

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 Space of Courage

Sunday, July 12, 10:30 a.m.
Online Service-Zoom link opens at 10:10 a.m.

**Puget Sound Worship Collaborative
for the Cedars, Northlake, and Saltwater UU Churches
Rev. Zackrie Vinczen, Minister Cedars UU Church**



Rev. Zackrie Vinczen will be preaching at the collaborative worship service this Sunday.

When someone acts courageously, those actions have a way of giving others permission to be courageous, too. In this service we will reflect on the space of courage and its ability to call others into this space of action.

Please join the collaborative virtual services each week through July and August. The Zoom link to the summer services is: [Summer Worship Services](#)

Coffee Hour this week: After the service, join your Cedars community at a **Cedars Coffee Hour**. That meeting can be accessed here: [Coffee Hour](#)



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

Our Mission

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



Rev. Zackrie Vinczen

Cedars Calendar

To view our detailed calendar [click here](#). Then click on the event title to reveal a drop down of more detailed information. Links to virtual meetings are in the **event description**.

Taking advantage of online options, your Cedars community invites you to share events, get information, enjoy fellowship, and pause for reflection.

*A **full calendar with descriptions and links** can be found on Breeze.*

July 12
10:30 a.m. (Online) Sunday Worship Service
See link in *Upcoming Services*.

July 14
1:30 p.m. (Online) Marvin Evans Reading Group
Contact **Alan Miller** or **Mary Romeo** for link to the meeting.

News and Announcements

Cedars Creativity Fair 2020

Coping with Social Isolation See What Others Have Been Doing

As first announced several weeks ago, we have organized a Cedars response to the social isolation in which we all now find ourselves. Missing each other, our identity as a congregational community is suffering, although we are coping as individuals.

Our response has been to re-imagine and present a virtual version of the several after-service **Creativity Fairs** that were held in Webster Hall in recent years. Organized to provide opportunities to see and appreciate artful products and demonstrations of the creativity present in our talented and capable congregation, those fairs also helped us get to know each other better.

Now, the **2020 Cedars Creativity Fair** has opened. Presented as an album of photos on our **Cedars Facebook page**, it is open to everyone, but it also is just a beginning. Everyone is invited to share what they've been doing or creating during this time of isolation.

Please join us by sharing what you have been doing, and enjoy the growing show! Use the link below to find the show!

[Creativity Fair](#)

A recent addition to the show is *Seismic Waves*, a mini quilt exploring stripe effects in hand quilting by **Linda Andrews**.



Richard Wilson and Bonnie Yocus
Facebook page administrators

Poetic Pause

July 15

10:00 a.m. (Online) Morning Reflection

[Morning Reflection](#)

Pass code: 1959

Link and pass code can be used each week.

7:30 p.m. (Online) Cedars Choir Practice

July 16

7:00 p.m. (Online) Program Council Meeting

Link will be sent to committee representatives.

Welcome Cedars Seekers!

Marvin Evans Reading Group
Tuesday, July 14, 1:30 p.m.
Virtual Discussion Using Zoom

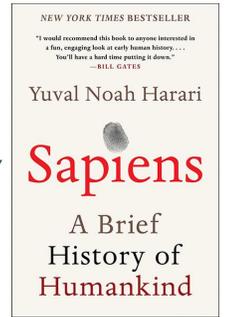
The **Marvin Evans Reading Group** will continue with its discussion of Yuval Harari's fascinating 4-part book, *Sapiens, a Brief History of Humankind*.

Harari draws on insights from biology, anthropology, paleontology, and economics to explore how history has shaped our societies, the animals and plants around us, and even our personalities. Have we become happier as history has unfolded? Can we ever free our behavior from the legacy of our ancestors? What, if anything, can we do to influence the course of the centuries to come?

The virtual gathering will explore the significant themes of the book's fourth and concluding section: **The Scientific Revolution**.

Please join us, even if you have not participated in the earlier sessions. The book is an acclaimed and rewarding source of insight into our history and potential as a species.

Contact **Alan Miller** or **Mary Romeo** for more information and a link to the Zoom discussion.



