

August 25-31, 2023

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## News from Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church

# The Exponent



**Stone Soup is TODAY!**  
Drive thru beginning at  
5:30 p.m.

**Stone Soup**

FREE Meal!  
Groceries available



Drive Thru ONLY

**Friday, Aug. 25**  
**5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**  
Or until supplies run out!

**Tuna Mac Salad,  
Fresh Fruit, and Lemon Bars**

Drive through the loop near the church entrance and a volunteer will bring meals to your vehicle. Non-perishable groceries available upon request.

Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church (865) 483-6761  
809 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Stoplight #2

Special thanks to our Community Partners for making this Final Friday Monthly Meal possible:  
 Kroger Marketplace  
 Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge  
 ORUUC

## Water Communion: Let's Reconstitute Our Community

In 1980, two Unitarian Universalist women—Carolyn McDade and Lucile Schuck Longview—were asked to create a worship service for the Women and Religion Continental Convocation of Unitarian Universalists.

As they shaped that service, McDade and Longview wanted to create a new ritual “that spoke to our connectedness to one another, to the totality of life, and to our place on this planet.” They included a new, inclusive symbol of women’s spirituality: water.

They write, “Water is more than simply a metaphor. It is elemental and primary, calling forth feelings of awe and reverence.

Acknowledging that the ocean is considered by many to be the place from which all life on our planet came—it is the womb of life—and that amniotic waters surround each of us prenatally, we now realize that [this worship service] was for us a new story of creation... We choose water as our symbol of our empowerment.”

Many UU congregations now hold a Water Communion once a year, often at the beginning of the new church year.

Members bring to the service a small amount of water from a place that is special to them. During the appointed time in the service, people one by one pour their water together into a large bowl. As the water is added, the person who brought it shares how this water is special to them. The combined water is symbolic of our shared faith coming from many different sources.

EMBERS (Earth Mindfulness Based on Earth Religions and Spirituality) hopes you will join us for this special annual ritual this Sunday, Aug. 27 at 10 a.m. in person and on Zoom.

Jen Stark and Whitney Cole  
EMBERS



Volunteers have created another delicious meal—Tuna Mac Salad, Fresh Fruit, and Lemon Bars—drive thru beginning at 5:30 today! Thanks, as always, to our community partners—the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge and Kroger Marketplace—and to all of our volunteers who make this meal possible! **Stone Soup is returning to in-person dining in the Social Hall September 29! Contact Jen Stark at [jen.stark@hotmail.com](mailto:jen.stark@hotmail.com) if you'd like to help!**

# This Sunday, Aug. 27

## Water Communion: Let's Reconstitute Our Community

The water communion has deep roots in Unitarian Universalism. At this annual ritual celebration, the EMBERS (Earth Mindfulness Based on Earth Religions and Spirituality) group will lead the congregation in a service of joy and community. We'll honor the ORUUC tradition of calling forth waters and associated energy from the four directions. All are joyously welcome! Please bring water that has special meaning to you to share during the service.

Worship with us at 10 a.m. in person or on Zoom. Zoom door opens at 9:45 a.m.

Go to [Sunday Worship Info — ORUUC](#) for Zoom information.

The Order of Service may be found [here](#). Email or Text Prayer Requests to [prayers@oruuc.org](mailto:prayers@oruuc.org)



This month's Split the Plate Offering: [Fresh Fruit for Kids](#)

Adult and Youth Faith Formation classes meet his Sunday from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Nursery is available during the FF Hour.

*Covid-19 Update: Masks are not required in the building; however, we encourage you to do what makes you feel comfortable. **There are currently Covid cases in our community. If you have recently tested positive, please stay home and worship with us on Zoom. We care for one another!***

ORUUC  
**JOIN OUR WORSHIP TECH TEAM**

**Summary**  
Provide video & Zoom support for Sunday worship services and other ORUUC events as requested and available.

**Duties**

- Set up & run video equipment
- Manage Zoom live stream
- Ensure smooth operations during worship service

**Apply Now**  
If you are interested in joining our team, send your resume to [rev.lisa@oruuc.org](mailto:rev.lisa@oruuc.org).

