



The Exponent

June 24-30, 2022

WORSHIP

Summer Worship Series



**What Lies
Downstream?**

June 26, 2022

Sunday, June 26 "What Lies Downstream?"

It's done. We've said our goodbyes. Now what? Join us this Sunday as Christy White shares an aquatic tale of anxiety and fear of the unknown.

In-Service and Zoom. ZOOM door opens at 9:45 am. See link below.

Order of Service [here](#) Go to [ORUUC](#) for zoom information.

Send Prayer Requests: prayers@oruuc.org or Text 865-224-6388

Summer Worship Series

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

Christy White

SUNDAY, JULY 3

General Assembly Service from Portland, Oregon

SUNDAY, JULY 10

Rev. Gaye Morris, Community Minister, ORUUC

SUNDAY, JULY 17

Roddy Biggs (they/them), Seminarian at Meadville Lombard

SUNDAY, JULY 24

Heritage Trip Highlights from ORUUC teens

SUNDAY, JULY 31

Rev. Gaye Morris, Community Minister, ORUUC



UP FRONT

Stone Soup

Dine in



Or Drive Thru

Friday, June 24

5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Or until supplies run out!

**Menu: Kitchen Sink Pasta Salad,
Fruit and Rice Krispies Treats**

Stop by the church Social Hall for a meal, or drive through the loop near the church entrance where a volunteer will bring a meal to your vehicle.

Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church
809 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Stoplight #2

(865) 483-6761



Special thanks to our Community Partners for making this Final Friday Monthly Meal possible:

**Kroger Marketplace
Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge**





Need Childcare?

Do you need to plan for childcare for your upcoming meeting or event? Contact the church office at least two weeks in advance to make arrangements. 865-483-6761 or office@oruuc.org

Thank you!

ORUUC Coffeehouse

Saturday, June 25, 6:30 p.m.



COFFEHOUSE TALENT SHOW

**SATURDAY, JUNE 25
6:30 P.M.**

Get ready for performances from instrumentalists, vocal with accompaniment, drumming, a one act play, and more!
A good time is guaranteed for all!

Desserts, beer, and wine available for purchase. Free soft drinks.



Tomorrow evening, you don't want to miss the 20th Anniversary ORUUC Coffeehouse in the Social Hall!

6:30 p.m. Social gathering

7:00 p.m. Program begins

Our performers offer a range of instrumentalists, vocal with accompaniment, drumming and a one act play. A good time is guaranteed for all! Desserts will be available for a small price. Soft drinks are free. Beer and wine will be available--again, at a small cost. There will be a two-drink limit.



Looking Ahead: The Church Office will be closed the week of July 4 due to vacationing staff. It will reopen for normal business hours on Monday, July 11.

***Join the ORUUC Banned Books Discussion Series
Saturday mornings in July on Zoom***

ORUUC Banned Books Discussion Series with Rev. Gaye Morris
Every Saturday morning during July on Zoom

Last year in the Young Adult fiction genre, more than 1500 books were either challenged or banned in the United States. The reasons they are banned vary; some because they are accused of being sexually explicit or violent...but they are worth exploring in the censorship climate we face today, especially in our education system.

Our Fourth UU Principle urges us to affirm and promote “a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.” What better way for our congregation to put this into action than to read a banned book?

ORUUC's Community Minister Rev. Gaye Morris will facilitate a Zoom discussion each Saturday morning in July at 11:00 a.m. for book readers, including high school youth who want to read these books and contribute to the group discussions. A list of the books and their discussion dates appears below. You may wish to purchase these books for yourself, but I also urge you to ask your local librarian for these titles, as a gesture of solidarity against book censorship.

To register for the discussion series, please click on this

link: <https://onrealm.org/oruuc/Registrations/Info/c0dbc63c-4212-4e36-b75b-aea6013a534b>.

You will need a Realm log in to sign up for this discussion group. If you need help with Realm, or with registering for the class, please contact Rachel at communications@oruuc.org.

You can attend one, several, or all of the sessions. Registration will enable you to receive the Zoom link for that week's discussion.

