

# The Beacon

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



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## Upcoming Services

### Needs vs. Wants

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



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.

The YouTube link to the service is: [Sunday Worship Service](#)  
 Coffee Hour on Zoom will follow the service: [Coffee Hour](#)

Photo by Katherine Chase on Unsplash.

### Water Ceremony

Sunday, September 13, 2020  
 Virtual Worship Service

Poet Robert Sund described the place we live as *'Ish River Country*, a place where rivers like the Duwamish, Snohomish, Samish, and all the other 'Ish Rivers run into an inland sea. In this service we will reflect on our connection to these 'Ish Rivers as we celebrate our annual water service.

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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

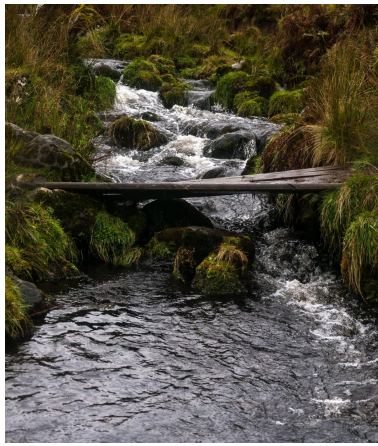
To view our detailed calendar [click here](#). Then click on the event title to reveal a drop down with more information and an event description.  
**Links to virtual meetings are in the event description.**

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

**September 6**  
**10:00 a.m. (Virtual)** Sunday Worship Service  
 See Link in Upcoming Services.

**September 8**  
**4:00 p.m. (Virtual)** Pastoral Care Team

**September 9**



## 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

### 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

### Book Group News

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

In its virtual meeting last week, the *Marvin Evans Reading Group* chose ***The Happiness Hypothesis*** by Jonathan Haidt for its next discussion, scheduled for **October 13**. This insightful book explores

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

**September 10**

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

[Morning Reflection](#)

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Link and pass code can be used each week.

### Cedars Social Justice Network

#### **Get Out the Vote 2020**

**Thursday, September 17, 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

14540 Wild Swan Lane NE (near Sunrise at Misty Vale)  
 Bainbridge Island, WA

Cedars Social Justice Network invites your participation for ***Get Out the Vote 2020***.

Join us as we address postcards (cards provided, stamp donations appreciated), and discuss how we can encourage voting. **THIS EVENT TAKES PLACE OUTDOORS; SOCIAL DISTANCING IS ENCOURAGED.** If it rains, this event will be moved to Thursday, September 24th.

***For more information, contact Penny Brewer.***

### Come Sing a Song with Us!

#### ***Choir's Wednesday Hymn Sing***

**Wednesday, September 16, 7:30 p.m.**

Are you missing singing in church? Come sing with the **Cedars Choir!** Everyone in the congregation is invited to the *Choir's Wednesday Hymn Sing* on **September 16 at 7:30 p.m.** It is on Zoom, of course.

We will sing hymns with recordings of the Cedars Choir, with a Choir member leading us, or while watching a musical video. We all will be on mute, so you can sing like a diva, sing off-key, or mangle the words. It's all OK! This is the way the Choir practices every Wednesday night. Now everyone is invited to join on **September 16**.

The Zoom link is: [Wednesday Hymn Sing](#)  
 Meeting ID: 841 3429 2444

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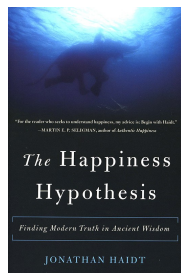
### 2020 Northwest Justice Summit

**JUUstice Washington**

**October 10, 2020 & December 5, 2020**

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**.



## Poetic Pause



**Leave Room for the Fairy Folks**  
by Donna J. Moore

In Mother's garden there was always space left for the Garden Fairies. In Tacoma, where I grew up, they lived back behind the Raspberry Canes.

Of course, the fact that it was nearly impossible to clean back there may have had something to do with why Mother saved that spot for the Fairies.