865-483-6761 ORUUC.org

**The Worship Tech Team needs you!** We're low on staff to run Zoom for worship services. Interested in learning more or applying? Check out the job description [here](#) and email your resume and cover letter to Rev. Lisa at [rev.lisa@oruuc.org](mailto:rev.lisa@oruuc.org). We also need **Zoom Doorkeepers** - a simpler, but necessary job! But no financial compensation, just the joy of helping and seeing folks on Zoom.

## This Month's Split the Plate Offering:

The Split-the-Plate recipient for the month of August is **Fresh Fruit for Kids**. This shared ministry group supplements Second Harvest's backpack program with fresh fruit. Since it was started by Elizabeth Peelle in 2012, this program has delivered over 17,000 pieces of fruit to area school children. While Fresh Fruit for Kids was limited in their service during the pandemic, they resumed deliveries in 2022, providing fresh fruit to nearly 450 children per week. This effort to alleviate hunger is social justice work that helps reduce instances of behavioral difficulties,



malnutrition, and food insecurity in our community. By bringing delicious and nutritious fruit to our at-risk children, we demonstrate through our actions that these children are a beloved part of our community. An increased number of children in need, coupled with the price of fruit have depleted the group's funds. As an ORUUC shared ministry, 100% of donations to Fresh Fruit for Kids go directly to providing food to area school children. Please [GIVE HERE](#) as you are willing and able, or text "ORUUC" to 73256.



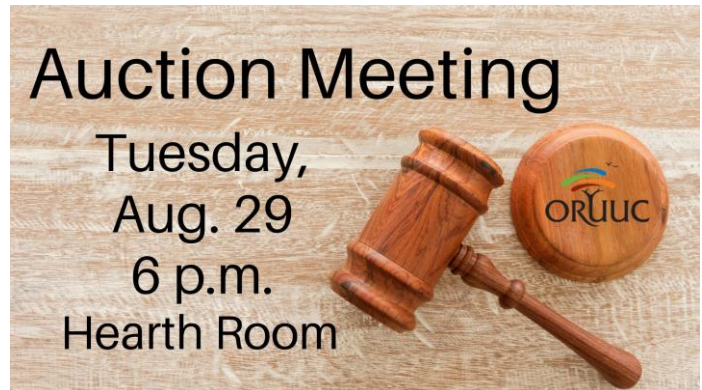
# Announcements



**Maintenance Day this Saturday, Aug. 26, 9 a.m. - noon.** Trimming trees and shrubs away from the building is also on the list. Questions? Contact Martin Bauer at [bauermlb@gmail.com](mailto:bauermlb@gmail.com) for more information.

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**Interested in helping with ORUUC's Auction Sunday, Oct. 22?**



Come to the Auction Meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 29 at 6 p.m. in the Hearth Room! Can't make it? Contact Christy White at [christy\\_white@comcast.net](mailto:christy_white@comcast.net) to see how you can get involved!

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A graphic for a Christian Fellowship Communion Service. It features a dark background with a white cross in a circle in the top right. The text reads: 'ORUUC Christian Fellowship Communion Service Sunday, Aug. 27, 5:00 p.m. In the Sanctuary'. At the bottom, there is a photograph of a white chalice and a loaf of bread on a white plate.

All are welcome to the Christian Fellowship Communion service the last Sunday of each month at 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

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## COFFEHOUSE TALENT SHOW

FRIDAY, SEPT. 22  
6:30 P.M. FOOD AND SOCIAL  
7 P.M. PROGRAM  
AT ORUUC

### Coffeehouse Talent Show Friday, Sept. 22

Food & Social starts 6:30 p.m.  
Program starts at 7:00 p.m.