Reading List

- **Saturday, July 2nd** - *Lawn Boy* by Jonathan Evison. Banned and challenged for LGBTQIA+ content and because it was considered to be sexually explicit, this is a novel about overcoming cultural discrimination and social class distinctions. Mike Munoz is the lawn boy who is a few years out of high school and, after being fired from a landscaping crew, realizes he needs to act in order to change his life – if only he can figure out how. A BookBrowse review says *Lawn Boy* “takes the reader into the heart and mind of a young man on a journey to discover himself, a search to find the secret to achieving the American dream of happiness and prosperity.”
- **Saturday, July 9** - *All Boys Aren't Blue* by George M. Johnson. This young-adult memoir tells of the trials and triumphs faced by Black queer boys. The book has been banned and challenged for LGBTQIA+ content, profanity, and because it was considered to be sexually explicit. Goodreads describes it as “Both a primer for teens eager to be allies as well as a reassuring testimony for young queer men of color.”
- **Saturday, July 16** - *Out of Darkness* by Ashley Hope Perez. “*This is East Texas, and there's lines. Lines you cross, lines you don't cross. That clear?*” Pérez takes the facts of the 1937 New London school explosion—the worst school disaster in American

history—as a backdrop for a riveting novel about segregation, love, family, and the forces that destroy people. This book has been banned, challenged, and restricted for depictions of abuse and because it was considered to be sexually explicit.

- **Saturday, July 23** - *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas. This is the story of a 16-year old girl whose childhood best friend is gunned down by a police officer. Starr Carter lives in a poor neighborhood but attends a fancy suburban prep school; when she witnesses the shooting of the unarmed teen, her life is turned upside down and her community is caught up in the uproar and chaos surrounding the fatal shooting. This book was banned and challenged for profanity, violence, and because it was thought to promote an anti-police message and indoctrination of a social agenda.
- **Saturday, July 30** – Concluding session. We end the month with a wide-ranging discussion of what freedom of speech means in the current censorship debate, and how we as UUs understand our obligation to contribute our voices and opinions to it.



Rainbow Camp is next week, **Tuesday June 28th-Friday July 1st from 9-3**. This is our first year in partnership with the Blossom Center, whose school age program will bus over to ORUUC for camp each day. Because they are a child care center and must follow state regulations, each time they come to us counts as a field trip, and they are limited to 4 per

summer. That is why camp is Tuesday-Friday this year and we will not be taking any additional field trips. but we have lots of fun things planned for our campers this year.

Here are some reminders:

1. Camp Registration Fee is \$75. Please come a few minutes early on Tuesday morning to pay the fee and to sign the medical release forms. Please have a copy of your health insurance card if you have it.
2. Bring a packed lunch each day.
3. Please bring a water bottle and put sunscreen on your child. We will mostly be indoors, but will go outside some.
4. Please bring some prizes for Bingo if you are willing and able.

We look forward to seeing you next week!

SMALL TOYS NEEDED FOR BINGO PRIZES AT RAINBOW CAMP!



**PLEASE DONATE
BY DROPPING OFF
TOYS IN THE BOX
IN THE CHURCH
LOBBY. THANKS!**



Mother Goose



of Oak Ridge

Join us with your baby, toddler and/or preschooler for bouncing, tickling, touching, clapping and action rhymes, musical circle games, simple songs, and play.

**FIRST and THIRD Thursdays each month
at 10:30 AM
with "Father Goose" Michael Raymond**

We promote positive parent/child interaction as well as language and early brain development through traditional rhymes, circle games, musical activities, and simple play. We provide a meeting place and fellowship for caregivers of young children, especially those new to the community and far from home. Nothing is charged for Mother Goose; it is freely and lovingly offered to all.

Mother Goose of Oak Ridge meets in the Oak Ridge Public Library Auditorium.

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Line Dancing

Sunday, 3:00 pm

We teach line dancing. Through our dancing, we bring together total strangers through-out the Oak Ridge community. We learn a variety of dances, country, jazz, waltz and cha-chas. Close friendships are developed with the willingness to share individual talents with others. A donation of \$3.00 per session is suggested. For more information, contact Jo Curran or Steven Albright.



