

The Beacon

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Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church
Serving Bainbridge Island and Northern Kitsap
County



CEDARS CHURCH
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Upcoming Services

Come Out, Come Out, Whoever You Are

Sunday October 8th
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Service in Webster Hall

Rev. Zackrie Vinczen
Nancy Philip, Worship Associate

Delve into the struggles, growth, and importance of coming out and living as a proud member of the LGBTQ+ community. Discover the transformative power of authenticity and acceptance. Join us as we celebrate **National Coming Out Day** at Cedars!

Brunch & Banter: Cedars Community Conversation

Sunday October 15th
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Service in Webster Hall
[No Live Stream]

Nancy Philip, Service Leader

Join us for a time of gathering, sharing meals, hymns, and meaningful conversations. Nancy Philip will lead with a reflection and facilitate the program. Bring your curiosity, questions, and wisdom to share—plus, your favorite Brunch-y dish! Let's connect and celebrate human togetherness.

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 October 8th
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Service in Webster Hall
[Live-Stream Link](#)
Coffee and Social time following

Tuesday October 10th
7:00 p.m.
Open Mic Science
Treehouse Café

Wednesday October 11th
5:00 p.m.
Writing as a Spiritual Practice

7:30 p.m.
Bainbridge High School
Green Living Now

News and Announcements

October Special Collection

On Sunday, October 1st, Cedars participated in the annual Bainbridge Island/North Kitsap CROP Hunger walk along with several other local churches to support the global mission of **Church World Service**, a faith-based organization



transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster. Leading up to the walk on October 1st, Cedars members and friends had contributed a total of \$400 through our team's website.

On October 8th, the Cedars Social Justice Committee has chosen to provide an additional opportunity for Cedars to contribute money to this year's CROP Walk. Here's what your contribution can provide:

\$17 Chickens for a family
\$30 Water filter for a home
\$50 Two hundred mango seeds
\$60 Home gardening
\$75 Groceries
\$85 A goat
\$100 Household toilet
\$140 Five acres of sweet potato vines
\$470 A cow

If you would like to receive a tax deduction for your donation, please write a check payable to Cedars UU Church with Church World Service - CROP Walk in the memo to place in the offering basket on October 8th or send it to the Cedars Church Office by October 17th.

Exploring Meditation

Join us for a new monthly meditation gathering **on the 4th Wednesday of each month** at the Cedars Center (located at 284 Madrona Way #128 in Winslow).

Throughout our session, we will delve into a variety of meditation techniques. As we meditate together, you'll have the opportunity to explore these techniques deeply. As the session draws to a close, there will be a chance to pose inquiries and, if you wish, share your personal meditation experiences with others.

Mark your calendar for the following dates from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

- October 25th
- November 29th
- **No Meeting in December**
- January 24th
- February 28th
- March 27th
- April 24th
- May 29th
- June 26th

If you would like more information, please reach out to **Rev. Zackrie**.
minister@cedarsuuchurch.org
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**Cedars UU Church is a
Welcoming Congregation
and Green Sanctuary**

Our Congregational Mission

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



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:

Come, Come, Whoever You Are (#188)
For All That Is Our Life (#128) Hymn of the Month
Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire (#34)

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.

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Estate Planning 101: Your Life and Legacy



Bainbridge Island's Open Mic Science

Open Mic Science Returns

You are invited to an evening at The Treehouse Café on Bainbridge Island to explore ideas in all aspects of science and technology in an informal, social setting. Talks are to be held the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

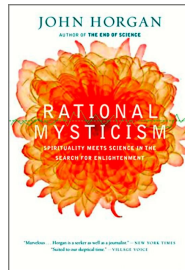
Subscribe to the Open Mic Science newsletter to see future events by going to <https://openmicscience.weebly.com/>

So come and enjoy pizza and beer and stay abreast of current science and technology.

If you have any questions, please reach out to **Mike Cox** at toxman57@gmail.com.

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 **Rational Mysticism --Spirituality Meets Science in the Search for Enlightenment**, by John Horgan.

How do trances, visions, prayer, satori, and other mystical experiences "work"? Is there a scientific explanation for religious mysteries and transcendent meditation? This book chronicles advanced research into the mechanics and meaning of mystical phenomena, exploring chemistry, neuroscience, psychology, anthropology, theology, and more, to narrow the gap between reason and mystical experience.

Join us for an interesting discussion via Zoom at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday November 8th. If you would like to be on our email list, let **Mary Romeo** know.

Green Living Now

Journalist J.B. MacKinnon's recent book **The Day the World Stops**

Join us for this Community Conversations event on Thursday, October 19th, 10-11:30 a.m.