Start getting your act together! Any kind of rehearsed, presentational act is possible, from the silly to the sublime. All ages and all kinds of talent are encouraged. Past shows have included one-act plays, singer-songwriters, vocal and instrumental solos or ensembles, joke telling, dancers, and novelty acts. This is your chance to live out a performance fantasy, to ham it up, to build some experience performing in front of people, or to blow people's minds by unveiling a unique talent you've been keeping to yourself. Advance sign-up is required for all performers. **The signup deadline is Sunday, Sept. 17.** Contact Nancy Starr, [starroakridge@gmail.com](mailto:starroakridge@gmail.com), mobile 865-742-9993

# Announcements

**TONIGHT!!!**

**Friday Night Community Concert  
St. Paul United Methodist Church, Knoxville  
The Annual Beatles Birthday Bash!  
Friday, Aug. 25 at 7 p.m.**



**ORUUC's Dave Dunkirk will be one of the performers at this annual concert. For more information, contact [St. Paul United Methodist Church](#), 4014 Garden Drive, Knoxville. 865-687-2952**



*From the Ministerial Search Committee: Get ready for the Congregational Survey! The online survey will open **Friday, Sept. 8** and is designed to assist us with three key elements of search.*

1. It helps us and our future minister understand our congregation better.
2. Survey results will help guide cottage meeting discussions.
3. Answers will be used to enrich the narrative about ORUUC that we share with ministerial applicants.

There will be other ways to take the survey, including paper copies and assisted entry. More details will be published in the Exponent after September 8.

Whether you are a member, friend, or visitor, your participation is a VITAL part in the successful search for our next minister. Thank you.

**Stone Soup**



**Friday, Sept. 29  
5:30- 6:30 p.m.  
SOCIAL HALL**

Welcome back to dining in person!

**Happy 13th Birthday, Stone Soup!**

Contact Jen Stark at [jen.stark@hotmail.com](mailto:jen.stark@hotmail.com) to help!

**Stone Soup is returning to in-person dining September 29!** The Stone Soup team needs volunteers to help set tables, serve diners, box up To Go meals, and clean up after, in addition to kitchen help. Contact Jen Stark at [jen.stark@hotmail.com](mailto:jen.stark@hotmail.com) if you'd like to help!



**Re-TREAT Yourself: ORUUC all-church retreat registration opens this Sunday, Aug. 27!**

Join your friends or make new ones October 13 thru 15 at Harrison Bay State Park group camp. There will be fun, fellowship, games, and more! Register [HERE](#) beginning this Sunday! Pay online via Realm: <https://onrealm.org/oruuc/-/form/give/now> Choose "All Church Retreat" from the drop down menu under "Fund."

**Zentangle Group**  
Sundays 5 to 7 PM  
at  
  
Introductory and Continuing Classes  
\$10 including starter supplies (cash only)  
For more information, contact  
**Nancy Starr, Certified Zentangle Teacher**  
865-483-8684 (landline)  
865-742-9993 (mobile/text)  
[starrakridge@gmail.com](mailto:starrakridge@gmail.com)

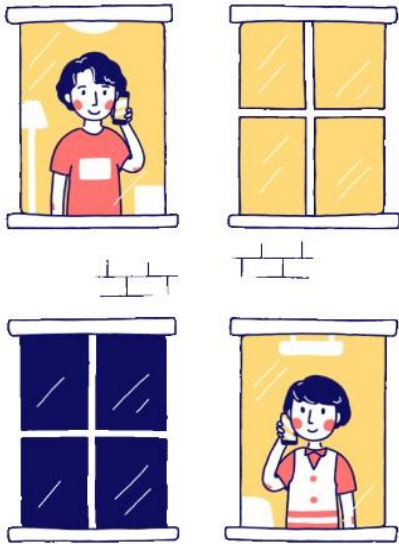


3 1/2-inch tile  
Introduction to Zentangle class

**\*\*\*Cash only. Supplies available to purchase. Offered every week — no RSVP required!\*\*\*** These classes are open to the public—invite a friend and have fun! For more information, contact Nancy Starr, Certified Zentangle Teacher, at 865-483-8684 (landline) 865-742-9993 (mobile/text)



# 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 the church office: (865) 483-6761 or [office@oruuc.org](mailto:office@oruuc.org) or a Caring Coordinator!

