

The Beacon

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



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--- Upcoming Services

The Science of Giving: Think Globally, Act Locally?

Sunday July 30th
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Service in Webster Hall

Earle Canfield, Guest Speaker
Herb Hethcote, Worship Associate

"Think Globally: Act Locally" is a favorite rallying proclamation of many liberals, humanists, and UUs. But what does it mean? What's wrong with "thinking locally" or "acting globally," instead?

Having thought for many years about how to best help, I offer my ANSWER as to how we should be Giving. And there is so much that we can also gain from our giving!

When done right, helping others helps us in return!

Approaching Our True Self

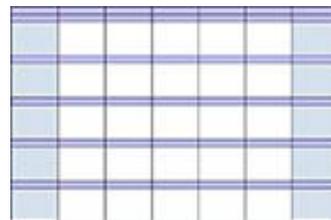
Sunday August 6th
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Service in Webster Hall

Rev. Zackrie Vinczen
Johanna Munson, Worship Associate

When there is too much space between our inner self and outer self we can begin to feel anxious or afraid.

In this service we will consider how we can close this gap as we approach our truest self.

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 July 28th – Saturday July 29th
8:00 a.m. Friday – 6:00 p.m. Saturday
Coast Salish Canoe Journey
Suquamish Tribal Center

Sunday July 30th
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Service in Webster Hall
[Live-Stream Link](#)
Coffee and Social time following



News and Announcements





Coast Salish Canoe Journey

Ocean-going canoes are scheduled to land at the Charles Lawrence boat ramp in Suquamish today (July 28th), as the Suquamish Tribe welcomes other tribes of the Coast Salish for the 30th anniversary of the traditional Canoe Journey before joining them for the remainder of the journey, which will end this year at Alki Beach and on the grounds of the Muckleshoot Tribe in Seattle and Auburn.

On these culturally significant journeys and gatherings, tribes visit other tribes along the way to rest, share a meal, and take part in ceremonial celebrations. The ceremonies begin with paddlers asking permission from hosting tribes to come ashore, and once ashore the tribes share meals, prayers, music, and dances.

Additionally, for the first time since 2019, the Canoe Journey and next month's Chief Seattle Days will be open to the public, and the tribe is reaching out to the community with a request for help. Rev. Zackrie Vinczen has agreed to help by coordinating volunteers for both events and it is currently anticipated that people will be needed to fill the following roles:

- Parking Attendant
- Meal Assistance
- Trash & Recycling Attendant
- Info Booth Attendant
- First-aid Support

If you are available and willing to help out, please contact Zackrie by email at: minister@cedarsuuchurch.org

More information is available [here](#).



Background information about the Canoe Journey tradition is available [here](#).

Safe Gatherings at Cedars



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

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

Our Congregational Mission



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 **Deniz O'Rourke** for music accompaniment.

Sunday Hymns:

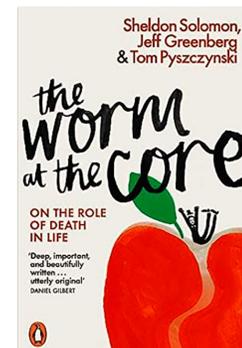
Let It Be a Dance (#311) Hymn of the Month

This is My Song (#159)

We'll Build a Land (#121)

Evans Reading Group

The Evans Reading Group is pleased to invite your participation in our 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.



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)

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 effort getting off the ground again is exhilarating. To volunteer your assistance, please email Jeff Philip at president@cedarsuuchurch.org.

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.

Cedars Creativity Fair 2023

Emily Mockett and Phil Hutcherson offer this poetic and photographic homage to the glory and fascination of nature:

Buzzzzzzing

I hear the resonance

Our next selection is *The Worm at the Core: On the Role of Death in Life*.

"Deep, important, and beautifully written, *The Worm at the Core* describes a brilliant, original program of scientific research on death, a force so powerful that it drives our lives, but so frightening that we cannot think clearly about it. This book shines the light of reason on the heart of human darkness."—Daniel Gilbert, Edgar Pierce Professor of Psychology, Harvard University.

Join us for an interesting discussion via Zoom at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5th. If you would like to be on our email list, let **Mary Romeo** know.

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.

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.

Before I can see them
The purpling of ceanothus
Sprouts a swarming
As if a silent platinum song
Summons all the teen fandom
Rushing the stage of Spring
As if Charlie's chocolate factory
Has given away a million gold tickets
And all the children come
to lick the periwinkle gum drops
As if the life force energy
that invisibly moves the trees
laying down a new golden ring
Now sounding, seen, sensed
I hear the resonance
Before I can see them
Their buzzzzzzing enters my skin
I feel my part in the Aliveness
Invisible yet infinite
Blessed bees

*Reverent emilyjane
Poetry as Prayer*



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.

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 10 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

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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)

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