Tai Chi

M-W-F, 11-12 am

We minister to health & stability through learning & practicing tai chi. Tai chi has helped individuals maintain & improve their balance, strength, & blood pressure, & reduce knee, arm, shoulder & back pain. It has helped with MS, Alzheimer's, dropped cervix, bunions, & more. For more information, call Janet Hoegler at 865-963-5115.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting News



At Sunday's Congregational Meeting, church members voted to appoint Freddie Nechtow and Charles Davis as Members-At-Large on the Board, each for a two-year term. They join Ethan Coon and Nathaniel Bass as Members-At-Large for the 2022-23 church year, which begins July 1. Thank you to Shelaine Curd and Regina Guy for serving on the Board the past two years.

Also at Sunday's meeting, the membership elected Sue Lasky President-Elect. She joins Michele Thornton, who begins her term as President, and Jim Nutaro, soon-to-be Past-President. Thank you to Val Herd for her service on the Board.

Brandon White was re-elected Treasurer. Jason Fishel will continue to serve as Board Secretary.

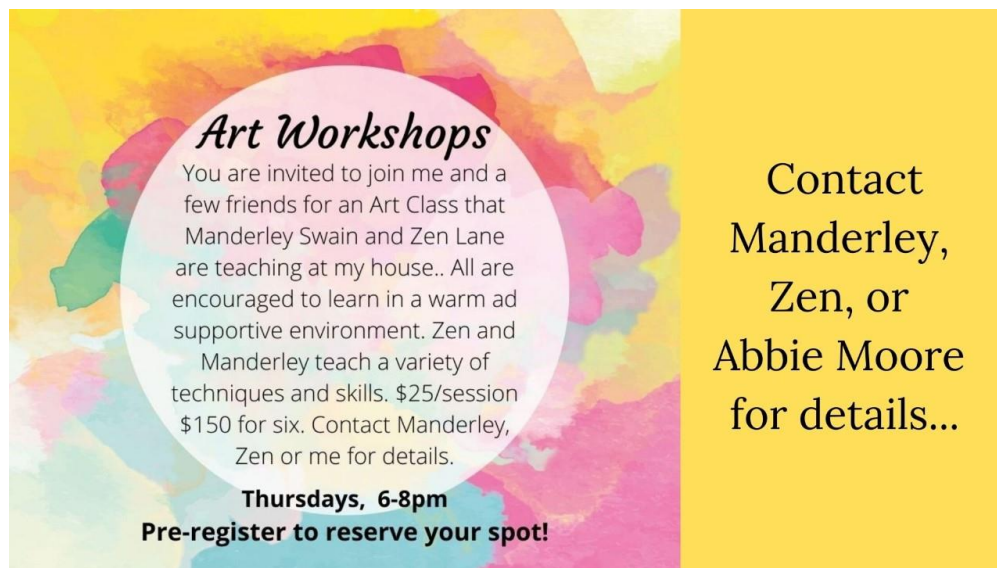
Church members voted to approve Jil Smith, Robyn Naughton, Sheila Morton, Amanda Law, and Nancy Highfill as Nominating Committee members. Amanda Fishel and Aubrey Wick-Sebastian will serve on the Charter & Bylaws Committee. Allyson Rayfield and Shelaine Curd will serve on the Endowment Committee.

Thanks to all who have served and continue to serve!

Also at Sunday's Congregational Meeting, church members approved the FY22-23 church budget in the amount of \$425,353.09. In a separate vote, members approved \$130,115.53 for the interim minister, which includes salary, housing, professional expenses, health insurance, and moving expenses. Rev. Lisa Schwartz begins her time with ORUUC on August 1. For more information about Rev. Lisa, go to <http://www.oruuc.org/interim-minister-announcement>

If you haven't made your pledge yet for FY22-23, please go to www.oruuc.org/pledge or call the church office at 865-483-6761 to have a pledge card mailed to you. Thank you!

Art Classes Offered Every Thursday Through July 14

A graphic for art workshops featuring a colorful watercolor background. A white circle on the left contains the title and details. To the right, on a yellow background, is contact information.