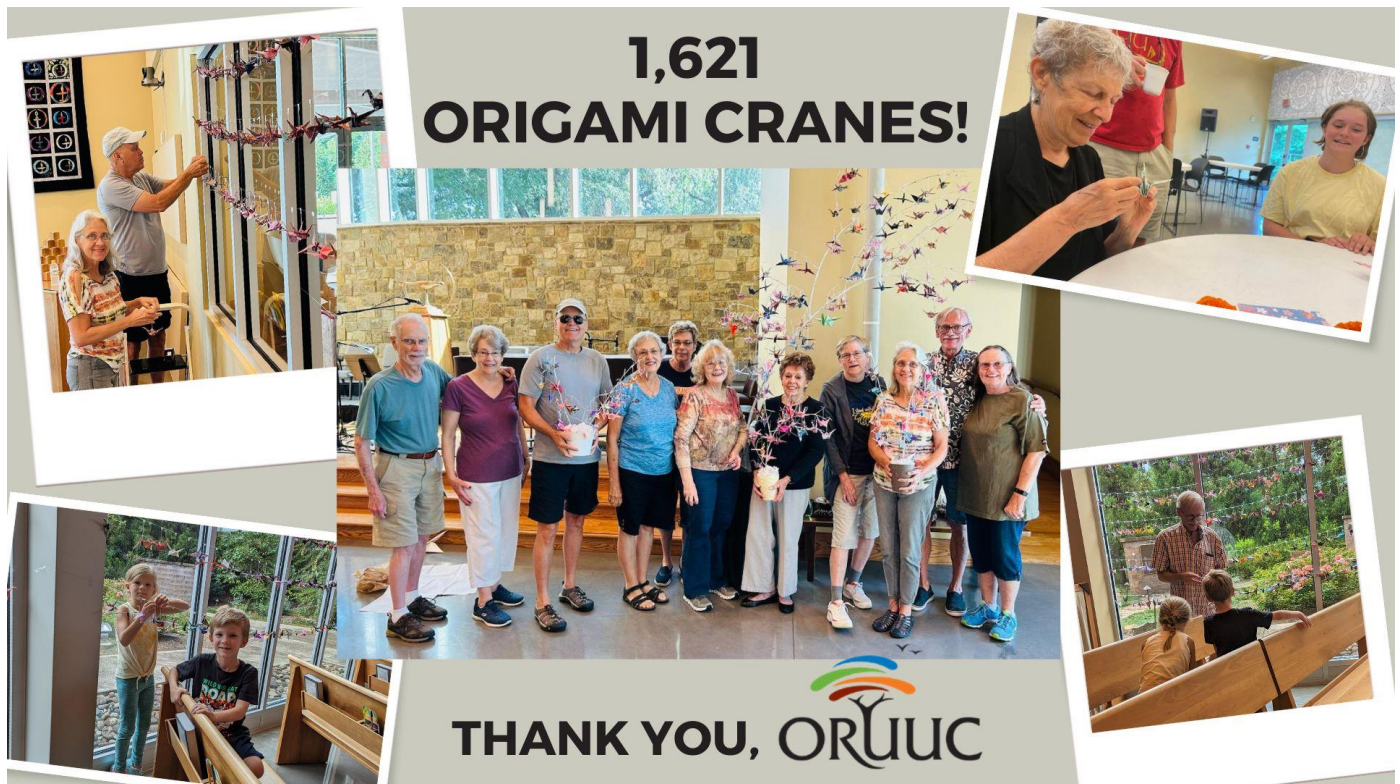
## Caring Coordinators for August

Mare Martell [maremartell@gmail.com](mailto:maremartell@gmail.com) 616-826-9984 (cell)

Rachel Smith-Jones [smithnjones3@comcast.net](mailto:smithnjones3@comcast.net) 603-252-2295 (cell)

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.

*Thank you to all who made origami cranes and created the Sanctuary display!*



This beautiful display will be up through this Sunday, Aug. 27. Next week, the cranes will be boxed up and mailed to Hiroshima, Japan, where they will be placed at the Children's Peace Monument. The monument commemorates Sadako Sasaki and the thousands of child victims of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. Sadako, featured in Rev. Lisa's Story for All Ages on Sunday, Aug. 6— "Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes," written by Canadian-American author Eleanor Coerr—died at the age of 12 of leukemia from radiation from the atomic bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945. The Sanctuary cranes were made in honor of Shigeiko Uppuluri, whose Celebration of Life was held at ORUUC earlier this month.

