

# The Beacon

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



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## Upcoming Services

### Courageous Love

Sunday, July 19, 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. Kristen Kuriga, Saltwater UU Church

**Rev. Kristen Kuriga** will be preaching at the collaborative worship service this Sunday, July 19. This month in the Puget Sound Worship Collaborative we are exploring what it means to be a people of courage. Courage is about living from our hearts and discovering strength in the midst of challenge. Sometimes our courage comes from within, while at other times, it is sourced from the people in our communities who inspire us and help us to be brave. Join us to explore our faith together!

The Zoom link for every week's Sunday Worship Service through the summer is: [Summer Worship Services](#)

**Coffee Hour:** After the service, those who wish to stay for **Coffee Hour** will be invited into randomized Zoom rooms. These will be small gatherings where you can meet new people; there will be between 10-15 in a room to allow for conversation. You can decline the invitation by ignoring it, and stay in the larger Zoom room at the end of the service.

Please join the collaborative virtual Sunday Worship Service each week through July and August.

Photo by Tomas Sobek on Unsplash.

## News and Announcements



**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 19**  
**10:30 a.m. (Online)** Sunday Worship Service

See link in *Upcoming Services*.

**July 21**  
**5:00 p.m. (Online)** Worship Associates Meeting

## Cedars Updates

### From Rev. Zackrie

I have a few quick updates that I want to share with folks about **summer programming** here at Cedars.

For the months of July and August, Cedars will continue to participate in worship services with the **Puget Sound Worship Collaborative**.

These services combine participants from four churches and give voice to the theme for each month. For the rest of the month of July, we will continue to explore the *theme of Courage* before transitioning to the theme of *Journey* for the month of August. Starting in September we will move back to a worship service format similar to what we had this spring.



In addition, at last week's Wednesday virtual **Town Hall**, the gathered group made the decision to switch these meetings to alternating weeks for the time being. This means that the next Town Hall meeting will be on July 22nd and then every other week going forward. In addition, we are rethinking the purpose of this meeting and considering ways to make it a more engaging space for those who attend.

I also want to remind people about the option of **Virtual Summer Camp for Kids** in the Cedars community. The camp options take place in one-week, stand-alone units. Families can register for one week or for all of them. For more information on virtual camp offerings, please visit [Virtual Summer Camps](#)

My prayers for health and wellness continue to be with all of you as we continue to navigate the shifting realities of the world.

**Rev. Zackrie Vinczen**

## 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](#)

**Richard Wilson** and **Bonnie Yocus**  
Facebook page administrators

A recent addition to the show:

**Bees Among the Lavender**

**July 22**

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

[Morning Reflection](#)

Pass code: 1959

Link and pass code can be used each week.

**6:00 p.m. (Online) Cedars Town Hall**

[Cedars Town Hall](#)

Pass code: 1956

**7:30 p.m. (Online)**

Cedars Choir Practice

**July 23**

**6:00 p.m. (Online) Cedars Board of Trustees Meeting**

**July 24**

**7:00 p.m.**

(with 6:45 sign-on to check in)

Movie Group Discussion

Watch *Midnight in Paris* ahead of time.

## Pastoral Care Team

### Pastoral Care and Covid-19

In recent discussion within the **Cedars Pastoral Care Team**, **Rev. Zackrie** confirmed that he would appreciate being informed if any member of the Cedars community tests positive for Covid-19. The information will remain confidential if the person so wishes, but **Rev. Zackrie's** awareness could help with contact tracing as well as determining what support and possible services could be offered by Pastoral Care Team members and perhaps the larger Cedars UU community as well.

**-Pastoral Care Team**

## Cedars Movie Group Discussion

**You're Invited!**

**Friday, July 24, 7:00 p.m.** (6:45 Start-up for check-in)

The **Cedars Movie Group** meets monthly for social evenings and discussion of a selected movie that participants have viewed previously. The group will meet virtually next week to discuss the 2011 romantic comedy, *Midnight in Paris*, written and directed with a satisfying blend of whimsy and wisdom by **Woody Allen**.