Art Workshops
You are invited to join me and a few friends for an Art Class that Manderley Swain and Zen Lane are teaching at my house.. All are encouraged to learn in a warm and supportive environment. Zen and Manderley teach a variety of techniques and skills. \$25/session \$150 for six. Contact Manderley, Zen or me for details.

Thursdays, 6-8pm
Pre-register to reserve your spot!

Contact
Manderley,
Zen, or
Abbie Moore
for details...

We're planning to run the current class through July 14. **Please let us know before each Thursday class if you'll be attending so that we can reserve a spot for you (seating is limited).** A new class series will begin in September (dates to be determined). Thank you!
~Abbie Moore, Manderley Swain, and Zen Lane.

EXTRA ORUUC T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE!

\$20 each

Adult Large Baseball-style

*Please purchase in the church office,
or see Christine Rehder.*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!





The Stone Soup Team needs your help!

The Stone Soup Team is in need of more help for both cooking soup and baking in the future! We're looking for at least 4 more cooks who can be available most months to assist. Please consider joining us this month! **Our next meal is Friday, July 29.** Please contact Miria at meg.harrison84@gmail.com or the church office to volunteer.

Thank you!



This Month

- Canned Meats (Tuna, etc.)
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Soup
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Green Vegetables
- Individual Snack Crackers
- Canned Pasta/Meat Meals

ORUUC Pantry
Needs



BANS OFF OUR BODIES

Rally & Community Gathering

to show our support for abortion access & that we won't back down no matter what the Supreme Court decides

5:00PM on Decision Day
Krutch Park - Knoxville



Shared by Mark Lucian Mohundro, on staff at TVUUC and a long-time Planned Parenthood volunteer:

According to a leaked draft document, the Supreme Court is preparing to overturn Roe v. Wade and the federal constitutional right to abortion. This decision would take away the right to control our bodies and make personal health care decisions - giving that control to politicians and leaving millions of people without access to abortion. We won't stand by while our rights are attacked. On the day of the Supreme Court decision, we're going to turn out and make our voices heard.

COVID-19 Update

The current Covid-19 Community Level for Anderson and surrounding counties is **Low**. ORUUC's Covid-19 Task Force encourages church members and friends to get vaccinated and boosted. Wear a mask if you are more comfortable doing so; use your own judgment, based on your circumstances. If you have symptoms, a positive test, or known exposure to someone with Covid, please stay at home and worship with us on Zoom.

For the weekly Covid-19 data for Anderson County, click here: [Tennessee Department of Health Covid-19 Data](#). See this [link](#) for ORUUC's PALs reports and resources.

Know Your COVID-19 Community Level

Covid-19 Community Levels are a tool from the CDC to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Levels can be low, medium, or high, and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area. Take precautions to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 based on the COVID-19 Community Level in your area. [COVID-19 by County | CDC](#)

What Prevention Steps Should You Take Based on Your COVID-19 Community Level?

Low	Medium	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccinesGet tested if you have symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">If you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautionsStay up to date with COVID-19 vaccinesGet tested if you have symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wear a mask indoors in publicStay up to date with COVID-19 vaccinesGet tested if you have symptomsAdditional precautions may be needed for people at high risk for severe illness

People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.



Get Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests

Every home in the U.S. is eligible to receive **four free at-home COVID-19 tests**. Orders usually ship in 7-12 days. Order tests now so you have them when you need them: <https://www.covidtests.gov/>

Note: At-home COVID-19 rapid test kits contain a small amount of sodium azide. To prevent accidental poisonings, poison control centers recommend the following tips:

- Store the kit “up and away,” out of the sight and reach of children and pets.
- Leave the kit sealed until needed and throw it away immediately after use.

- Make sure to read and follow the instructions on the package before using.

<https://blog.cincinnatichildrens.org/84/covid-19-home-test-kit-dangers-what-parents-need-to-know>



Our Split-the-Plate offering recipient for the month of June is the Ministers' Discretionary Fund. This important fund is used by our ministers to provide immediate assistance to neighbors in need.

