

The Beacon

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



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Upcoming Services

Being a Good Neighbor

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

Rev. Zackrie Vinczen
Gregory Cook, Worship Associate

Being a neighbor isn't all borrowed cups of sugar and BBQs. Sometimes these close proximity relationships are fraught with tension.

Come join us as we explore the essence of neighborliness together.

Walden in the Anthropocene

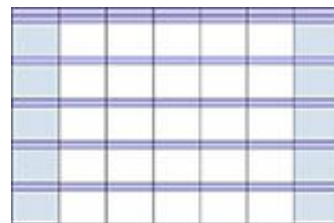
Sunday September 3rd
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Service in Webster Hall

Rev. Barry Andrews
Jenny Weaver, Worship Associate

Given the challenges we face, how can a man who went off to the woods for two years—woods he almost burned down himself a year earlier—tell us anything about the Anthropocene, global warming, and the threat of extinction?

What advice can someone who was born two hundred years ago offer to those living today?

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 August 27th
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Service in Webster Hall
[Live-Stream Link](#)
Coffee and Social time following

Tuesday August 29th
5:00 p.m.
Interfaith Council Super Supper



News and Announcements

Cedars Summer BBQ





Following last week's worship service in Webster Hall, many of us in our Cedars family regathered for a mid-day summer picnic in Bainbridge Island's Battle Point Park, sharing and enjoying favorite mealtime contributions as well as the special opportunity for reconnecting with each other and getting to know and appreciate others who are new to us.

The weather was good, and the sense that our congregational community is beginning to recover its pre-pandemic presence and energy was clearly evident.



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.

Evans Reading Group

**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 **Meredith Patterson** for music accompaniment.

Sunday Hymns:

Gather the Spirit (#347)

Abide with Me (#101)

When Our Heart is in a Holy Place #1008)

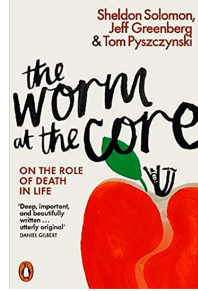
Survey for Social Justice

Our Social Justice Committee needs your input!

There are many directions in which Cedars Social Justice efforts could take us in the next six months. To be successful, we want to be sure that we are proceeding in alignment with your values, personal interests, and priorities. Our most successful projects have been ones that Cedars members and friends are passionate to participate in and organize together. To do that we ask that you complete **this survey** by August 13th to help us develop a path forward for our social justice activities.

Time for All Ages Volunteers

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.



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.

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.

Creativity Fair

Vicki Johnson says “Pia the peacekeeper has found a home in the woods on Bainbridge Island and I’m pretty sure she’s the good luck troll.”

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.

Safe Gatherings at Cedars

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.

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

Current COVID Safety - Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church (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**.

For more information 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.

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)

Position open

Faith Formation Lead

faith.formation@cedarsuuchurch.org

Carolyn Kerns, Office Administrator

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office@cedarsuuchurch.org

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Send it to The Beacon by **Friday at 11:00 a.m. ONE WEEK BEFORE** the next Friday's newsletter (7 days in advance). See our [submission guidelines](#).

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