Daddy's domain was the basement. An original man cave, it had a workbench, a gun rack, and lots of dowels from which to hang fishing rods and bows and arrows.

He even made his own bows and arrows and fishing lures, so there were lots of feathers to play with.

I don't think Daddy's Scotsman's soul had room for Fairy Lore. However, he didn't need much encouragement to foster his own personal "lived-in-look."

After he died, I made a peg board with painted outlines to indicate where the tools belonged, so I could replace them properly.

I'm not sure Daddy would have approved.

Frankly, I never heard one way or the other from the Fairies--if there were any left by then!

August 3, 2020

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## 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.

## Committing Ourselves to the Great Turning

2020 JUJustice Washington Justice Summit

JUJustice 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 JUJustice 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 JUJustice network website at [JUJusticeWA](https://www.jujustice.org)

## 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!

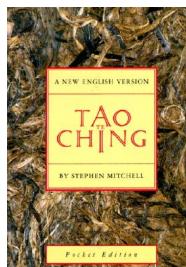
[Creativity Fair](#)

**Richard Wilson** and **Bonnie Yocus**  
Facebook Page Administrators

A recent addition to the show:



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



## Correction

### Super Suppers Take-Out

Starting this month, the BARN will be providing meals **every 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.

**Correction:** Last week's article about **Super Suppers** stated that the BARN would be providing meals only on the last Friday of every month. **They will provide meals on every Friday.**

## 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](#).

## 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 version is available on the Cedars website under News after 12:00 p.m. on Fridays. Copies also will be available in-person at Sunday Worship Services when they resume.

## Member Directory

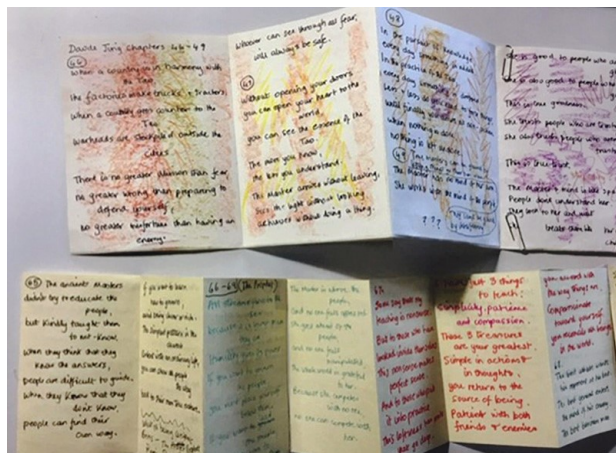
Members and Friends can easily search our online [Church Directory](#) for contact information. The link is located under the Connection Tab of the [Cedars website](#).

## 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](#)



*Morning Reflection  
Accordion Book by Gillian Bull*

## Update from Fundraising Committee

### Cedars Members and Friends Boost Annual Fundraising!

Despite the pandemic, contributions from Members and Friends made for a successful fundraiser. The **Cedars Fundraising Committee** wishes to thank all contributors who purchased seats for over 40 donated events and activities. Cedars Events always have been popular, providing special opportunities for community participation and goodwill. Event Sales comprise a significant part of our overall fundraising efforts every church year.

We all were deeply disappointed that, due to COVID-19 restrictions, most events offered in the 2020 Event Sales had to be cancelled. Despite the cancellations, 90% of the funds generated through ticket sales are still in Cedars' coffers as donations or pledges! Because of your generous responses, over \$6,000 was raised to support our church. **We thank you!**

Churches everywhere are challenged financially during this pandemic. Your Fundraising Committee is exploring fun, virtual-event fundraising ideas for this church year. Stay tuned, and we welcome your thoughts and suggestions as we plan for the future.

*With deep appreciation for all you do to support Cedars UU Church,  
The Fundraising Committee:*

**Jane Martin; Bob Meredith; Dean Sampson; Pat Sampson; and Patti Shannon, Chair**

**Rev. Zackrie Vinczen, Minister**  
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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](#).

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