

The Beacon

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



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Upcoming Services

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.

Preaching a UU Sermon

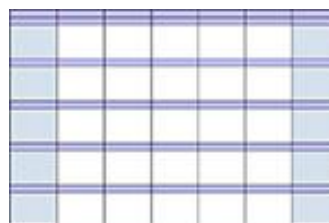
Sunday August 13th
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Service in Webster Hall

Rev. Zackrie Vinczen
Jenny Weaver, Worship Associate

As a faith committed to a "free and responsible search for truth and meaning," sermon topics can take us in many directions.

In this service we will explore what makes a sermon as well as some tips on how to craft a UU sermon.

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 6th
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Service in Webster Hall
Live-Stream unavailable
Coffee and Social Time following

Monday August 7th
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Food4Kids
Kingston food pack preparation



News and Announcements

Summer Time

The weather is warm and there is so much opportunity in a Pacific Northwest Summer. Especially if you get out early and back



Cedars UU Church is a

home before it gets too hot.

Remember, there are many things to do with your Cedars UU Family too! On Monday, November 7th, we are working to provide nutritious meals for children in the North Kitsap Area who normally rely on free or reduced lunch programs at school. Kingston Cares is a great organization that tries to fill that gap. We forget that for some children, the best meal of the day is at school. When school is out, they miss those meals. See the entry below on how you can help.

Speaking of food, our own congregation is having a picnic at Battle Point Park after church on August 20th. Sit in the shade and enjoy some potluck food, chat with friends or maybe join in some picnic games. We could use some help setting up. Visit [this page](#) and see how you can lend a hand.

See you in the shade (and a little sun, too)

Jeff Philip
President, Board of Trustees

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)

Cedars UU Summer BBQ

Come on out for fun with the whole Cedars family on Sunday, August 20th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the picnic shelter in Bainbridge Island's Battle Point Park! Games, conversation with friends, and good food for everyone are being planned.

Please bring a dish to share (main dish, dessert, salad, etc.). We also encourage you to bring something to grill, as we will have a hot grill available. And please also consider bringing your own plates/utensils and carpooling.

The picnic shelter is located near the Arrow Point Drive NE entrance of Battle Point Park. The park features include a large children's play structure, basketball, tennis, roller hockey courts, and over three miles of walking trails.

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 **Peter Spencer** for music accompaniment.

Sunday Hymns:

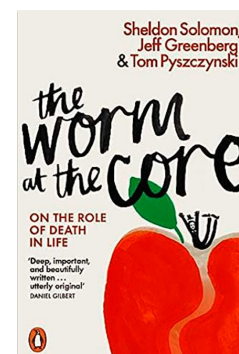
May I be Filled With Loving Kindness (#1031)

Return Again (#1011)

Spirit of Life (#123)

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.



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

Additional details and a link to a sign-up list for various tasks will be sent out later.

Cedars Teams Update



For many years, Cedars Teams have been organized for the purpose of doing the setup tasks on Sunday mornings as well as providing support for social gatherings and pastoral care.

However, Cedars has experienced changes over the last few years that have reduced the number of members, and Covid dramatically changed how we could work together.

Because of these changes, we developed a new way of handling the setup on Sunday mornings. We now use "Task Teams" with each team responsible for a specific task:

- Setup Leader
- Worship Setup/Usher
- Hospitality/Greeter
- Chair Setup
- Hospitality Cleanup

Cedars Teams no longer exist, although the need for supporting social activities and pastoral care is still strong. If you would like to be involved in helping make this happen, please speak to any Board member.

Many thanks to all of the Team Leaders over the years who made the Cedars Teams a success. Cedars has been blessed to have many dedicated and capable leaders. And thanks to the team members for helping with all of the various tasks related to setup.

Let me know if you would like to know more about participating on one of the new Task Teams.

Sally Wilson (randswilson@msn.com)
Setup Coordinator

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

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.

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.

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

Cedars friend and former Trustee **Mark Rosenwald**, who has moved on from past identities as a fine arts student and Peace Corps volunteer to the coordination of site logistics for a Seattle construction company, exhibits a bit of pride when he says: "We are over halfway up this tower! (20 out of 30 floor levels)"



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

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

Available remotely Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
office@cedarsuuchurch.org

Do you have an article, event, or announcement?

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](#).

Cedars UU Church (website)

