

The Beacon

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Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church
Serving Bainbridge Island and Northern Kitsap County



CEDARS CHURCH
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Upcoming Services

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.

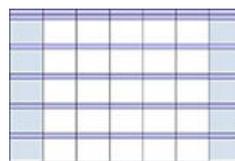
Toward an Ecological Civilization: From Emergency to Emerging

Sunday June 27th
10:00 a.m.
Virtual Worship Service

David Korten, Guest Speaker
Mike Cox, Worship Associate

As science warned that continuing business as usual will bring devastating and irreversible environmental consequences, a global pandemic disrupted every aspect of modern life. We stand at an unprecedented choice point: A moment of opportunity to create a world of material sufficiency and spiritual abundance for all aligned with the 7 UU principles and the wisdom of our African ancestors.

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 20th
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 22nd
7:00 p.m. Meditation Group
[Virtual Meditation Link](#)

Wednesday June 23rd
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice
[Virtual Choir Practice Link](#)

Friday June 25th
7:00 p.m. Movie Essentials Group

News and Announcements

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.

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.

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.

Movie Essentials

Join us on Friday,
June 25th at 7:00
p.m.

The Cedars Movie Group meets monthly

Our Congregational Mission

Worship with open hearts
Nurture a learning spirit
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.

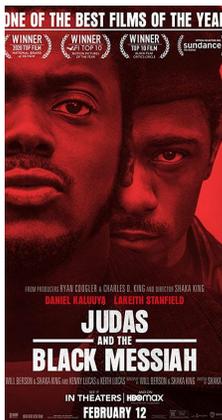
Do you want to light the chalice? It doesn't have to be a solo affair either! Families and couples can do this together. We all look forward to seeing you. More information about doing this is available [here](#).

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



for social evenings and discussion of a selected movie that participants have viewed previously.

This month we will discuss Shaka King's ***Judas and the Black Messiah***.

Black Panther leader Fred Hampton was gunned down by Chicago police and federal agents at age

21. Although his killing was ruled a justifiable homicide, history makes clear that it was more likely a political assassination. Less a high-stakes game of cat-and-mouse than a densely layered study of cats, mice and the rats who manipulate them, this is a throwback movie, asking the audience to consider the not-too-distant past of anti-Black racism as prologue to its similarly murderous present.

The group discussion will begin at 7:00, but the zoom link will be active by 6:45 to allow social interaction before the discussion.

For more information and the zoom link contact **Joan Spencer** or **Jane Martin**.

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-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 demonstration of creativity (and acceptance of those things we cannot change...):

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.

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

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.

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.

The monsoon In June Pounds loudly On my roof

Melissa Edgerton

Could this be yours?

Vinnie Perrone says "The attached photo is of a crocheted afghan that was repaired by my late wife Chere's friend, Becky Fitch. Chere received the afghan from somebody at Cedars knowing that Becky could repair it and Chere would subsequently return it. The problem is that I don't know the owner's identity. Could you publish the picture in the Beacon in the hope that someone will claim it?"



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](#).

Guidelines for using Cedars Center

The Cedars Board is making the following restrictions to reduce the risk of COVID-19

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
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](#).



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.

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!



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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. Zackrie Vinczen, Minister

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

Kathryn Jay, Faith Formation Lead
faith.formation@cedarsuuchurch.org

Carolyn Kerns, Office Administrator
hours: 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday.office@cedarsuuchurch.org

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