

The Beacon

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Serving Bainbridge Island and Northern Kitsap County

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Upcoming Services

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.

Suquamish History and Culture

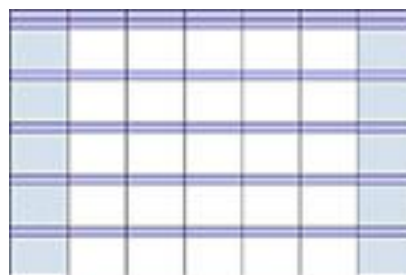
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Suquamish Museum Visit

Mike Cox, Visit Coordination and Lead

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[Sign up here.](#)

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

Sunday November 27th
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Service in Webster Hall
[Live-Stream Service Link](#)
Coffee hour immediately following

3:00 p.m. Gazzam Lake Hike

Tuesday November 29th
4:45 p.m. Super Supper

News and Announcements



Suquamish Museum Visit

In lieu of our typical Sunday Service in The Island School's Webster Hall on December 4th, we will be visiting the Suquamish Museum for a guided tour and discussion of local indigenous history and culture, with informal snacks and conversation following in a private meeting room at the museum.

Preserving and displaying relics and records relating to the Suquamish Tribe, including artifacts from Old Man House and the Baba'kwob site, the museum is located at **6861 NE South St, in Suquamish.. Visit the [museum website](#)** for more information.



Please **sign up** if you are interested so we can get a sense of the number of people attending. For more information contact **Mike Cox** at toxman57@gmail.com or 206-799-3725.

Safe Gatherings at Cedars

Boosters are Still Cool

Moving into Fall, Kitsap County continues to be low for COVID-19 Community Transmission. What a relief to see that vaccines, personal protective measures and safe community norms have been so effective. Our own practices at Cedars have certainly contributed to protecting our community.

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

Musical Notes

Much hard work and dedication goes into providing music for our Sunday Services. And each week we are grateful for those who make the music and lead us all in song. This week, we offer a special thanks to **Audrey Blair** for leading music this coming Sunday.

Sunday Hymns:

[Spirit of Life \(#123\)](#)
[Filled with Loving Kindness \(#1031\)](#)
[Love Makes a Bridge \(#325\)](#)

Kitsap has a very good Vaccination Rate of nearly 83%! People keeping up to date on their booster have not been so good, with only 42% obtaining their Booster Shot. Although I am in New Mexico, it was time for my Booster update (third one for me), so I headed to a local pharmacy. In addition to my COVID-19 booster, I also got my annual flu shot. I encourage you all to get vaccine updates if you are able to. You can find locations by going to **Vaccinate WA: Find COVID-19 Vaccine Providers Near You.**

Enjoy a safe and active December!

Jeff Philip
President, Board of Trustees

Walking St. Olav's Way

Who was Saint Olav? Why is there a collection of "ways" in Norway and Sweden bearing his name? And why would anyone want to walk hundreds of miles to visit the place he is supposedly buried? After our Sunday service on December 11 please join Cedars member **Rod Kempkes** to explore these questions and enjoy a slide show about the 350 mile walk he took this summer with his daughter Erin and wife Carolyn, from Oslo to Trondheim along one of the many St. Olav's Ways pilgrimage routes from the middle ages.

Please come to our regular Sunday service on December the 11th if you can. Look for more about that service in next week's Beacon.

Rod's talk will begin around 11:15 am after the service in Webster Hall and go for about 30 minutes with plenty of time for questions and answers. All ages are invited to attend his family friendly presentation.

Chalice Saplings

When: 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.



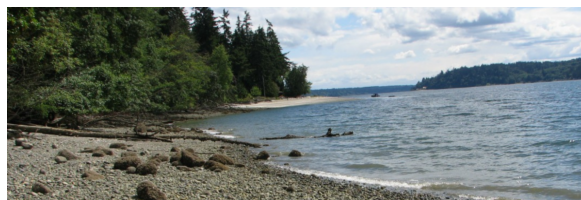
Community Drum Circle

When: Friday 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: Sunday Nov. 27th, 3pm



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.

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.

Where: Gazzam Lake Trailhead (6105 NE Marshall Road)

Join **Archer Philip** and **Christina Woolf** for a lovely hike around Gazzam Lake on November 27th.

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

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

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

Former members and active friends of Cedars **Jill** and **Nani** enjoyed Setubal Portugal in the conclusion of a grand European adventure enriched with reconnection and shared activities with many special friends now living or also visiting there.



Brewer for more information.

Facing the Climate Crisis



The Fall/Winter issue of the **UU World** magazine presents a multi-faceted exploration of the very significant environmental challenge now threatening our future as the human race.

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

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

Faith Formation Lead
faith.formation@cedarsuuchurch.org

Carolyn Kerns, Office Administrator

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