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News from Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church

The Exponent



Soup Potluck and Cocoa & Caroling This Sunday!



This Sunday, Dec. 3, we'll kick off the month with our new worship series, Mystery, followed by Soup Potluck at 11:15 a.m. Bring a soup to share, if you'd like, but either way, come hungry! Bread, salad, and dessert will be provided. Faith Formation classes will take place from 11:15 to 12:15 as usual. After lunch and classes, stick around for Cocoa & Caroling beginning at 12 noon. No need to bring anything for that--there will be a hot cocoa bar set up, so dress up your drink and warm up your voice to sing carols, accompanied by Larry Rosenbaum and Dave Dunkirk on guitar. Join us for this relaxing start to the holiday season!



The Mystery of Faith

Christine Rehder, Director of Youth Faith Formation

As a devotee of Masterpiece Mystery and an avid reader of detective novels, I love a good whodunit. The suspicion, the intrigue, the red herrings, the tension....and the big reveal at the end. I am delighted when all the over-the-top characters anxiously gather together and listen to the all-knowing and articulate detective tell everyone what happened, why it happened, and most importantly, who was to blame.

As much as I would like to say that I love mystery, I have come to realize that what I really love is resolution. At the end of a whodunit, either I have figured out who did it (this rarely happens), or some pretentious know it all is going to tell me. It's all going to come to a definitive, though frequently illogical, end.



For me, the hardest part of a real mystery is that usually there is no real resolution. It's by nature something not to be understood, and Hercules Poirot is not there to explain it. A true mystery challenges us because we are confronted with uncertainty and no clear way to resolve it. That's scary.

Mystery accompanies us throughout our lives, from the miraculous moment it begins at birth, to the moment it ends, punctuated with many ordinary, but nonetheless confusing moments along the way. Our lives are acutely real, yet

strangely unknowable.

Fortunately for us, demonstrating courage through fear is a trademark of a detective story and of faith. While we rarely fully grasp the complexity of many of the situations life presents us, faith can guide and sustain us through the search.

Faith is finding meaning in the unknowable, the unsolvable, and the unattainable. It's finding connection and blessing in uncertainty. It's asking us not to solve the mystery, but to learn, grow and embrace the wisdom of the process.

As much as I would love to have it all figured out, know all the answers, and get to tell everyone (and have a really cool accent and sophisticated yet elusive demeanor), I do not. What

I do have is a faith that encourages me to look for clues, ask questions, and think intently and deeply about what it all means.

Most importantly, I have a supportive and loving community to share in the search. This December, we have SO MANY opportunities to connect with each other; fortunately, not every aspect of ORUUC life is a mystery, so scroll down to find out what and when they are.

And take time this December to wander in mystery and leave it unresolved.

This Sunday, Dec. 3

Love is At the Center

Love is at the center of our Unitarian Universalist Faith. We celebrate the evolving nature of our living tradition in this service. Stay after worship to enjoy a warm bowl of soup and fellowship at our Soup Potluck. And don't miss Cocoa & Caroling beginning at noon!

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

December 3, 2023

Mystery
Worship Series

Love is At the Center

Rev. Lisa Romantum Schwartz
Interim Minister



December Split the Plate Offering: [The Free Medical Clinic](#)

After worship, all are invited to the Soup Potluck in the Social Hall (Bring a soup to share! Bread, salad, and dessert will be provided). Then stay for Cocoa & Caroling beginning at noon! Adult and Youth Faith Formation classes take place from 11:15 to 12:15. Nursery is available.

Covid-19 Update: Masks are not required in the building; we have masks and hand sanitizer available, and we encourage you to do what makes you feel comfortable.

Congregational Meeting Next Sunday, Dec. 10



Congregational Meeting

Sunday, Dec. 10 at 11:15 a.m.
In the Sanctuary and on Zoom

*No Adult Faith Formation,
Holiday Craft Hour for youth of all ages.*



Please make plans to be part of this important meeting. **There are several proposed bylaws changes that will be up for a vote at that time; please see page 10 for details.** Printed copies of the proposed changes are also available on the Welcome table in the church lobby. A representative from the Board and Bylaws committee will be on hand after service this Sunday if anyone in the congregation has questions or comments.

The Congregational Meeting agenda went out by mail last week. If you did not receive a postcard, please call the church office (483-6761) to make sure we have your correct mailing address on file.

December Split the Plate Offering: Free Medical Clinic

Every Sunday we share our offering 50/50 with a local agency chosen by our members during a vote at the Congregational Meeting each June. This month, the Split the Plate offering goes to the Free Medical Clinic.