Readers' Corner

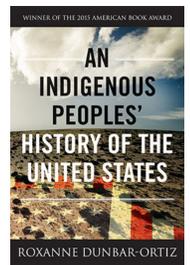
UUA Recommendations

The UUA's *In Spirit* bookstore has noted these best-selling titles from featured speakers at this year's *Virtual General Assembly*:

An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States

by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz

Acclaimed historian and activist Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz offers a history of the United States told from the perspective of Indigenous Peoples and reveals how Native Americans, for centuries, actively resisted expansion of the US empire. Dunbar-Ortiz adroitly challenges the founding myth of the United States and shows how policy against the Indigenous Peoples was colonialist and designed to seize the territories of the original inhabitants. Spanning more than four hundred years, this classic bottom-up peoples' history radically re-frames US history and explodes the silences that have haunted our national narrative.



Editor's Note: This book was also used by **Rev. Jessica Star Rockers** in a series of study group sessions on Bainbridge Island several years ago.

On Fire: The (Burning) Case for a Green New Deal
by Naomi Klein



CAPE FLATTERY TRAIL

The wooden walkway dips and turns as it follows the natural contours of the land. The Makah curved those handrails so trees became embellishments not obstacles.

I feel the moisture on my face and hair, although only the sound of the waves crashing against the cliffs reaches my ears.

I'm held captive in this dense forest, with its massive ferns and yellow skunk cabbages.

Stepping onto the viewing platform, I spy the foaming waves below as they smash against the cliff's face.

Directly opposite is Tatoosh Island, a pinnacle of rock topped with gnarly pines. Home to a flock of Puffins, their puffy beaks and vivid feathers make me laugh.

Overhead Gulls wheel and Eagles soar. Their screams pierce the crystal-clear air. Between Tatoosh and the mainland, a wave erupts with a mighty spray.

Beneath my feet the State of Washington has become the prow of a ship thrusting its way out into the Pacific Ocean through the Straits of Juan d'Fuca.

Donna J. Moore

Photo by Jonatan Pie on Unsplash.

Print the Beacon Newsletter

The Beacon is now available to **print** at home. Newest version is available after 12:00 p.m. on Fridays. Copies also will be available at each Sunday Service on the Activities Table.

Member Directory

Members and Friends can easily search our online [Church Directory](#) for contact information. The link is located under the Community Tab of the [Cedars website](#).

Connect with Cedars



Services and Children's Religious Education
Sundays at 10 a.m.
The Island School

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Rev. Zackrie Vinczen, Minister
For an appointment, e-mail minister@cedarsuuchurch.org
For an urgent matter, call:

For more than twenty years, Naomi Klein has been the foremost chronicler of the economic war waged on both people and planet--and an unapologetic champion of a sweeping environmental agenda with justice at its center. *On Fire: The (Burning) Case for a Green New Deal* gathers more than a decade of her impassioned writing and pairs it with new material on the staggeringly high stakes of our immediate political and economic choices.



Staying Connected

Zoom Meetings

Some connections are through Zoom. If you are new to Zoom or just unsure about how to use it, here are some helpful tips for [Using Zoom](#).

A New Home on the Web!

Cedars Website Gets a New Look

Thanks to some hard work behind the scenes over the past few months, Cedars has a new website! The cedarsuuchurch.org address has not changed, but what it brings you is completely rebuilt and refreshed.

A small team consisting of **Carolyn Kempkes, Arlene Wade, Brian Leekley, and Richard Wilson** spent many hours updating and enhancing content from our previous site and moving it all into a new website template created and offered by the UUA. The updated and more capable software allows a fresh and more appealing look, as well as easier access to the information it carries for Members, Friends, and Visitors. In addition, the new website is designed to *present well on the small screens* of smart phones.

On the home page, there is a direct link to the Cedars calendar at the right end of the green menu bar, and direct access into the Breeze directory is available for Members and Friends in the line of basic choices just above.

Try it all here: [Cedars Website](#)

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[Parking Hints](#)
[Guide to Cedars Center Use](#)

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