<https://www.knoxnews.com/obituaries/kns059755>

## Ongoing Activities at ORUUC



### Line Dancing

**Sundays at 3 p.m.** We learn a variety of dances: country, jazz, waltz and cha-chas. Through our dancing, we bring together total strangers in the community and develop close friendships with the willingness to share individual talents with others. A donation of \$3 per session is suggested. For more information, contact Jo Curran or Steven Albright.



### Tai Chi

**Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 11 a.m. – 12 noon**

We minister to health & stability through learning & practicing tai chi. Help maintain & improve balance, strength, and blood pressure, and reduce knee, arm, shoulder & back pain. For more information call Janet Hoegler at 865-963-5115.



### Ukulele Group

The group is scheduled to meet **this Saturday, Aug. 26 at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary.** If you've been working on something and want to share it, please bring printed copies.

Abbie Moore  
[abbie.moore@icloud.com](mailto:abbie.moore@icloud.com).

## Social and Volunteer Opportunities



Meets monthly at various churches in Oak Ridge. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/371268369619360> or email Anne Baccus [baccusanne@comcast.net](mailto:baccusanne@comcast.net) for more information about PFLAG Oak Ridge.

### Help with Ecumenical Storehouse Pick Ups September 23, 9 a.m. to noon



One Saturday each month, ORUUC takes a turn volunteering at Ecumenical Storehouse. There's no training required, just a willingness to help! The items picked up range from heavy furniture to linens, lamps, and pots and pans. Questions? Show up at 134 E. Division Road at 9 a.m. and lend a hand! Contact Michael Bjerke at [michaelbjerke@comcast.net](mailto:michaelbjerke@comcast.net).



**Beginning in October: Eggs and Pegs!**  
Play cribbage, eat breakfast, have fun! These get togethers will be held the first Sunday of each month at 8:30 a.m. in the Social Hall. Stay tuned for details!



ORUUC needs to add members to its Caring Team! **Contact Rachel in the church office (865-483-6761) or [communications@oruuc.org](mailto:communications@oruuc.org)** if you would be willing to be called upon occasionally to

- Provide transportation to Sunday services, evening events at church, or medical/dental appointments
- Run errands or grocery shop
- Provide/deliver meals
- Visit
- Perform minor home repairs
- Provide computer repair and support
- Haul items by truck
- Provide pet care
- Help with Memorial Service receptions
- Support new parents
- Perform yard work
- Sit with someone during Worship



ORUUC Pantry Needs

**Fruit (small cans or cups) • Tuna • Peanut Butter • Soups • Vegetables (corn, green beans) • Kidney beans • Mac & Cheese • Hamburger Helper • Ravioli/ SpaghettiOs *NO GLASS JARS, PLEASE.***

Donations are desperately needed and may be dropped off any weekday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., or on Sunday mornings. Thank you!



# Family News



**Faith Formation is off to a great start this month!** We'd love to have you join us anytime! Please complete a [Youth Faith Formation Registration Form](#) and turn it in to Director of Youth Faith Formation Christine Rehder, or pick up a copy at church.

## **Faith Formation Dates for 2023-24**

- August 6 – First Day of Youth Faith Formation
- **September 15-16 - Rummage Sale (Teens can volunteer to help anytime during Rummage Week and earn money for the Youth Trip Fund!)**
- September 29 - October 16 - OR Schools Fall Break
- October 1 - Church Potluck (No Faith Formation)
- October 13-15 - All Church Retreat (Harrison Bay State Park) (No Faith Formation)
- October 29 - Trunk or Treat
- November 3-5 - Fall Elementary Mountain CON
- November 17-19 - Fall Intermediate Mountain CON
- November/December - Tamaladas (A tamale making party!) TBD
- December 1-3 – Fall Senior High Mountain CON
- December 3 - Cocoa and Caroling
- December 10 - 5th/6th OWL Parent Orientation
- January 7 - 5th/6th OWL Begins
- February 11 - Hugs and Quiches
- February 23-25 - Spring Elementary Mountain CON
- March 1-3 - Spring Intermediate Mountain CON /Rummage Sale
- March 9-25 - OR Spring Break (Special Programming)
- March 15-17 – Spring Senior High Mountain CON
- March 31 - Easter Egg Hunt
- April TBD - Ministerial Visits
- April TCAP Test Break TBD
- May 12 - Last Day of Youth Faith Formation
- May 19 - Bridging/Reception
- June 24-28 -Rainbow Camp



