

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

Towards an Anti-Racist Patriotism

Sunday July 4th
10:00 a.m.
Virtual Worship Service

Rev. Cecilia Kingman, Acting Senior Minister
Johanna Munson, Visit Coordinator

We will be virtually visiting Edmonds UU Church for the service on July 4th, with a sermon from Rev. Cecilia Kingman.

The Purposes of Time Travel

Sunday July 11th
10:00 a.m.
Virtual Worship Service

Rev. Barbara H. Gadon and the worship staff of Eliot Unitarian Chapel, St. Louis, MO

36 years have passed since Back to the Future was released in 1985 - longer than Marty McFly travels to encounter his parents as teenagers. What does this movie say to us now? And why are we so in love with time travel?

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 July 4th
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
Live Streamed on Facebook [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

News and Announcements

To Be Rescheduled...

Last week's Sunday Service with guest speaker David Korten was unfortunately not available for viewing because of an unrecognized disruption of internet service

Our Congregational Mission

*Worship with open hearts
Nurture a learning spirit
Serve justice with compassion*

during video creation. Equally disappointing, an in-person coffee hour planned to follow the service had been cancelled several days earlier because of a dangerously hot weather forecast.

Planning for rescheduling of the special event is now underway.

Meditation

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.



The Meditation Group will take July off as a summer break and reconvene in August.

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

Love without judgment



Cedars UU Church is a Welcoming Congregation and Green Sanctuary



Rev. Zackrie Vinczen

Faith Formation at Cedars

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.

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!

Summer Choir

The Cedars Choir is now shifting to a Summer

about reconvening.

Climate Change Perspective

**A New Documentary
July 10-25**

OTHER SIDE OF THE HILL is a new documentary film that will be available this summer through Interfaith Power & Light for free viewing July 10-25.

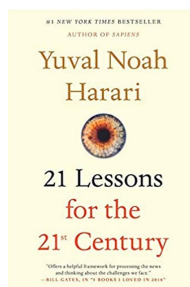
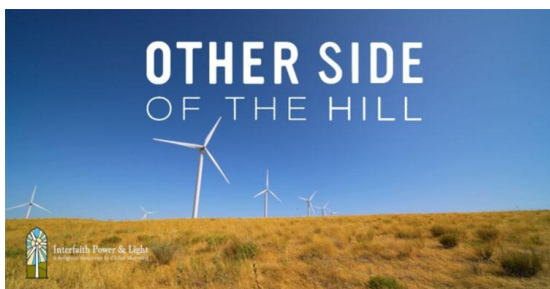
This film explores the impacts of a changing climate in rural Eastern Oregon – as seen through the eyes of local leaders on the ground. From innovative timber operations to large-scale solar, this film amplifies the voices of rural communities often left unheard, and shines a light on stories of progress & hope.

In a time of unprecedented cultural divide between rural and urban communities, we find common ground in an urgency to address a changing landscape. The film is 30 minutes long.

Registration opens July 1 and is required for free screening.

Sign up through IPL to get a reminder to register.

Highly recommended by **Cedars Green Sanctuary**.



Evans Reading Group

**We invite you to join us
on Tuesday July 13th at
1:30 p.m.**

Seeking "Salvation by Bibliography" as our late friend Marvin Evans used to say, we meet to discuss

books that can intrigue and might enlighten us.

Pushing beyond the highly acclaimed and previously discussed **Sapiens** that explored our historic development as a species, author

schedule for its practice sessions and will not be meeting this week. They will continue to meet virtually, as now, but only on the alternate Wednesdays of July 7 & 21 and August 4 & 18, and under the direction of Marcia Hill.

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

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
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,

Yuval Noah Harari now presents a probing study of today's most urgent challenges as we move into the uncharted territory of the future in **21 Lessons for the 21st Century**.

How do computers and robots change the meaning of being human? How do we deal with the epidemic of fake news? Are nations and religions still relevant? What should we teach our children?

The book is divided into five sections and we will discuss the fifth section (via Zoom) on July 13th. For more information contact **Alan Miller** or **Mary Romeo**

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

Warren Read takes a direct approach to air conditioning on a recent record-setting day:



Cedars Zoom License

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

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](#).

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!



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

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](#).

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



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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)

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