

The Beacon

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



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Upcoming Services

Association and Action

Sunday November 13th
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Service in Webster Hall

Rev Zackrie Vinczen
Johanna Munson, Worship Associate

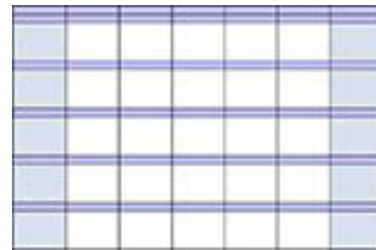
Unitarian minister and theologian James Luther Adams played a major role in shaping contemporary Unitarian Universalist theology. This service is the third and final sermon in a series exploring the Adams legacy and will focus on his views of Association and Action.

Sharing Our Sustenance

Sunday November 20th
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Service in Webster Hall

Helping our community thrive, this service will feature a food drive for those who are struggling to feed families or themselves. Our generosity can make Thanksgiving dinner tables more memorably satisfying in the homes of those in need.

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 November 13th
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Service in Webster Hall
[Live-Stream Service Link](#)
Coffee hour immediately following

7:00 p.m.
Parent Chalice Circle

Tuesday November 15th
7:00 p.m. Cedars Board Meeting

News and Announcements

Food Drive

On **Sunday November 20th**, Cedars is holding a food drive service. The theme for this service is community. What helps a community thrive? Food banks can be vital for a community, especially for those in the community who are struggling. All food



Our Congregational Mission

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Love without judgment*

donations will be going to Helpline House and Fishline. Below are suggested items for the Thanksgiving season.

THANKSGIVING MOST NEEDED:

- Sugars
- Baking spices
- Dried Herbs
- Imitation Vanilla Extract
- Instant Gravy & Gravy Mix
- Fried Onions to top Green Bean Casserole
- Shelf stable items for Appetizers

Garden fresh produce such as broccoli, beets, carrots, green onions, beans and peas, and lettuces would be greatly appreciated. Please wash and bag produce, if possible. It's okay if you are unable to prewash veggies, just let us know. If you are able to prewash and bag produce, please prepare bags in portions for 2 to 4 people. That'll help us get it on the shelves quickly for shoppers.

Trans Day of Remembrance

On **Sunday November 20th at 4pm**, there will be a panel discussion at the **Bainbridge Island Museum of Art** in honor of Trans Day of Remembrance. This discussion will explore how we simultaneously hold gratitude and sorrow for lives lost but not forgotten.

The panel will be made up of members of the North Kitsap/Bainbridge Island Interfaith Council—including **Rev. Zackrie**.

For more information on the event, visit the **BI Museum of Art's website**.

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.

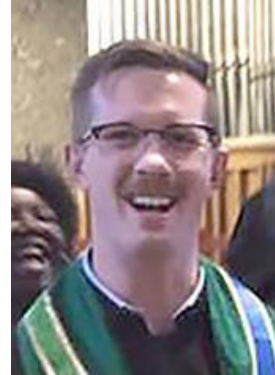
The people at Cedars UU Church care deeply about each other. We trust that each person will act responsibly to protect themselves and others using masks, distancing, and other precautions. Following these guidelines will allow more people to gather and join in experiences safely.

Your Cedars Board of Trustees

Elder Spiritual Study Group



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



Rev. Zackrie Vinczen

Musical Notes

So much hard work and dedication goes into providing music each week for our Sunday services. And each week we are grateful for those willing to make music and lead us all in song. This week, we want to offer a special thanks to **Peter Spencer** for leading music this coming Sunday.

Sunday Hymns:

[For All That is Our Life \(#128\)](#)

[Our World is One World \(#134\)](#)

[Once to Every Soul and Nation \(#119\)](#)

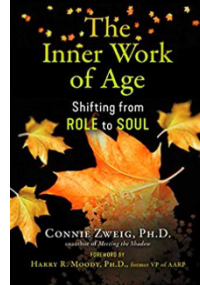
Chalice Saplings

When: Nov. 13th, Nov. 27th, Dec. 11th, Dec. 18th

Chalice Saplings is a space for any children attending Sunday Service. Facilitated by Faith Formation Lead Archer Philip and volunteers, this space is where children can experience their own form of worship through activity based learning. There will be a chalice lighting, check ins, and a different activity every session.

All facilitators of Chalice Saplings are vetted with a background check. If you are interested in having your child/children participate, there will be a form to fill out when you arrive on Sunday at the door. You may also contact Archer Philip at faith.formation@cedarsuuchurch.org for more information and a copy of the form in advance.

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.

Final Session: Monday, November 21 from 1-2:30 pm
In-person at the Cedars Center

If you have any questions, contact **Johanna Munson.**

Interfaith Council Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday November 22nd at 7:00 pm at Rolling Bay Presbyterian Church

The theme for this year's Annual IFC Thanksgiving service is *Gratitude to Mother Earth*. It will be held at Rolling Bay Presbyterian Church starting at 7:00 pm.

If you would like more information, please contact **Mike Cox** at toxman57@gmail.com or 206-799-3725.

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



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.

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.

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 **November 29**. Please contact **Penny Brewer** for more information.

The Time is Now

Facing the Climate Crisis

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



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

Cedars connections continue beyond our home location: Former member **Bonnie Yocus** (now in Olympia) says she's taking a beginning drawing course at the senior center and that former member **John Wiens** (also now in Olympia) is teaching it!"



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 18 other Cedars families who have joined the **Bainbridge Island Climate Smart Challenge**.

On Monday, November 21st at 7:00 pm we will be discussing the pros and cons of purchasing an Electric Vehicle with Erick Fredrick from Coltura. Coltura is a Seattle based organization advocating for policies to phase out the sales of new gasoline-powered vehicles by 2030.

Join us on Monday, November 21st at 7:00 pm to learn about Electric Vehicles.
[Zoom Link](#)

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

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
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Bainbridge Island

Cedars Center

284 Madrona Way, NE #128
Bainbridge Island WA 98110
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Rev. Zackrie Vinczen, Minister

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