

# 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 Journey of Collaboration

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



**Puget Sound Worship Collaborative  
 for the Cedars, Northlake, Saltwater, and Westside UU Churches**  
 Rev. Nancy Reid-McKee, Northlake UU Church  
 Rev. Christopher Wulff, Westside UU Church

This will be the last service from the Puget Sound Worship Collaborative. Cedars virtual services will resume on September 6th.

Over the past several weeks, our congregations have joined together to lend support and explore new possibilities for worship and community building. As our journey together draws to an end, we offer this service as a collective time to reflect on the things we have learned from one another.

The link to this service is: [Sunday Worship Service](#)

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; to allow for conversation, there will be between 10-15 in a room. You can decline the invitation by ignoring it, and stay in the larger Zoom room at the end of the service.

*Photo by Nicole Baster on Unsplash.*

### Needs vs. Wants

**Sunday, September 6, 2020**  
**Virtual Worship Service**  
**Rev. Zackrie Vinczen, Minister**  
**Mike Cox, Worship Associate**



**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 with more information and an event description.  
**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.*

**August 28**  
**7:00 p.m. (Virtual) Movie Group Discussion**  
 See *Cedars Movie Group Discussion* for information

**August 30**  
**10:30 a.m. (Virtual) Sunday Worship Service (10:10 a.m.-Zoom link open)**  
 See link in *Upcoming Services*.



Peter Dunne said that the role of journalism is *to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable*. In this service we will consider this quotation and explore what wisdom we can learn by moving beyond our own comfort. Please join **Rev. Zackrie** and **Mike Cox** for this service, and welcome Faith Formation Lead, **Kathryn Jay**, who will present the Story for All Ages.

## Water Ceremony

**Sunday, September 13, 2020**  
**Virtual Worship Service**



If you want to participate in this year's virtual **Water Ceremony**, marking the beginning of our active church year, please take a few minutes to watch these video instructions by **Rev. Zackrie**. Find out how you can participate by submitting a short video clip.

Submissions will be accepted between now and **August 31**. These clips do not need to be perfect! *The goal is connection, not perfection.*

[Water Ceremony Instructions](#)

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## News and Announcements

### 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

**September 2**  
**6:00 p.m. (Virtual)** Cedars Town Hall  
[Cedars Town Hall](#)  
Pass code: 1956

**7:30 p.m. (Virtual)** Choir Practice

**September 3**  
**10:00 a.m. (Virtual)** Morning Reflection  
[Morning Reflection](#)

Pass code: 1959

Link and pass code can be used each week.

## Cedars Movie Group Discussion

**You're Invited Tonight!**  
**August 28, 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. This month, the group will meet virtually to discuss the 2011 drama, *The Help*.



Adapted and directed by Tate Taylor from the best-selling book by Kathryn Stockett, the film celebrates the friendship and sisterhood of women: the love and strength of often-stereotyped African-American *Southern* household help, as well as the Caucasian women who wanted to break free of the *Old South* societal custom and move forward with Civil Rights and Women's Rights in the 1960's.

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

## Cedars Creativity Fair 2020

### Coping with Social Isolation See What Others Have Been Doing

As first announced several months 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:

## Leadership Learning Opportunity

### *Harvest the Power*--Leadership Course

Serving in leadership roles within a congregational setting can be a deeply spiritual and rewarding experience. These roles also can require us to develop skills and perspectives that differ from other organizational leadership structures.

Recognizing this, I would like to invite current, past, and future leaders to join in an exploration of spiritual leadership with me. This exploration will make use of the *Harvest the Power* curriculum and help us to develop an understanding of healthy leadership practices within a church setting.

This class will take place in six 2-hour sessions. **These sessions will take place from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on the following dates: 09/26, 10/03, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, and 11/07.** To register for this class, use this link: [Harvest the Power](#)

Registration will be open until **September 18, 2020**. *Please reach out to me with any questions about this class.*

-Rev. Zackrie Vinczen

## Share the Plate

### Special Collection for August: UU the Vote Partner Organization



Throughout **August**, our donations will be shared with *UU the Vote* partner *Center for Common Dreams* and their *Reclaim Our Vote* initiative.

Around the country, Unitarian Universalists are organizing to *#UUtheVote*, working to increase the participation of millions of disenfranchised, eligible voters--especially people of color. *UU the Vote* ([uuthevote.org](http://uuthevote.org)) is a national campaign working with the non-profit *Center for Common Dreams*. The *Reclaim our Vote* initiative is engaging voters who have been prevented from exercising their electoral rights through voter suppression and voter list purging.