Give [HERE](#)

OUR ORUUC FAMILY

Caring for Each Other

Are you going through a difficult time? Are you in a situation where support and caring are needed--someone to do grocery shopping, take you to a doctor's appointment, or provide a meal following an upcoming surgery?

Contact Rev. Tandy Scheffler, Minister of Care & Connection, or the church office: (865) 483-6761 or office@oruuc.org or a Caring Coordinator!

Caring Coordinators for June

Irene Robbins robbinsif1@comcast.net 207-0743

Kate Holtkamp-Readle kate.holtkamp@gmail.com 423-231-5482



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July Caring Coordinators

Kate Holtkamp-Readle kate.holtkamp@gmail.com 423-231-5482

Freddie Nechtow Freddie123@gmail.com 865-599-4359

If you are going through difficult times and would like emotional support, or are in any situation where support and caring are needed, contact Jeannie Cuevas, Office Administrator (865) 483-6761 or office@oruuc.org

Office Hours M-F 10 AM to 4 PM

Please call at least two days in advance to allow time for Caring Coordinators to find a volunteer to provide the care that you need. Our ability to provide transportation is limited. If your appointment is routine and/or can wait, please reschedule it rather than call a Caring Coordinator. Thank you for reserving our Caring Volunteers for those situations that address serious needs that cannot wait.



Roberta (Robin) Joan Toth died at the age of 87 on February 20, 2022. She was born June 1, 1934 in Los Angeles, California to Andrew Robert (Bob) and Edna Kelly.

She attended University High School in Los Angeles and went on to attend the University of California, Berkeley. Robin received a bachelor's degree in political science from UCB and later, once her children were school aged, she attended the University of Tennessee and received her master's degree in education. She continued to be a lifelong learner enrolling in ORICL classes at Roane State as well as being a voracious reader.

Robin loved music. She played the piano and sang in the church choir in Los Angeles. She enjoyed classical music so much that she would take herself to the symphony in downtown Los Angeles as a teen-ager. Her family lived near the Pacific Ocean, which she loved.

A favorite story of Robin's was how she met her husband Ken. She and her friend Carole were attending a tequila party sponsored by one of the sororities at Berkeley when she noticed Ken across the room (and of course he noticed her). Ken had been talking to Carole during the party and then offered both of them a ride home. Much to Robin's surprise (and we believe Carole's disappointment) Ken asked her to the next football game. That turned into a devoted partnership and marriage of over 65 years. They spent some time in Europe, while Ken worked on scientific projects, first in Denmark and later in the Soviet Union.

When Robin and Ken moved to Oak Ridge she taught at Elm Grove Elementary School, but took a hiatus after about six years to focus on her young family. Several years later with a master's degree under her belt she started teaching at Robertsville Junior High School. Robin went on to teach at ORHS where she was highly regarded by both staff and students. Her final chapter in teaching was working with the Smoky Mountain Writing Project where she worked with other teachers in developing writing skills and programs.

Robin was very active in a variety of causes. She was very involved in the League of Women Voters most of her life, holding a number of offices within the organization. Anyone that knew her knew how passionate Robin was about politics. She was involved in both Bernie Sanders' campaigns and Barack Obama's campaign. To call her a social justice warrior would be putting it mildly....always putting time and effort into helping the people.

Robin and Ken joined the Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church over twenty years ago. Robin was integral in the formation of the Reflections Group at the church and ran the group until her health began to decline. She was also involved with various committees, activities and outreach for the church throughout the years.

Surviving her is her husband Kenneth Toth of Oak Ridge; daughter Deborah Wyatt of Oak Ridge; son Kenneth Toth Jr. of Chicago, Illinois; sister Kathryn Kelly Epstein of Oakland, California; nephew, Jaron Epstein of Oakland, California. Her grandchildren are Kenneth Wyatt of Oak Ridge; Christina Wyatt Hart of Oak Ridge

and Emma Toth of Cleveland, Ohio. She has two great grandchildren Ellie O'meara of Raleigh, North Carolina and Anna Hart of Oak Ridge.