The Free Medical Clinic is a non-profit, primarily volunteer-staffed organization offering free medical services to residents of Anderson, Roane, and Morgan Counties. It serves people who do not have insurance and cannot afford to pay for medical services due to their income level. Because they are a primarily volunteer organization, they rely on donations from individuals,

churches, groups, etc. This clinic provides medical care to those who have no other resources. It can literally mean the difference between life and death for some people (such as undiagnosed cancer). We all deserve adequate health care and to be treated with worth and dignity (our first principle). Our support for the Free Medical Clinic helps us live our principles while providing support to the disadvantaged.

Please [GIVE HERE](#) as you are willing and able, or text "ORUUC" to 73256.



2023 Holiday Calendar

Sunday, Dec. 3 at 10 a.m. Morning Worship: Love is At the Center

Faith Formation Hour and Soup Potluck, followed by Cocoa & Caroling at noon.

Saturday, Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. Oak Ridge Christmas Parade

Join ORUUC in this annual tradition! Line up by 5 p.m. at the Corporate Center on Lafayette Drive. Bring candy to distribute.

Sunday, Dec. 10 at 10 a.m. Morning Worship: A Point of Repose

Congregational Meeting at 11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary and on Zoom. *No Adult FF; all ages Holiday Craft Party for Youth.*

Sunday, Dec. 17 at 10 a.m. The 21st Annual No Rehearse

Christmas Pageant in the Sanctuary and on Zoom. *No Faith Formation.*

Thursday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. Winter Solstice Service in the

Sanctuary *(No Zoom). Childcare provided.*

Sunday, Dec. 24 at 10 a.m. Morning Worship: Hard Candy

Christmas in the Sanctuary and on Zoom. *No Faith Formation.*

Sunday, Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Service in the Sanctuary

only (No Zoom). Singing begins at 5:45 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 25–Monday, Jan. 1: Church Office Closed

Friday, Dec. 29 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Stone Soup Community Meal.

Dine or drive thru for a delicious, free meal!

Sunday, Dec. 31. 10 a.m. Morning Worship ONLINE ONLY:

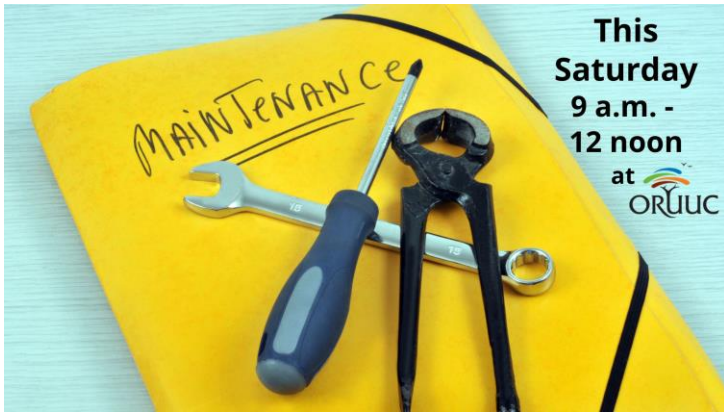
Seeds for the New Year. UUA streaming service. Church will be closed. *No Faith Formation.*

Sunday, Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Coffeehouse Talent

Show in the Social Hall. Supper and Social begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the 7 p.m. program. After the Coffeehouse, stay for the **New Year's Eve Party!** Ring in 2023 with friends! Bring games, finger food, and drinks to share.



Announcements



Tomorrow (Saturday, Dec. 2) lend a hand at ORUUC Work Day! Volunteers are needed at church from 9 a.m. to noon to replace HVAC air filters, check exterior lighting in the Memorial Garden and the Spirit Play wing, along with usual facility checks. Martin Bauer is the contact person.

The Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce Presents the
2023 Oak Ridge Christmas Parade
"Sleigh Ride"

Saturday, December 9
Starts at 6:00PM
Parade Route on
Oak Ridge Turnpike



Scan to Join
The Ride!