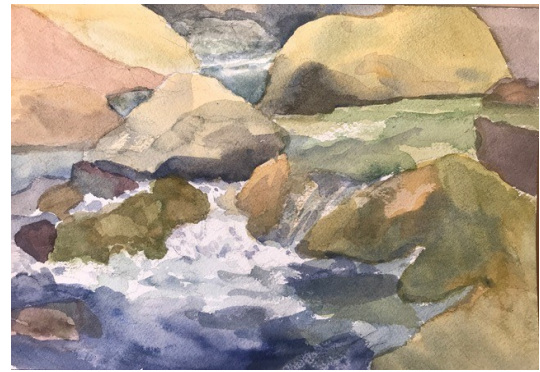
Volunteers inform and mobilize voters in the six most affected states. They make sure voters are registered, know how to get a ballot, and know where/how to vote. You can learn more about the campaign at this link: [Center for Common Ground](#)

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## Super Suppers

### Thank You, Cedars!

A big *Thank You!* to our congregation, who once again helped many in need this month. We just completed packing 54 dinners and sending them to the Senior Center for distribution to individuals and families.



*Mountain Stream*  
by John Wiens

## 2020 Northwest Justice Summit

JUUstice Washington  
October 10, 2020 & December 5, 2020



JUUstice Washington's board and staff are delighted to announce plans for the *2020 Northwest Justice Summit*. In light of the dramatic and tragic events of the past several months, the 2020 summit will be online and split between two weekends: **October 10 and December 5**. *Please save the dates.*

*Pre-summit Indigenous events* will be offered on the evenings of **October 9 and December 4**.

The theme of the summit will be *Committing Ourselves to the Great Turning*.

*Racial justice, environmental justice, RIMS (Refugee, Immigrant, and Migrant Solidarity), and legislative advocacy* will be the focus of a sequence of plenary sessions on **October 10**. The online format allows us to feature national, regional, and local panelists. This format allows you to attend all of the sessions, or just those of greatest interest to you.

The **December 5th sessions**, following the 2020 elections, will be geared toward justice organizing and actions for congregations, justice partners, and JUUstice Washington in 2021 and beyond.

Summit registration and program information will be coming your way in the next few weeks.

*For more information and other justice news, go to the JUUstice network website at [JUUsticeWA](#)*

## Book Group News

**Marvin Evans Reading Group**  
Tuesday, October 13, 1:30 p.m.  
Virtual Discussion Using Zoom

In its virtual meeting this week, the *Marvin Evans Reading Group* chose *The Happiness Hypothesis* by Jonathan Haidt for its next

**Helen Nissani**, Cedars Board Member, organized the teams and created terrific protocols that can be used for any of our events requiring food handling. The **Orca** and **Harbor Seal Teams** provided muffins, dessert, and fruit, and the **Social Action Committee** provided cashew chicken salad, prepared beautifully by committee member, **Pat Sampson**.

Starting in September, the BARN will be providing meals the last Friday of each month, so Super Suppers is suspended for now. Seniors who need more support with food can sign up at the Senior Center for food deliveries through *Meals on Wheels*.

### Print the Beacon Newsletter

*The Beacon* is available to **print** at home. Newest version is available on the Cedars website after 12:00 p.m. on Fridays. Copies also will be available in-person Sunday Worship Services when they resume.

### 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.

### Connect with Cedars



### Services and Children's Religious Education

Sundays at 10 a.m.  
The Island School  
8553 NE Day Road  
Bainbridge Island

### Cedars UU Center

284 Madrona Way NE, #128  
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110  
(206) 780-0373

### Parking Hints

Guide to Cedars Center Use

### Rev. Zackrie Vinczen, Minister

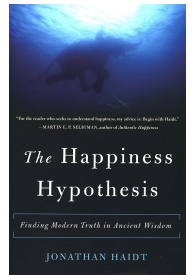
For an appointment, e-mail [minister@cedarsuuchurch.org](mailto:minister@cedarsuuchurch.org)  
For an urgent matter, call:  
(360) 930-9339 (Pastoral Care)

### Office Manager:

Kathleen Stearns  
Cedars Office Hours:  
Tue-Fri 9:00 a.m.- noon

discussion, scheduled for **October 13**. This insightful book explores concepts, understandings, and perspectives on happiness and meaningful living espoused by significant thinkers of the past, examining them in the light of contemporary psychological research, and extracting lessons that apply to our modern lives.

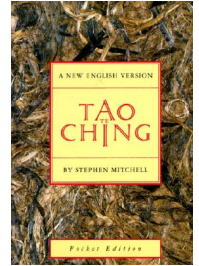
For more information, contact **Alan Miller** or **Mary Romeo**.



### Morning Reflection-New Day

**Every Thursday, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Virtual Meeting on Zoom**

**Reminder** that the weekly **Morning Reflection** session takes place on Thursday mornings (instead of Wednesdays) at 10:00 a.m. This shift was made by group consensus to accommodate a virtual class that **Rev. Zackrie** has been taking through the months of August and September.



During the **Morning Reflection**, participants will continue gathering to meditate on and discuss Stephen Mitchell's translation of the **Tao Te Ching**.

### 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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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.