

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

Sharing Our Sustenance

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

Mike Cox and Service Associates

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.

Atonement

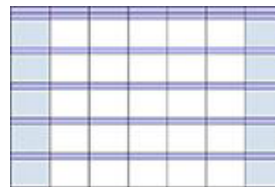
Sunday November 27th
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Service in Webster Hall

Rev Zackrie Vinczen
Gregory Cook, Worship Associate

Universalist minister Hosea Ballou was famously known for his views on atonement.

In this service, we will consider his views and reflect on the role that atonement plays in contemporary society.

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 20th
10:00 a.m.
Food Drive and In-Person Service in Webster Hall
[Live-Stream Service Link](#)
Coffee hour immediately following

4:00 p.m. Trans Day of Remembrance

Monday November 21st
1:00 p.m. Elder Spiritual Study Group

7:00 p.m. Climate Smart Challenge

Tuesday November 22nd
7:00 p.m. Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Thursday November 24th
Thanksgiving Day

Friday November 25th
6:00 p.m. Community Night Drum Circle

News and Announcements

**November
Special
Collection**



Fishline

Our November 20th Special Collection will be for **Fishline's Christmas Child Campaign**.

Our Congregational Mission

*Worship with open hearts
Nurture a learning spirit
Serve justice with compassion*

The program provides gifts for families that are in need in Kitsap County .

If you would like to receive a tax deduction for your donation, please write a check payable to Cedars UU Church with Fishline in the memo to place in the offering basket on November 20th or send it to the Cedars Church Office by November 30th.

Food Drive

On Sunday November 20th, Cedars will also be holding a **Food Drive**



Service. The theme for this activity will be 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 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.

Community Loaves

Calling all Bakers:
Participate in
Baking Bread for
local food banks



We will partner with **Community Loaves**, an organization that strives to nurture strong communities through the connection, training, and empowerment of home-based bakers to reduce hunger and promote wellness.

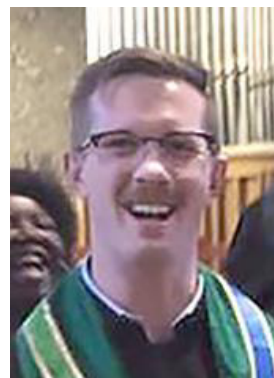
To participate as bakers, you need to take a **one-hour information session**. The next information session is Tuesday, December 6th at either 12:00 pm or 5:00 pm.

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

Love without judgment



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



Rev. Zackrie Vinczen

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 time and 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.



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

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

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

the month and utilize the UU Principles as touchstones and reference points for exploration.

Join us on Zoom.

Contact **Cory Munson** for more information.



Community Drum Circle

When: Nov. 25th 6pm - 7pm

Where: The Cedars Center

This month **Archer Philip** is hosting a Drum Circle! Join your community for some musical fun on the last Friday of November from 6pm to 7pm. Dust off your rhythm instruments and bring them down to the Cedars Center. If you have no such instruments, there will be extras provided by Archer Philip.

All ages are welcome and no skill is required!



Gazzam Lake Hike

When: Nov. 27th, 3pm

Where: Gazzam Lake Trailhead (6105 NE Marshall Road)

Gathering at Coppertop Taproom (9415 Coppertop Loop NE) after the hike.

Join **Archer Philip** and **Christina Woolf** for a lovely hike around Gazzam Lake on November 27th. The hike will start at the trailhead located at 6105 NE Marshall Road. Afterwards, we will be gathering at the Coppertop Brewery Taproom, an all ages friendly venue, located at 9415 Coppertop Loop NE. The hike will be led by Christina Woolf who will be sharing her Naturalist expertise with the group as we make our way through the trail.

Whether you are looking for some exercise after a Thanksgiving meal, some fun nature facts, or just a nice walk with good friends, this is the hike for you! If you have any questions, feel free to contact **Archer Philip** at faith.formation@cedarsuuchurch.org.

Pastoral Care Update

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 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

A recent facebook sharing: "I didn't realize how tall you are Wayne -- You are usually sitting down when I see you" drew this modest response from Wayne Specht: "That's because I like keeping a low profile."

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

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
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

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