

# The Beacon

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



**CEDARS CHURCH**  
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

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## Upcoming Services

### Can I Come Out Yet?

**Sunday June 13th**  
10:00 a.m.  
Virtual Worship Service

**Rev. Zackrie Vinczen**  
Mike Cox, Worship Associate

June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month. Join us for this service as we reflect on the wisdom gathered from queer spaces and the power that comes from affirming people's true identity.

### From Yahweh to Atticus: What it Means to Parent and the Myths We Cling To

**Sunday June 20th**  
10:00 a.m.  
Virtual Worship Service

**Jennifer Springsteen, Guest Speaker**  
Penny Brewer, Worship Associate

Our year in the pandemic has certainly challenged parenting. We've learned a lot about societal—and our own—expectations. Too often we become fixated on what media offers as "best" examples and wonder why our experiences fall short. Let's revel in the good times, and forgive the rest.

### Current Week Calendar and 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 June 13th**  
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service  
[Virtual Sunday Service Link](#)

**11:00 a.m. Congregational Coffee Hour**  
[Virtual Coffee Hour Link](#)  
Use passcode 1959 if required or by phone using 1-253-215-8782

**Tuesday June 15th**  
7:00 p.m. Meditation Group  
[Virtual Meditation Link](#)

**Wednesday June 16th**  
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice  
[Virtual Choir Practice Link](#)

## News and Announcements

### A Special Sharing from Rev. Zackrie

During the June 6th Bridging Service, I offered a blessing written by John O'Donohue to the graduates. I wanted to share these words with

### Our Congregational Mission

*Worship with open hearts  
Nurture a learning spirit*

all of you, so that you can take some time in the week ahead and reflect on these words to discover what they have to offer you.

### For the Traveler

*Every time you leave home,  
Another road takes you  
Into a world you were never in.*

*New strangers on other paths await.  
New places that have never seen you  
Will startle a little at your entry.  
Old places that know you well  
Will pretend nothing  
Changed since your last visit.*

*When you travel, you find yourself  
Alone in a different way,  
More attentive now  
To the self you bring along,  
Your more subtle eye watching  
You abroad; and how what meets you  
Touches that part of the heart  
That lies low at home:*

*How you unexpectedly attune  
To the timbre in some voice,  
Opening in conversation  
You want to take in  
To where your longing  
Has pressed hard enough  
Inward, on some unsaid dark,  
To create a crystal of insight  
You could not have known  
You needed To illuminate  
Your way.*

*When you travel,  
A new silence  
Goes with you,  
And if you listen,  
You will hear  
What your heart would  
Love to say.*

*A journey can become a sacred thing:  
Make sure, before you go,  
To take the time  
To bless your going forth,  
To free your heart of ballast  
So that the compass of your soul  
Might direct you toward  
The territories of spirit  
Where you will discover  
More of your hidden life,  
And the urgencies  
That deserve to claim you.*

*May you travel in an awakened way,  
Gathered wisely into your inner ground;  
That you may not waste the invitations  
Which wait along the way to transform you.*

*May you travel safely, arrive refreshed,  
And live your time away to its fullest;  
Return home more enriched, and free  
To balance the gift of days which call you.*

*Serve justice with compassion  
Love without judgment*



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



**Rev. Zackrie Vinczen**



### Faith Formation at Cedars

#### Chalice Lighting as a Spiritual Practice

You may have noticed a number of different folks lighting and extinguishing the chalice in our Sunday services. It's part of an effort to get more people involved and make sure we "see" each other even when we can't meet in person.

Do you want to light the chalice? It doesn't have to be a solo affair either! Families and couples can do this together. We all look forward to seeing you. More information about doing this is available [here](#).

#### An Invitation

Do you know any high school students who would like to explore Unitarian Universalism with other high schoolers?



YUUP (the Young Unitarian Universalists Project) is launching a platform to forge connections, work together, support each other, and find leadership opportunities. It will have a variety of different topics and groups within it for UU youth and recent bridgers across the country.

## Meditation

**Cedars Meditation Group**  
**Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Virtual Sessions**



Although the zoom format is not the same as meeting in person, it is a step in committing to a regular meditation practice. Each session includes 5 minutes of chanting, 25 minutes of silent meditation and at least 30 minutes of informal group discussion.

For more information or the Zoom link, contact **Dawna Kramer** at raddjk@yahoo.com or via phone number from the Breeze directory.

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## Cedars Knitting/Crafting Circle

Cedars knitters and crafters enjoy virtual social gatherings on first Wednesdays of the month at 1:30 p.m. and third Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

**Both groups have decided to take a summer pause however, agreeing that "It's just too nice to be indoors and Zooming."**

So stay tuned as autumn approaches, and watch for an announcement about resuming the activity, perhaps even mask-to-mask if not face-to-face as our lives return to normal.

The Wednesday afternoon group is now hosted by **Linda Andrews**, and the Monday evening group is hosted by **Hilda Wiens**.

