

# The Beacon

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



**CEDARS CHURCH**  
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## Upcoming Services

### The Spirituality of Trees

**Sunday July 9th**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**In-Person service in Webster Hall**

**Rev. Zackrie Vinczen**  
**Jeff Philip, Worship Associate**

We can learn a lot from the roots, trunks, branches, and leaves of trees –both literal and metaphorical. In this service, we will pause to consider some of these lessons for ourselves.

### Journeys That Transform Us

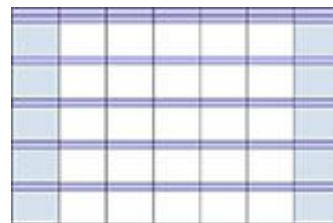
**Sunday July 16th**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**In-Person service in Webster Hall**

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

Not all trips are the same. There's the business trip and vacation. The trips to the grocery store or post office. And then there are those journeys (both near and far) that transform us.

Join us for this service as we explore what makes such journeys different.

### 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, July 9th**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**In-Person Service in Webster Hall**  
**[Live-Stream Link](#)**  
**Coffee and Social time following**



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

## News and Announcements

### Recalling a Memory

This week's Independence Day activities have brought back memories of Cedar's productive participation and public presence in the local Grand Old Fourth parade just a few years ago (in 2017).

We were helping the community recognize our

### Our Congregational Mission

*Worship with open hearts  
Nurture a learning spirit  
Serve justice with compassion  
Love without judgment*

presence as a socially active and welcoming UU congregation in which they might also find satisfying programs and service opportunities for themselves.



## Safe Gatherings at Cedars

### Caution Recommended

Based on the recent decision to no longer require masking in health care facilities in Washington State, the Board of Trustees has decided that Cedars will no longer ask people to mask up while singing at Sunday Services.

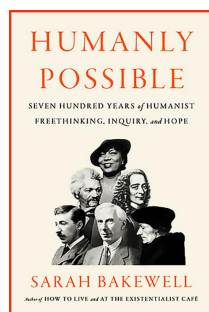
As we watch the health data, Cedars UU Church will continue to urge caution in the weeks ahead.

We will always honor people's individual choice to wear a mask at any time.

**Current COVID Safety - Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church ([cedarsuuchurch.org](http://cedarsuuchurch.org))**

## Evans Reading Group

Regaining focus in post-pandemic daylight, the Evans Reading Group is pleased to invite your participation as we return to our Cedars practice of reading and discussing books that can intrigue and might enlighten us in seeking "Salvation by Bibliography" as our late friend Marvin Evans used to say.



Our current selection, proposed by Mary Romeo, is *Humanly Possible*, a sweeping new study by Sarah Bakewell that takes readers on a grand intellectual adventure bringing extraordinary humanists together across history. Some of them sought to promote scientific and rationalist ideas, others put more emphasis on moral living, and still others were concerned with the cultural and literary studies known as "the humanities."

We will finish our several-session Zoom discussion of this book covering chapters 7 through 12 on July 25th at this [link](#).



**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 willing to make music and lead us all in song. This week, we offer special thanks to **Audrey Blair** for music accompaniment.

### Sunday Hymns:

1. **Let It Be a Dance (#311) Hymn of the Month**
2. **This Is My Song (#159)**
3. **Circle 'Round for Freedom (#155)**
4. **Spirit of Life (#123)**

## Time for All Ages Volunteers

Are you looking for new ways to get involved, have fun, and make meaning? Is it time to spice up your church life? If so, then we have an opportunity for you.

The Worship Team is looking for people willing to lead games, tell jokes, and share stories during the Time for All Ages portion of our Sunday services. Whether you're a long time storyteller seeking an audience or brand new to public speaking, we have a place for you.

So, if you're ready to add a little humor and fun to our Sunday mornings, please reach out to **Rev. Zackrie**, and let him know that you're ready to make us laugh and create meaning. He can take it from there and help find a home for your talents.

## Children's Faith Formation Needs You

An enthusiastic group of parents has begun planning children's programming. Program activities will be scheduled in the Island School library on selected Sunday mornings and the help of other adults will be welcomed.

Seeing an active children's Faith Formation

All are welcome to join us. For more information contact **Alan Miller** or **Mary Romeo**.