Deadline to Register: Monday, December 4

OAK RIDGE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
IN BUSINESS FOR BUSINESS

For more information, contact events@orcc.org
or visit www.oakridgechamber.org/2023-oak-ridge-christmas-parade

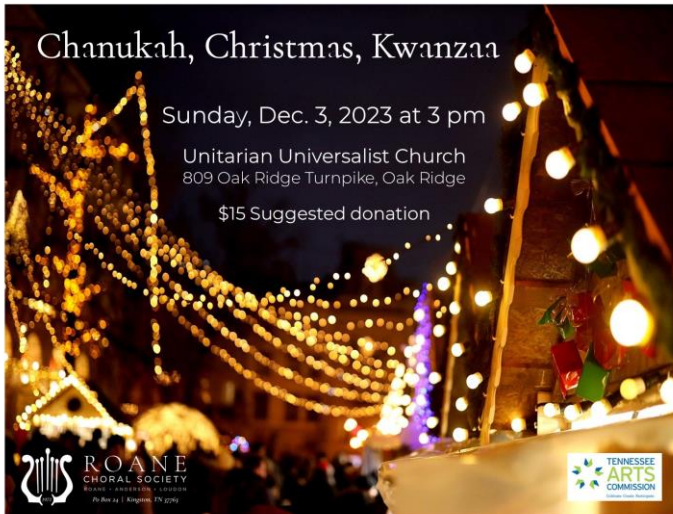
The Oak Ridge Christmas Parade is just a week away! **Candy donations are appreciated! Please leave them in the bin in the church lobby.** If you're interested in helping with ORUUC's parade entry, please contact Multigenerational Coordinator Whitney Cole. Thank you!

Chanukah, Christmas, Kwanzaa

Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023 at 3 pm

Unitarian Universalist Church
809 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge

\$15 Suggested donation



ROANE
CHORAL SOCIETY
Tennessee
ARTS
COMMISSION

This Sunday, Dec. 3 at 3 p.m., the Roane Choral Society hosts their holiday concert at ORUUC. Celebrate three winter holidays as they kick off their 2023-2024 season. You'll enjoy songs new and old, along with several featured chorus soloists, pianist Slade Trammell, and guest instrumentalists. Suggested donation of \$15 at the door.

<https://fb.me/e/1wGSelzY6>

You've heard of Elf on the Shelf Now get ready for



Have YOU ordered your tamales from ORUUC yet? \$25 per dozen. They're made by our hard working high schoolers and their parents, frozen, and available for pickup Sunday, Dec. 10, 17, and 24, or in the church office during business hours starting December 11. Don't miss this delicious annual fundraiser! Order [HERE!](#) Pay online or in person by check or cash. Thank you!



PFLAG

Holiday Gathering

Monday, Dec. 11
6:45 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME! **ORUUC**

Announcements



Thanks to all who adopted children from this year's ORUUC Angel Tree! All 36 tags have been taken. A reminder that **all wrapped gifts are due back at church by Sunday, Dec. 10.** Please attach the ornament tag(s) you removed from the tree to the gifts. ***If you chose #2, 13, or 16, please let Susan Rosenbaum or the church office know. Thank you!

And now the tree converts to the Mitten Tree to benefit children at the Blossom Center! Please bring new winter hats and mittens—socks, too—toddler and school-age size, and add them to the tree. Jason Fishel will take the donations to the childcare center before Christmas.

Our Whole Lives
Adult OWL
Classes
Sundays at
11:15 a.m.
at
ORUUC
Lifespan Sexuality Education

Adult OWL classes meet each Sunday during Faith Formation Hour. There are two classes left in this 8-week series:

- 12/3 Healthy Relationships
- 12/10 Aging, Change, and Sexuality (Special Time: Follows Congregational Meeting and includes possible celebration)

For more information on these classes, contact Christine Rehder at crehder@oruuc.org.

Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023
11:15 A.M.
IN THE SANCTUARY
AND ON ZOOM

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Opening Words
- III. Present June 2023 Congregational Meeting Minutes
- IV. President's Report
- V. Treasurer's Report
- VI. Minister's Report
- VII. Bylaws Committee Report
 - A. Proposed changes to the membership section of the bylaws
- VIII. Endowment Committee Report
- IX. Ministerial Search Committee Report
- X. Closing Words
- XI. Adjournment

See page 10 of this newsletter for a draft of the proposed bylaws changes.

New Year's Eve
**COFFEHOUSE
TALENT SHOW**
SUNDAY, DEC. 31
6:30 P.M. SUPPER AND SOCIAL
7 P.M. PROGRAM
AT
ORUUC

Start getting your act together for the New Year's Eve Coffeehouse! 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 Tuesday, Dec. 26. Contact Nancy Starr at starroakridge@gmail.com or (865)742-9993 (mobile).**

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 or a Caring Coordinator!