Vacationing in Paris, a screenwriter and aspiring novelist has taken to touring the city alone. On one late-night excursion, he encounters a group of strange revelers who sweep him along, apparently back in time as well, for a night with some of the Jazz Age's notable icons of art and literature. The more time he spends with these heroes of the past, the more dissatisfied he becomes with the present.

As the trailer for this movie said, *Paris in the morning is beautiful, Paris in the afternoon is charming, and Paris in the evening is enchanting, but Paris after midnight is magic* - as is the film itself.

The film is available for streaming on Netflix, Amazon Prime, and YouTube, and the discussion will be hosted by **Patti Shannon**, using the Zoom meeting platform. For a link and password, email **Pat and Dean Sampson** for information, and join the discussion!



## Poetic Pause

### Practice Any Art!

In 2006, high school English teacher, Ms. Lockwood, asked students to write to a famous author and ask for advice. *Kurt Vonnegut* was



I walked today  
In the rain falling  
Among the purple lavenders

The bees toiled not caring about what may pass  
or the rain splashing their wings  
and I wished I could toil so and have more faith.

Poem and photo by **Stefani Scott** (Scotty)

## 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](http://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](http://Cedars Website)

## 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



the only one to respond - and his response is magnificent:

Dear Xavier High School and Ms. Lockwood, and Messrs Perin, McFeely, Batten, Maurer, and Conquista:

I thank you for your friendly letters. You sure know how to cheer up a really old geezer (84) in his sunset years. I don't make public appearances anymore because I now resemble nothing so much as an iguana.

What I had to say to you, moreover, would not take long, to wit: *Practice any art, music, singing, dancing, acting, drawing, painting, sculpting, poetry, fiction, essays, reportage, no matter how well or badly, not to get money and fame, but to experience becoming, to find out what's inside you, to make your soul grow.*

Seriously! I mean starting right now, do art and do it for the rest of your lives. Draw a funny or nice picture of Ms. Lockwood, and give it to her. Dance home after school, and sing in the shower and on and on. Make a face in your mashed potatoes. Pretend you're Count Dracula.

Here's an assignment for tonight, and I hope Ms. Lockwood will flunk you if you do not do it: Write a six line poem, about anything, but rhymed. No fair tennis without a net. Make it as good as you possibly can. But don't tell anybody what you're doing. Don't show it or recite it to anybody, not even your girlfriend, or parents, or whatever, or Ms. Lockwood. OK?

Tear it up into teeny-weeny pieces, and discard them into widely separated trash receptacles. You will find that you have already been gloriously rewarded for your poem. You have experienced becoming, learned a lot more about what's inside you, and you have made your soul grow.

*God bless you all!*  
*Kurt Vonnegut*

In his **Ware Lecture** at the **1984 UUA General Assembly**, Vonnegut described his connection to **Unitarian Universalism** with characteristic sarcasm: *In order not to seem [spiritually inept] to strangers trying to get a fix on me, I sometimes say I'm a Unitarian Universalist. So that denomination claims me as one of their own.*

Here is a link to a brief biography of Kurt Vonnegut, with notes on his connection to Unitarian Universalism: [Vonnegut](#)

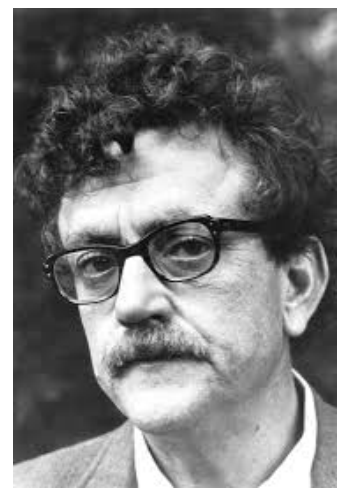
## Staying Connected

### 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](#).

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