get to know and appreciate each other.

Please join the fun and enjoy the growing show using the link below! If you have something to share, send a photo and description to office@cedarsuuchurch.org.

Cedars Creativity Fair 2022

Words are unnecessary as **Shayne and Warren** explore Nepal:

organization for October. Thanks for your generous donations.

3. We helped with Super Suppers - thanks to **Dean, Bob, Steve, and Aiden**.
4. Our service on Sunday October 23rd was focused on what we can do to address climate change - thanks to **Sandy, Fran,** and our guest speaker **John Kydd**.

If you are interested in joining the Social Justice Committee please contact **Mike Cox** at toxman57@gmail.com or 206-799-3725.

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](#).

This month's Super Supper is scheduled for **October 25**. Please contact **Penny Brewer** for more information.

Styrofoam & Mattress Recycle

Styrofoam seems to effortlessly gather in our garages and under-supervised domestic spaces as a byproduct of package deliveries.

Fortunately, In partnership with **DTG Recycle**, Kitsap County is hosting a styrofoam and mattress recycling collection event for Kitsap County households. This will be Saturday, October 29, from 9 am - 3 pm at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds Sheep Barn (enter at Tibardis Rd NW).

Questions? Email solidwaste@kitsap.gov.

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 and [here](#).

Services and Faith Formation

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
The Island School
8553 NE Day Road

Rev. Zackrie Vinczen, Minister

For an appointment, e-mail
minister@cedarsuuchurch.org

Bainbridge Island

Cedars Center

284 Madrona Way, NE #128
Bainbridge Island WA 98110
(206) 780-0373

For an urgent matter, call (360) 930-9339 (Pastoral Care)

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