During this complimentary Kitsap Community Foundation session hosted by Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (4418 Perry Ave. Bremerton), you will learn about estate planning, why it is important, and key estate planning documents that everyone should consider:

- Wills - maintain control of assets during your lifetime
- Trusts - save on taxes while planning for the future
- Donor-Advised Funds - make a donation, support your favorite charities, and grow the funds
- Life Insurance - protecting your beneficiaries and supporting your favorite charities tax-free

You are welcome (and encouraged) to bring guests and advisors.

Seating is limited. Please RSVP by clicking [here](#) or calling **(360) 698-3622**.

Kitsap Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization, working to create an equitable, sustainable culture of philanthropy in our community.



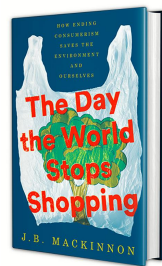
Writing as a Spiritual Practice

Discover the profound depths within yourself and the world around you through the transformative power of writing. Throughout the centuries, writing has served as a spiritual practice, illuminating hidden truths and connecting us to something greater.

Join the **Cedars Spiritual Writing Group**, a new monthly writing experience facilitated by Rev. Zackrie. During each of these gatherings, you will be offered prompts that nourish your creative spirit, ignite your inspiration, and invite you into questioning. Moreover, these gatherings will also provide a space for deep reflection, contemplation, and sharing. Whether you choose to attend a single session or embark on the full journey, each gathering will offer the promise of a meaningful exploration of self and soul.

So mark your calendar for the following dates from 5-6 p.m.:

Shopping makes a convincing case that we all need to shop less now. Green consumerism, in MacKinnon's telling, isn't just about buying ecologically-sound stuff or recycling our rubbish. It's about buying fewer things, leaving us with much less to recycle in the first place.



Hear the author and journalist in conversation with Buy Nothing co-founder Rebecca Rockefeller in an interactive discussion of his work at 7:30 p.m. on October 11 at Bainbridge High School, with free event tickets available at RefashionBainbridge.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.

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.

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

- October 11th: Befriending Solitude & Grief
- November 8th: On Gratitude
- December 13th: Reviving Spiritual Traditions
- January 10th: Dwelling in Our Bodies
- February 14th: Moments in Between
- March 13th: Allowing Emptiness
- April 10th: Responding to Art
- May 8th: Encounters in the Wild
- June 12th: TBD

Each session will take place at the Cedars Center in Winslow (284 Madrona Way #128).

If you would like more information, please reach out to **Rev. Zackrie**, minister@cedarsuuchurch.org 360-930-9339



Climate Circle Conversations

In 2022, the Bainbridge Island/North Kitsap Interfaith Council (IFC) formed the **Climate Circle**, "to promote awareness of individual and shared actions to mitigate and adapt to climate change," with several Cedars members helping to organize the program, which currently has about twenty members from different congregations and faith traditions.

Next month, the Climate Circle is launching a month of climate conversations of various kinds and inviting participation. The goal of this initiative is **"to increase awareness of what individuals, congregations, and the whole community of faith organizations can do to address climate change."**

An open interfaith gathering called **Celebrating the Web of Life** will be the kickoff event, led and hosted by Climate Circle members. The gathering will be at Kol Shalom (9010 Miller Rd NE) on **Wednesday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m.**

For more information contact **Mike Cox** at 206-799-3725 or toxman57@gmail.com.

Climate Café

The Climate Café is a safe place for people to come

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

Amy Johnson says "Apples were ready early this year! What a nice way to spend a day..."



together in circles of trust to share and bear witness to the varied personal perceptions they have about the future of our Earth home and our interconnected lives. This is not a place for educating, promoting or convincing, but one of compassionate companionship one another on this shared journey.



All tables will be limited to 5 or 6 people, and each table will have a trained facilitator.

Participants are welcome to bring a small plate of finger foods to share at a mid-event break.

Saturday, October 28th
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon (seating begins at 9:45 a.m.)

Grace Episcopal Church
8595 NE Day Rd, Bainbridge Island
RESERVATION REQUIRED (Seating is limited)

To register: Email your name & phone # to climatecafe.earth@gmail.com

For more information, please contact the event organizers: **Rick Freeman:** climatecafe.earth@gmail.com or **Michael Cox:** toxman57@gmail.com

Climate Smart Challenge



The Cedars Climate Smart Challenge Group will meet at **7:00 p.m. on October 16th** for a Zoom discussion of individual activities and a presentation on sustainable transportation by **Fran Korten**.

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)

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Carolyn Kerns, Office Administrator

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