Caring Coordinators for December

Irene Robbins Robbinsif1@comcast.net 865-481-3427

Freddie Nechtow freddien123@gmail.com 865-599-4359

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.

Volunteer of the Month for December: Jen Stark




ORUUC
VOLUNTEER
OF THE
MONTH
Jen Stark
Thank you!

Our Unitarian Universalist faith celebrates diversity and encompasses a wide range of ways to demonstrate our values through service. Here at ORUUC, we have some who feed others as cooks, some who teach and serve children and Youth, some who create art to make our surroundings meaningful and beautiful, some who listen and support as caregivers, some who lead through policy and administrative positions, and some who sort and separate during the Rummage sale. We are grateful and blessed by the many ways ORUUCians share their time and talents with us.

Our December Volunteer of the Month....Jen Stark... does ALL these things and many more. If you were present in person or on Zoom last Sunday, you saw Jen in her roles as Worship leader and OWL Facilitator. In addition to those roles, Jen also serves on the Board of Trustees, is a leader of Stone Soup and EMBERS, helps facilitate the Depression & Anxiety Support Group, and is a lead volunteer for the Rummage sale. Jen also creates art that we often see adorning the walls here at ORUUC. Jen is also a Senior High Mountain CON advisor this weekend.

For her dedication and service, Jen received recognition during the Sunday, Nov. 26 worship service. She was honored with a certificate and will have access to the Volunteer of the Month parking spot for the month of December. When you see Jen, please thank her for her service. We sure do appreciate her and all that she does!

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. **There will be no Line Dancing December 24 or 31.**



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

We're scheduled to meet this **Saturday, Dec. 2 at 3 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. Practices are also scheduled for December 16 and 30. We're getting ready for the New Year's Eve Coffeehouse! We'd love to have you join us! Abbie Moore 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 Backus

backusanne@comcast.net for more information about PFLAG Oak Ridge.



ORUUC is always looking for members to add to its Caring Team! **Contact Rachel in the church office (865-483-6761) or 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

Ecumenical Storehouse Pickups



Each month, ORUUC picks up donations for Ecumenical Storehouse, which supplies furniture and household goods to those in need. It is an important part of our community. There are many ways you can help! **Please contact Martin Bauer at bauermlb@gmail.com for more information. There are no December pickup dates. See you in the New Year!**



Eggs and Pegs are back! Play cribbage, eat breakfast, have fun this **Sunday, Dec. 3!** These get togethers will be held the first Sunday of each month at 8:30 a.m. in the Social Hall. Questions? Talk to Brandon White, Christina Elliott, Jane Flanagan, or Shelaine Curd.



Pack "Food for Kids" with Second Harvest at First United Methodist Church of Oak Ridge. This program provides backpacks with non-perishable foods for preschool and elementary students to take home on weekends. **Packing has ended for 2023. Stay tuned for the 2024 schedule!** Questions? Contact Coordinator Cara Weigel at 865-481-8108.



ORUUC Tamales!

\$25 per dozen

Chicken or Vegetarian

Order yours today! Pick up in December.
Proceeds go to the HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH TRIP FUND. Thank you!



Our next tamale making day is TOMORROW (Saturday, Dec. 2) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The final date to help make tamales is Sunday, Dec. 17 from 1 to 6 p.m.

Please let Jason Fishel know if you can help: solarmanj@gmail.com. Many hands make light work, and the money we raise from this will go towards our next youth trip.

***Tamales are on sale now!
Order yours HERE today!***

Middle and High School Youth Hike
Sunday, Dec. 10
Delaware Trail Loop

Trailhead location:
Outer Drive near Delaware

Meet at Church at 2 p.m. Parents are always welcome to come along!

Don't Forget

- Water
- Pick up at church at 4 p.m.
- Questions? Call Jim Nutaro 865-255-8578

All are invited to join the middle and high school youth hike next Sunday, Dec. 10! Meet at church at 2 p.m. to carpool. The December hike will be along the Delaware Loop off Outer Drive near the intersection with Delaware Avenue. Parking on the street between Delaware and Ogontz is limited, which is why the group plans to carpool. The trail is about 1.5 miles, but there are lots of side trails in case the group chooses to extend the hike. Parents are welcome to hike, too! **The group plans to return to church at 4 p.m.** Parents: Please make sure that you fill out and turn in a release form before the hike. Forms will be available at drop off. Thanks to Jim Nutaro, Aubrey Wick Sebastian, Jimmy Groton, and Whitney Cole for organizing these monthly hikes!

5th/6th Grade OWL Parent Orientation Sunday, Dec. 10 3-4:30 p.m.