A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held at the Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church. 809 Oak Ridge Turnpike on June 25, 2022 at 10:30 am. Reverend Tandy Scheffler will be officiating. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Endowment Fund of the Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church.

ORUUC LEADERSHIP

The ORUUC Board of Officers

President: Jim Nutaro
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Christina Elliott
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Community/UU



Join us for a Mountain Experience

The Mountain Retreat & Learning Center

3872 Dillard Road, P.O. Box 1299

Highlands, NC 28741

Intergenerational Camp

July 24 - 29, 2022

Open to the Public



A Mountain Camp experience for all ages! Adventures, entertainment, and workshops, including building a cob pizza oven. Please register by July 10.

[See the Schedule](#) [Register](#)

6th Annual Aaron Shearer Summer Institute

July 29 - Aug 4, 2022

Open to the Public



Masterclasses for individuals and groups in beginning to advanced technique, guitar harmony and rhythm, composing and arranging.

[Register](#)



Dear Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church,

Get your tickets today for the BIGGEST SHOW BLAST supporting low-income and uninsured community members for no charge primary care! Register [HERE](#)

August 13, 2022, 6:30-9:30pm
St. Mary's Catholic Church
327 Vermont Ave.
Oak Ridge, TN

Thank you for your support, we are going to have a blast as we join together for fun, food and prizes!

Sincerely,
Becky Dodson and Trish Polfus
The Free Medical Clinic
execdir@fmc.org
865-483-3904

New Initiative at the United Way of Anderson County: Volunteers Needed!



The United Way of Anderson County is working on a pilot program to mentor those in need of financial assistance. We will give them the tools they need to be independent and self-sufficient. But we need your help to get this program rolling! It will take a lot of help from our community, churches, and businesses to work closely with the clients that call United Way for help. The program will be a great way to bring those in financial crisis and community helpers together.

We're looking for volunteers who are

- compassionate, non-judgmental, and able to maintain confidentiality
- good at financial management/understand budgeting
- good problem solvers and are open minded
- able to understand and respect program boundaries
- willing to offer 4 to 8 hours per month of their time

The United Way of Anderson County is hosting a class for interested volunteers on Friday, July 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch will be provided. We will meet at First Presbyterian Church of Oak Ridge in Room 102. Please call Debbie Jordan, Community Initiatives Coordinator at the United Way of Anderson County, at 865-483-8431 if you will be attending or you would like more information on how you can help. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of so many people in our community! Thank you!

ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Friday, June 24

11:00am Tai Chi Practice
3:30pm Memorial Setup
5:00pm Stone Soup Community Meal

Saturday, June 25

9:00am (Set Up) Memorial Service
10:30am Robin Toth Memorial Service
11:45am Robin Toth Interment
6:30 pm Coffee House

Sunday, June 26

8:15am Circles of Trust VII
10:00am Worship Service
11:00am High School
11:00am Reflections
11:00am Together in Spirit
11:15am Circle of Trust II
11:15am Circle of Trust IV
11:15am Circle of Trust IX
11:15am Newcomers
12:00pm Circle of Trust V
12:30pm Buddhism Study Group
12:30pm Rainbow Camp Planning
1:00pm Circle of Trust VI
3:00pm Line Dancing
3:00pm Sullivan and White Wedding by Invitation only

Monday, June 27

Rainbow Camp setup and training
11:00am Tai Chi Practice
5:00pm Caring Coordinators Transition Meeting
6:50pm Meditation Learning and Practice Group

Tuesday, June 28

Rainbow Camp
2:00pm (Rental) Friends of Literacy
6:00pm Depression & Anxiety Support Group

Wednesday, June 29

Rainbow Camp
11:00am Tai Chi
6:45pm Choir Practice
7:45pm Band Rehearsal

Thursday, June 30

Rainbow Camp
6:00pm Potluck
6:50pm Meditation Learning and Practice Group

Reminder: The deadline to submit news for the weekly Exponent is WEDNESDAY at NOON. Please send news to Rachel at communications@oruuc.org **AND** Debby Crider

at newsletters@launchpad.faith

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