If you or your group need childcare for a church meeting or event, please complete this form **TWO WEEKS** in advance:

<https://form.jotform.com/231284551294053>.

Childcare is provided for children ages 10 and under only. Once you click "Submit," the form will go directly to ORUUC's Multigenerational Coordinator Whitney Cole, who will work with Childcare Coordinator Laura Scott to arrange childcare for your church function. Thank you!



**Mother Goose with ORUUC's own "Father Goose" Michael Raymond!** Babies through preschoolers will have fun singing, clapping, dancing, and moving with their parents, grandparents, or other caregivers.

**First and Third Thursdays<sup>at</sup> 10:30 a.m.  
in the Oak Ridge Public Library Meeting Room**

***Don't miss the next gathering September 7!***

View and sign up for the Oak Ridge Public Library's newsletter here:

<https://mailchi.mp/oakridgetn/orplaug23>

***Check out ORUUC's monthly newsletter for families, "Connecting in Spirit" [here!](#)***

# Fall Rummage Sale: September 15-16

## BIG RUMMAGE PICKUP

Saturday, Sept. 9  
9-12 noon

**Trucks**  
We need: **Volunteers**  
**Donations**



*To schedule pick up of large items or tables, please contact Amanda Fishel or Christina Elliott by sending an email to [oruucrummage@gmail.com](mailto:oruucrummage@gmail.com), calling or texting (865) 804-7033 (Amanda) or (865) 214-0756 (Christina).*

## RUMMAGE SALE

### Donation Drop off Begins Sunday, Sept. 10

**We'll gratefully accept the following items in resalable condition:**

- **Clothing & Linens:** Washed, no tears, stains, mildewed, or strong odors from cigarettes, pets or mothballs. It would be helpful to fold clothing and put in clean trash bags.
- **Upholstered Furniture & Area Rugs:** No significant tears, no stains, no mildew, or strong cigarette or pet odors.
- **Wood or Solid Furniture:** Not broken or badly dented or water damaged, and not missing any vital parts. Minor dents or scratches are acceptable.
- **Televisions:** Flat screens, still in good working condition, less than 5 years old, with no missing knobs or buttons. Minor dents or scratches are acceptable. No big projection TVs or consoles.
- **Electronics:** Still in good working condition stereo components and speakers, computers only with flat screen monitors.
- **Appliances:** Only small, still in good working condition such as toasters and microwave ovens, mixers, etc. No missing knobs or buttons. Minor dents or scratches are acceptable.
- **Miscellaneous Items:** Toys, tools, music instruments, patio furniture and décor items, knickknacks, books (no school textbooks or magazines please,) artwork, clean area rugs, dishes, pots/pans, shoes, antiques, and jewelry.

### Things we are **UNABLE** to accept:

- Anything that is wet from rain or floods, etc. or otherwise damaged
- Combustible fuel in any tanks or containers
- Console stereos or TVs, big projection TVs, or any that are older than 5 years, are not working, and those missing knobs or buttons
- Child car-seats
- Baby cribs with a sliding side rail
- Building materials, including paint and carpet remnants\*\*
- Auto parts
- Electronics not in working condition
- Mattresses\*
- Large appliances such as dishwashers, stoves and refrigerators, etc.\*
- Large exercise equipment (treadmills, elliptical machines, etc.)\*
- Pianos or organs
- Slate-top pool tables
- Safety helmets, including baseball, football, and cycling helmets

**\*Call Ecumenical Storehouse: (865) 481-0274**

**\*\*Call Habitat ReStore: (865) 483-5433**

### Does any of this belong to **YOU**?



**Have you checked the Lost & Found table lately? Please pick up your items by Sunday, Sept. 10.** After that, any remaining items will end up in the Fall Rummage Sale. Stop by today and retrieve what's yours!