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THE SUQUAMISH TRIBE



## Suquamish Good Neighbor Opportunities

This year is an important year for the Suquamish Tribe. For the first time since 2019, the Canoe Journey & Chief Seattle Days will be open to the public. These events will take place on the following dates:

**Canoe Journey:** Friday July 28th-Sunday July 30th

**Chief Seattle Days:** Friday August 18th-Sunday August 20th

Reopening these events suggests a significant public presence and the need for volunteer support. Cedars volunteers have participated with such assistance in the past, providing appreciated support while gaining rewarding insight into the tribe's presence and culture.

More information is available [here](#).

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## Cedars Creativity Fair 2023

### See What Others Have Been Doing

Our identity as a congregational community is strengthened by the activities and gatherings we enjoy together, as well as by the ways we can find to know each other better.

In past years we organized occasional Creativity Fairs to share individual interests and capabilities following Webster Hall services, and in response to the more recent pandemic we have shifted to on-line or virtual versions of those fairs.

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.

Continuing that sharing of individual interests and creativity, 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](mailto:office@cedarsuuchurch.org).

## Cedars Creativity Fair 2023

**Melissa Edgerton** shared this photo of Chewie looking dapper in his holiday bow tie:

effort getting off the ground again is exhilarating. To volunteer your assistance, please email Jeff Philip at [president@cedarsuuchurch.org](mailto:president@cedarsuuchurch.org).

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## 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](mailto:pastoralcare@cedarsuuchurch.org).

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## 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](#).

For more information contact **Mike Cox** at **206-799-3725** or [toxman57@gmail.com](mailto:toxman57@gmail.com).

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## Kitsap 2023 Pride Festival



**Kitsap Pride** is Kitsap County's premier LGBTQ+ Pride event and is scheduled to take place on **Saturday, July 22nd, from 2:00 to 9:00 pm** at the Bremerton Fairgrounds.

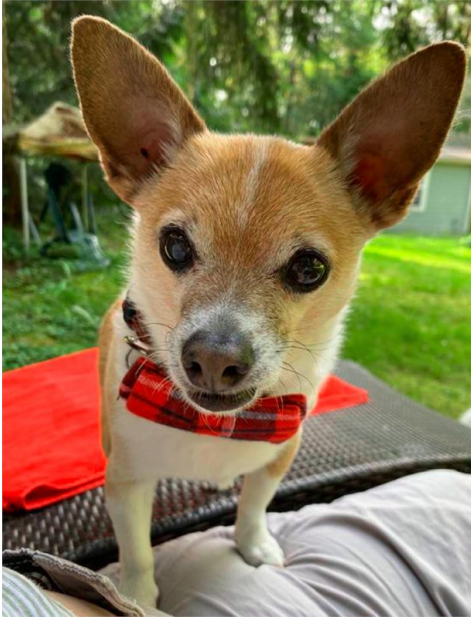
It is a free, family-friendly event. The main stage will feature live music, DJ, and drag performances. Kitsap Pride will host a beer garden and a Pride store for logo merchandise.

They are looking for volunteers to help with the event. To register to help and for more information on the event use this [link](#).

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## Food4Kids

**Monday, August 7th**  
**9:00-11:30 a.m.**



**Kingston Cares** provides and delivers nutritious, kid-friendly meals to over 120 local students who lack access to other food programs during school breaks. Last year they provided 11,000 meals!



It takes a small army to set-up, pack, clean-up and recycle each Monday morning when schools aren't in session. We have committed to creating a team of 17 people to prepare the food packs in Kingston on this one Monday in August. This is a great opportunity for us to reach out to North Kitsap and enjoy a morning volunteering together. Best of all: families are welcome!

Please contact **Patricia Erdmann** to sign up for our CEDARS Team. **360 953-4503** or [pperdmann@gmail.com](mailto:pperdmann@gmail.com)

### 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.

### 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. Zackie Vinczen, Minister

For an appointment, e-mail [minister@cedarsuuchurch.org](mailto:minister@cedarsuuchurch.org)  
For an urgent matter, call (360) 930-9339 (Pastoral Care)

### Position open

**Faith Formation Lead**  
[faith.formation@cedarsuuchurch.org](mailto:faith.formation@cedarsuuchurch.org)

### Carolyn Kerns, Office Administrator

Available remotely Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
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