Contact **Carol Ann Davidson** for details.

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## Morning Reflection Sessions

During Morning Reflection, led by **Rev. Zackrie**, participants are invited for meditation and discussion of brief sections from a selected and inspirational source.

The group recently finished **Kahlil Gibran's The Prophet** and has decided to take the summer off while considering its next selection.

**Watch for a late summer announcement about reconvening.**

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## Cedars Creativity Fair 2021

**See What Others Have Been Doing To Cope with Social Isolation**

Our identity as a congregational community has been weakened by the COVID-19 pandemic, and one response has been to re-imagine virtual versions of the several after-

There are a couple of steps to joining the network: first, the youth must fill out the **Youth Drop-In Registry for their region** or **registry for recent bridgers**. Once the registry is filled out and confirmed by a parent and a minister or church administrator, youth will receive a Mighty Network invitation to get on YUUP.

Spread the word! YUUP is for everyone. We hope to see you soon!

## Chalice Circles

Are you interested in meeting regularly with people to listen and learn and to deepen spiritual connections to yourself and your community? Consider joining a Cedars Chalice Circle!

For more information click [here!](#)

**Kathryn Jay**  
**Faith Formation Lead**  
 360-559-2381

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## Join the Pastoral Care Team

Caring for one another is a core Unitarian practice, and the Cedars Pastoral Care Team is central to this ministry. We can offer a listening presence, connection, and hope to members of our Cedars community in times of need. We send cards, make phone calls, provide information resources and support family and friends who are caregivers.

The Team meets just once a month with our minister. We are now expanding the Team, and we would love to have you join us.

For more information about the Pastoral Care Team, please contact our new office administrator, Carolyn Kerns at [office@cedarsuuchurch.org](mailto:office@cedarsuuchurch.org).

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## Pastoral Care Concerns

**John Peck** is at Seattle's Virginia Mason Hospital receiving chemotherapy in preparation for a bone marrow transplant and further care at Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. His temporary address for cards and mail is:

John Peck  
 JP/Level 18  
 PO Box 900  
 Seattle, WA 98101

**Mary Clear Padilla** is in Poulsbo's Liberty Shores convalescent and retirement facility recovering from a fall and mild concussion. Cards and/or afternoon visits would be appreciated (call ahead to arrange at 360-779-5533). Her temporary address is:

Mary Clear Padilla  
 Apt. 115

service **Creativity Fairs** that were held in Webster Hall in recent years.

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.

Please join the fun by sharing what you have been doing and enjoy the growing show using the link below!

### Cedars Creativity Fair 2021

A recent addition to the show:

Emily Mockett says "All beings are celebrated here! Who knew how much I could love a bird!! Happy first year in our yard, ladies"



### Guidelines for using Cedars Center

The Cedars Board is making the following restrictions to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission to the few people who must enter the Cedars Center to keep us functioning.

1. Permission from staff or Board Member is required for entry.
2. Sign in when entering and sign out when leaving.
3. Use hand sanitizer when entering.
4. Wear a mask and practice social distancing.
5. Avoid touching your face.
6. Please disinfect high contact surfaces when you enter and before you leave: door handles, light switches, computer mouse and keyboard, desks, tabletops, countertops, sinks, toilet, and shared equipment such as pens, staplers, and clipboards.

***Thank you for helping to keep us safe!***

Liberty Shores  
19360 Viking Avenue NW  
Poulsbo, WA 98370

In discussion with the Pastoral Care Team, **Rev. Zackrie** confirmed that he would appreciate being informed if anyone in 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.

### Social Justice News

#### Reform Our Justice System: Targeting the Poor

Banning debt-based drivers license suspensions is a goal of the Kitsap Equity, Race, And Community Engagement Coalition, **Kitsap ERACE**. The organization's criminal justice team added the objective to its list of collective actions after conferring with those working with impacted people.

Kitsap ERACE is a collaboration of many groups, organizations, and individuals, all striving for racial equity in Kitsap County. More information is available [here](#).

### Cedars Zoom License

Cedars UU Church has purchased a licensed zoom account through UUA for use by Board members, committees, and affinity groups.

This zoom account has screen sharing, polling, breakout rooms, and no time limits on meetings (the time limit for a free zoom account is 40 minutes). To schedule a meeting using the account, email **Herb Hethcote** and he will schedule the meeting and send an email to you with the zoom information.

For more information click [here](#).



#### Note from Rev. Zackrie

From Friday June 25th until July 6th I will be away from Cedars. For a portion of this time, I will be in the Denver Colorado area to meet with my ministerial mentor. This time is

meant to be a period of spiritual deepening



and reflection. I plan to return to Cedars after the 4th of July holiday refreshed and ready to begin my 3rd year with all of you.

### 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. Copies will also be available 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

### 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

Closed during COVID-19 Pandemic

### Rev. Zackie Vinczen, Minister

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

### Kathryn Jay, Faith Formation Lead

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### Carolyn Kerns, Office Administrator

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