For those interested in enrolling their child(ren) in the Grades 5/6th Our Whole Lives (OWL) sexuality education class next semester, we will be having a Parent Orientation meeting on Sunday, Dec. 10th from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the ORUUC Sanctuary. There is room in the class for others, so please invite people you feel may be interested and available to take the class.

This meeting is mandatory if you have not previously attended OWL. If you have already attended a previous OWL orientation with another child, you are not required to be at orientation, but we will be discussing meeting times and taking care of permission forms and fees, in addition to the program overview. The cost of the class is \$50 for members and \$75 for nonmembers. If you need assistance with the fee, please see me; we have financial assistance available. Also, reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns about your child.

As Unitarian Universalists, our 1st Principle affirms the inherent worth and dignity of every human. Healthy intimate relationships and identities are the ultimate affirmation of this foundational value, and unhealthy and exploitive ones are its ultimate violation. I thank you for giving your Youth the tools and skills to build loving relationships for themselves and the world around them.

In Care and Faith,
Christine Rehder



Childcare is provided for children ages 10 and under for church meetings and events. Please complete this form TWO WEEKS in advance:

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

Thank you!

December Worship Series

Mystery

December 3: ***Love is At the Center***

Rev. Lisa Romantum Schwartz

FF Hour and Soup Potluck, followed by Cocoa & Caroling

December 10: ***A Point of Repose***

Rev. Lisa Romantum Schwartz

Congregational Meeting at 11:15. No Adult FF; all ages Youth Craft Party. Angel Tree gifts due. Pick up tamales!

December 17: ***No Rehearse Pageant***

No FF Hour. Pick up tamales!

December 24: ***Hard Candy Christmas***

Rev. Lisa Romantum Schwartz

No FF Hour. Pick up tamales!

December 31: ***Seeds for the New Year***

UUA streaming service. Online only. Church will be closed. No FF Hour.

**Join us for Sunday Worship at 10 a.m.
in person and on Zoom**

*Youth and Adult Faith Formation classes
are from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.*

Nursery is available during the FF hour.



Congregational Meeting Sunday, Dec. 10 at 11:15 a.m.

The Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 10 following morning worship. There are several proposed bylaws changes (see below) that will be up for a vote at that time. **The charter and bylaws committee (Jane Flanagan, Ann Miller, Freddie Nechtow, and Kara Raymond) were tasked with making the membership section of the bylaws more streamlined, and making the language between maintaining membership and removal match more closely, and also be more easily measurable.** A representative from the Board and Bylaws committee will be on hand after worship this Sunday if anyone in the congregation has questions or comments.

Proposed Bylaws Dec. 2023- See changes in footnotes.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY

Membership in ORUUC is open to any person who is in accord with the purposes and principles of Unitarian Universalism and who meets the requirements of this article, regardless of age, race, color, creed, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or ability.

SECTION 2. RIGHTS

Members may:

- A. Vote in congregational meetings, provided they have been members for at least four weeks prior to the meeting.
- B. Serve on all church committees, except that a member must be at least eighteen years of age to serve on the ORUUC Board of Trustees (hereafter referred to as *the Board*).

SECTION 3. BECOMING A MEMBER¹

Prospective members shall:

- Affirm that they are familiar with Unitarian Universalist (UU) principles and practices by attending services and completing new member classes; by having been members of another UU congregation; or by having participated in a UU church religious-education program.
- Meet with the Minister in a group or individually.
- Complete a membership commitment card which includes pledge information.²
- After completing the preceding steps, be confirmed by a majority vote of the Board.

SECTION 4. MAINTAINING MEMBERSHIP³

Each year, members shall complete a recommitment card containing pledge information, which can be changed by notifying the church office or minister. Members are encouraged to participate in church life.⁴

SECTION 5. REMOVAL

- A member may voluntarily separate from membership by written or oral request to the Board.
- A member who has either not completed a re-commitment card or not followed through on the previous year's pledge and does not respond to written letters from the Board may be removed from membership by a majority vote of the Board following appropriate inquiry and thirty days' notice.⁵
- A member may be removed from membership by a two-thirds vote of the Board for actions that threaten the well-being of the congregation.

¹ Previously "Section 4. Process"

² Previously "Complete the appropriate membership card and new-member pledge card."

³ Previously "Section 3. Responsibilities"

⁴ Previously "In accordance with their abilities, all members are expected to participate in the life of ORUUC, pledge and provide financial support, and support ORUUC with volunteer time."