# Community News

Pack "Food For Kids" with Second Harvest at First United Methodist Church of Oak Ridge Monday, Sept. 11 at 12 noon



Our first packing of the new school year is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 11, with delivery to schools on Tuesday, Sept. 12. Reminder emails will go out before the 11th so if any changes do occur the correct info will be in those emails in September. For more information, or to be added to the mailing list, contact Cara Weigel, Food for Kids Program Coordinator at FUMC, at [rcweigel@comcast.net](mailto:rcweigel@comcast.net) or 865-806-7544.



**Have you signed up for Kroger Community Rewards? To enroll, go to:** <https://www.kroger.com/signin?redirectUrl=/account/communityrewards>. Sign in or create an account. Choose organization #63422. That's it! Every time you shop at Kroger and use your Kroger card or "Alternative ID" at check-out, a percentage of what you spend will get sent to ORUUC!

## ORUUC Covid-19 Update

With the expiration of the Covid-19 national public health emergency on May 11, the CDC has ceased tracking community level transmission because it no longer receives the data needed to do so. Therefore, ORUUC is ending its weekly Pandemic Action Levels (PALs) report. **Masks are not required inside the building;** however, if you have symptoms or have had a COVID exposure, please stay home and follow us on Zoom. We appreciate your continued cooperation as we work to keep our community safe and healthy.



**For more information:**



<https://scarboro85monument.com>

John Spratling (865) 363-9759, [jspratling@ortn.edu](mailto:jspratling@ortn.edu)



The Oak Ridge/Anderson County NAACP invites all to a special program on Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 5 p.m. in AK Bissell Park to learn about the planned Scarboro 85 monument. For more information, visit <https://scarboro85monument.com/>.



Mark your calendars to attend the Celebrate Different Abilities Fair, Saturday, Oct. 7, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Oak Ridge Civic Center. The first-ever disability fair in Oak Ridge has two main goals: to provide information on resources to people with disabilities, their families and caregivers, and to attract others to come and learn about how we can plan and build our communities so that all can live, work and play to their full potential. There will be 50 vendors, 20 activities, demonstrations, ten speakers, art exhibits, music, food, games, prizes and more! The City of Oak Ridge, United Way of Anderson County, and Periodic Tables: Healing Starts Here are putting on the event. For more information, visit <https://www.oakridgeperiodictables.com/blog/periodic-tables-fall-line-up-is-here>.

# Community News

**SPIRIT QUEST 2023  
ELKMONT GROUP CAMPGROUND,  
GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 –  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**



*A special event sponsored by Earth Church East Tennessee*

Join Rev. Carol Bodeau at this annual celebration of earth-spirit. We will gather in the Smoky Mountains to:

- Listen to the voice of nature as it speaks to us
- Learn about world traditions that have rooted their spirituality in the cycles of the natural world
- Make music that echoes the heartbeat of the earth, the songs of creatures, and the rhythms of wind and water
- Sleep outdoors and spend time alone on the land (*If sleeping outside isn't for you, there are other options*)
- Share in sacred fire circles
- Swim, hike, do crafts and generally have a rich, deep joyful time with others who love being on the land in a spiritual way

**Cost:** \$20 per person to cover campground and basic supplies (we will all bring food to share)

**Registration:** Email Rev. Carol at [revcarol@westsideuuc.org](mailto:revcarol@westsideuuc.org)



**Interested in being part of an East TN UU cluster table at this fall's Knox Pride event October 6-8 at World's Fair Park?** Contact the church office at 483-6761 or [communications@oruuc.org](mailto:communications@oruuc.org). ORUUC will work with other UU churches to be supportive at this important event. Questions? Contact Mark Mohundro at TVUUC: [markm667@gmail.com](mailto:markm667@gmail.com). For more information on the Knox Pride event, visit <https://www.knoxpride.com/pride-fest-2023>.

