

# 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

### Transcending Silence

**Sunday November 19th**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**In-Person Service in Webster Hall**

**Rev. Zackrie Vinczen**  
**Gregory Cook, Worship Associate**

Honoring Trans Day of Remembrance:  
Join us to reflect on the importance of  
trans visibility, remembering lives lost,  
and advocating for a world where every  
trans individual is seen, respected, and  
celebrated.

### When Revelation is Completed

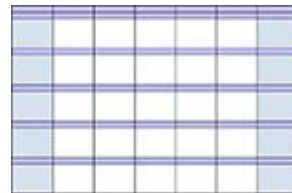
**Sunday November 26th**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**In-Person Service in Webster Hall**

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

Revelation is central to many spiritual  
traditions, and yet there is still a lot of  
disagreement about what has or hasn't  
been revealed.

Join us as we explore the concept of  
revelation and reflect on things that have  
been revealed.

### Current Week Calendar & 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 November 19th**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**In-Person Service in Webster Hall**  
[Live-Stream Link](#)  
**Coffee and Social time following**

**Monday November 20th**  
**Transgender Day of Remembrance**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Climate Smart Challenge**  
[Zoom Link](#)

## News and Announcements

**November  
Special  
Collection**

This month  
the Social  
Justice Committee has selected **NW**



Cedars UU Church is a

**Hopeful Horizons** to be the recipient of special collection funds collected during our service.

Located here in Kitsap County, the NW Hopeful Horizons organization aims to create a world where all youth and families have access to the support and resources they need to lead healthy and fulfilling lives. They believe that by providing advocacy, education, and resources, we can empower at-risk youth and families to achieve their full potential and create a brighter future for themselves and their communities.

More information is available on their [website](#).

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## Somewhere Over the Rainbow



As part of our mission in social justice (and feedback from our recent survey), we are excited to announce a new group at Cedars designed to serve our local queer community (including allies). ***Somewhere Over the Rainbow*** is to be an LGBTQ+ support group providing education on important matters affecting queer individuals as well as a safe space for connection.

The group will discuss a wide range of topics related to the LGBTQ+ community, particularly concerns and challenges affecting the mental health of queer people, and will be facilitated by **Kenny Davis**, a local Licensed Mental Health Counselor Associate with Caretta Counseling Alliance, who has volunteered to offer this program for Cedars and the wider community.

The group will meet in the Cedars Center at 6 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month, with the first meeting scheduled for **Wednesday December 6th**. This first meeting will give members a chance to learn more about the group leader and provide input for topics they would like to see in future meetings. Allyship, including addressing how to be a better ally and answering questions will be the first topic.

Some meetings may be closed to allies of the LGBTQ+ community depending on topics, but allies are warmly welcomed and encouraged to attend this first meeting. We look forward to seeing all colors of the rainbow in attendance and hope to see you there.

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## Exploring Meditation

Join us for a monthly meditation gathering **on the 4th Wednesday of**

## 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**

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## 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.

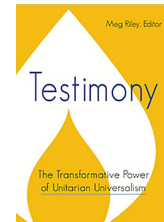
This week we offer special thanks to **Audrey Blair** for music accompaniment.

### Sunday Hymns:

**Turn Back (#120)**  
**Find a Stillness (#352)**  
**We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table (#407)**

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## Testimony - The Transformative Power of Unitarian Universalism



Offered by our own Skinner House Press, this illuminating book shares personal stories from people whose lives have been dramatically transformed by Unitarian Universalism, finding renewed purpose and personal meaning in UU values and through participation in a congregational community such as Cedars. Together these vignettes paint a portrait of the real, felt impact of Unitarian Universalism.

For more information and purchase, see the InSpirit Bookstore at [bookstore@uua.org](mailto:bookstore@uua.org).

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.

- 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](mailto:minister@cedarsuuchurch.org)  
360-930-9339

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

### Super Super 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).

### Holiday Open House

'Tis the season to be jolly! Save the date and please join fellow Cedars UU members and friends for a Holiday Open House at Cedars Center on **Saturday, December 9, from 3 to 5 pm**. Please stop by to socialize, sample holiday cheer, and nibble on holiday treats.



### 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.:

- 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](mailto:minister@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](mailto:office@cedarsuuchurch.org).

### Creativity Fair

**Judy Friesem** is now showing and offering this year's collection of her beautiful holiday cards. For availability or more information, she can be reached at [summonedbybeauty@gmail.com](mailto:summonedbybeauty@gmail.com).



### Climate Smart Bainbridge: Learn the Ins and Outs of Recycling



Are you confused about what you can and cannot recycle?

Come learn and ask questions of **Barbara Ochotoa** from Zero Waste about what you can and cannot recycle, where recycling goes, and what is the future of recycling. Also, we can catch up on what people have done over the past month and learn about other local climate events.

**7:00 p.m. Monday November 20th**

**Zoom Link**

**Meeting ID:** 929 048 2386

**Phone if Needed:** 253-215-8782

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Cox at [toxman57@gmail.com](mailto:toxman57@gmail.com) or 206-799-3725.

### Zero Waste Presentation



Learn what **Bainbridge Island Zero Waste** has been up to this year at a virtual meeting on **Wednesday, November 29**.

Following brief reports from project leads and grant recipients from **5:00 p.m.**, the main presenter from **5:30-6:30** will be **Heather Trim**, executive director of **Zero Waste Washington**. This Seattle-based nonprofit's goals are to drive policy change and work on programmatic initiatives for a healthy and waste-free world.

Heather will speak about the upcoming 2024 Washington state legislative proposals for systemic change that will reduce waste, greenhouse gas emissions, natural resource extraction, plastic pollution, and toxic chemicals in our environment. She will take questions after her presentation.

The Zoom link is [here](#).

### 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. 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

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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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