⁵ Previously "A member who has ceased to participate in ORUUC activities, has failed to pledge for one year, and/or does not respond to written letters from the Board may be removed from membership by a majority vote of the Board following appropriate inquiry and thirty days' notice."

Community News



Tuesday, Dec. 5 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at ORUUC
Topic: Artificial Intelligence Policy and Societal Implications

The League of Women Voters of Oak Ridge welcomes the community to Lunch With the League from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5 at ORUUC. All are welcome to bring their lunch or purchase a boxed lunch for a nominal fee. Coffee and tea will be served. The presentation will begin at noon. Guest Speaker, Dr. Lynne E. Parker, is Associate Vice Chancellor and Director of the AI Tennessee Initiative at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK). For four years (2018-2022) she served various roles in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, including as Founding Director of the National Artificial Intelligence Initiative Office, Deputy Chief Technology Officer of the United States, and Assistant Director of Artificial Intelligence. At UTK, she previously served as Interim Dean of the Tickle College of Engineering (TCE), Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Engagement in TCE, and Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. She also previously served at NSF as Division Director of Information and Intelligent Systems. She spent several years at Oak Ridge National Laboratory as a Distinguished Research and Development Staff Member. She received her PhD in Computer Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



Join Westside UU Minister Rev. Carol Bodeau for an earth-centered gathering each month on third Sundays. We will sit in a sacred circle, share experiences of inspiration in nature, create ritual together, and set intentions for the coming month. Then we'll have time for food and fellowship. Meetings outdoors (weather permitting) at Westside at 3-6 p.m. <https://fb.me/e/bK9hRhITh>

One week left to use FREE coat vouchers for KARM!



Knoxville Area Rescue Ministries (KARM) Stores and Prestige Cleaners work together each year to collect donations of coats and clean them for the Coats for the Cold drive. From **November 13 through December 9**, customers with a Coats for the Cold ticket can get a free coat at any KARM Store location. ORUUC still has a few coat vouchers left. Contact the church office if you know someone who is in need! More information on Coats for the Cold can be found at karm.org/coats-for-the-cold/.



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 at 10:30 a.m.
in the Oak Ridge Public Library Meeting Room

Don't miss the next gatherings
December 7 and 21!

View and sign up for the Oak Ridge Public Library's newsletter here: <https://mailchi.mp/oakridgetn/orpldec23>

This Week at ORUUC



Friday, Dec. 1

Fall Senior High CON (NC)

11am Tai Chi Practice

Saturday, Dec. 2

Fall Senior High CON (NC)

9am Tamale Making

9am Maintenance Day

3pm Ukulele

Sunday, Dec. 3

Fall Senior High CON (NC)

8:30am Eggs & Pegs

10am Worship

11am High School

11am Together in Spirit

11:15am Adult OWL

11:15am Circle of Trust I

11:15am Knitting & Crocheting

Group

11:15am Newcomers

11:15am Reflections

11:15am Soup Potluck

12pm Cocoa & Caroling

12:30pm Buddhism Study Group

12:30pm Circle of Trust IX

3pm Roane Choral Society Concert

1:30pm Book Club

3pm Line Dancing

4pm Circle of Trust XI

5-7pm Zentangle Group

Monday, Dec. 4

11am Tai Chi Practice

6pm EMBERS

Tuesday, Dec. 5

11:30 am Lunch with the League of Women Voters (public event)

6pm Depression and Anxiety Group

Wednesday, Dec. 6

6:30am Breakfast Rotary

11am Tai Chi Practice

11am Circle of Trust VIII

3pm Costume Review (Pageant)

7pm Choir Practice

7:45pm Band Rehearsal

Thursday, Dec. 7

12:30pm Lunch Bunch

Friday, Dec. 8

11am Tai Chi Practice

To view the church calendar anytime, log into the Members' Section of the ORUUC website: <https://www.oruuc.org/members-section> Need password help? Contact the church office!



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<http://www.oruuc.org/>



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Sunday, Dec. 10 A Point of Repose



As winter approaches, we're invited into a time of spiritual quiet, of germination, of dreaming. It's tempting for some to want to hibernate, to skip the winter's cold and dark, going straight from fall to spring. But winter can offer renewal, wisdom, and beauty. A congregational meeting follows this reflective service.

The deadline to submit news for

***The Exponent* is**

Wednesday at noon.

Please send news, comments, and feedback to Rachel at

communications@oruuc.org.

There will be no Exponent the week between Christmas and New Year's.