**Learning about the Eastern Cherokee  
A UU Living our Values Field Trip  
Saturday, Sept. 30  
Organized by TVUUC**



As Unitarian Universalists, we are committed to honoring the first nations peoples who stewarded and inhabited North America prior to settler colonialism. As part of living our values, we can learn directly from local indigenous peoples about their histories, cultures, and contemporary lived experiences. Join with other UU's to honor the Eastern Cherokee people by visiting:

- Oconaluftee Indian Village: on the site of a traditional village, where tribal members educate the public about their culture and lifeways (our group will have a private, guided tour) \$20 per adult, children 6-12 yrs \$10, children under 10 free.
- The Museum of the Cherokee Indian: one of the oldest tribally run museums in the US, this museum includes historical and archaeological exhibits, cultural specialists demonstrating crafts and skills, and a bookstore/giftshop with an excellent collection of books on Cherokee culture. Cost: optional (\$12 if you choose to view the exhibits; the bookstore is free to enter).
- Qualla Arts and Crafts store: Across the street from the museum, this store offers the work of native artists from around the US, with a focus on local Cherokee artists. Free to enter.

Scholarship support is available for anyone who needs it. You can also donate to the scholarship fund.

Transportation: We are currently planning on carpooling; please let us know if you need transportation support. We will meet in Cherokee at 10 am Eastern Time and be there until approximately 4 pm.

Bring your own lunch for a picnic by the river.

Register using this link-<https://tinyurl.com/3wepm4sj>



# This Week at ORUUC



## Friday, Aug. 25

11am Tai Chi Practice  
3pm Stone Soup packing  
5:30pm Stone Soup Community Meal (Drive Thru)

## Saturday, Aug. 26

9am Maintenance Day  
3pm Ukulele

## Sunday, Aug. 27

### **Water Communion**

8:15am Circle of Trust VII

### **10am Worship**

11am High School  
11am Together in Spirit  
11:15am Circle of Trust II  
11:15am Newcomers  
11:15am Reflections  
11:30am Circle of Trust IV  
12pm Circle of Trust V  
12:30pm Buddhism Study Group  
1pm Circle of Trust VI  
3pm Line Dancing  
5-7pm Zentangle Group  
5pm Christian Fellowship  
Communion Service

## Monday, Aug. 28

11am Tai Chi Practice

## Tuesday, Aug. 29

6pm Auction Meeting  
6pm Depression & Anxiety Support Group

## Wednesday, Aug. 30

6:30am Breakfast Rotary  
11am Tai Chi Practice  
1:30pm Executive Team Meeting  
7pm Choir Practice  
7:45pm Band Rehearsal

## Thursday, Aug. 31

12:30pm Thursday Lunch Bunch  
7pm Cornhole Game



**Thursday night Cornhole Socials**  
**Each week at 7 p.m. at ORUUC!**  
All are welcome! Contact a member of the ORUUC Softball Team for more info.



Check out the art exhibit in the ORUUC Gallery!



809 Oak Ridge Turnpike  
Oak Ridge, TN 37830  
Contact us at 865-483-6761  
<http://www.oruuc.org/>



*The deadline to submit news for The Exponent is **Wednesday at noon**. Please send news, comments, and feedback to Rachel at [communications@oruuc.org](mailto:communications@oruuc.org).*

## **ORUUC Board of Trustees 2023-24**

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## **Sunday, Sept. 3** **Putting Labor back in Labor Day**



The Rev. Dr. David Breeden says, "In the face of the tragic meltdown of the political process here in the United States, in the face of a media utterly unconcerned with issues of justice and equity, the religious voice appears to be one of the last holdouts against forces such as neo-liberal hyper-capitalism and globalization. To paraphrase Max Horkheimer, without the 'totally Other' in the end materialism triumphs. Without the 'totally Other' in the end greed triumphs. Without the 'totally Other' in the end the powerful win." ORUUC is honored to present a sermon by Rev. Dr. Breeden to kick off our theme of "Welcome."