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## News from Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church

# The Exponent



## Communion Service This Sunday at 5 p.m.

All are invited to a Christian Fellowship Communion Service Sunday afternoon at 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary. For more information on this new Shared Ministry, contact Gina Grubb at [worship@oruuc.org](mailto:worship@oruuc.org).

ORUUC

Christian Fellowship

Communion Service

Sunday, February 5, 5:00 p.m.  
In the Sanctuary

For more information contact Gina Grubb at [worship@oruuc.org](mailto:worship@oruuc.org)

## Hugs n' Quiches – The Power of Love Rev. Lisa Romantum Schwartz, Interim Minister

Mark your calendars for the potluck brunch at ORUUC on February 12th. Bring a quiche or frittata; ORUUC will provide salad, a vegan vegetable soup, and dessert. After we eat we'll discuss the proposed changes to (or possibly elimination of) UU's Seven Principles.

A major revision of our beloved principles is a lot to chew on, and gathering over a comforting meal in order to have a deep theological discussion has a long precedent in church history (we won't ask everyone to line up on a single side of the table for a portrait, a la Leonardo DaVinci). Here's the story of the meal called "Hugs n' Quiches."

In 1981, the first cases of AIDS began to be reported, and it ballooned into an epidemic by the middle of the decade. Unfazed, at the UU Fellowship in Topeka (UUFT) we went beyond "tolerance," warmly welcoming GLBTQ people and teaching "About Your Sexuality" (the predecessor of Our Whole Lives) to teens, affirming human sexuality in its beautiful variety.

Toby Scanland, an openly gay man, was one of UUFT's stalwart leaders. In the mid-80s Toby's health began to decline, and his friends in the congregation responded in the usual way by bringing soup and helping out. Eventually Toby

got the dreaded diagnosis: He had AIDS.

There was a lot of hysteria about AIDS in those dark days, and what could have happened was that people slowly backed away from Toby, sending "thoughts and prayers" as they beat a hasty retreat. What actually did happen was that members and friends of the UUFT quickly formed a task force of volunteers to provide food, companionship, light housekeeping, and other support to Toby.

There were no drugs to combat AIDS back in the day; Toby Scanland was one of over 100,000 people who died of AIDS during the 1980s. His death hung heavily over the congregation in the gloomy Kansas winter. As Valentine's Day approached, a few of Toby's friends began to imagine using the day to mark a celebration of human love, especially the kind of caring support that had been offered to Toby.

Several members began to put together a worship service and a potluck featuring quiches. At UUFT, Hugs n' Quiches became an annual event (a tradition unbroken until the Pandemic). An organization called the Topeka AIDS Project was created, and continues to provide services today as Positive Connections. Toby's memory lives on at UUFT. I don't know if "Hugs n' Quiches" will become a tradition at ORUUC, but I know that core value of human love is active in this congregation.



# This Sunday, Feb. 5

## Journey through the Wilderness

The sages say, "people who don't understand their past are doomed to repeat it." On this first Sunday of Black History Month, Interim Minister Rev. Lisa Romantum Schwartz will tell the story of the White Entitlement Controversy (a.k.a. the Black Empowerment Controversy) and see if there are some lessons in that history that can inform our lives and our faith today.

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)



### February Split the Plate: Aid to Distressed Families of Appalachian Counties ([ADFAC](#))

Adult and Youth Faith Formation Classes meet from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

*This week, the CDC Covid-19 Community Levels are **Low** for Anderson, Knox, and Roane counties; Morgan County is **Medium**. Masks are not required in the building; however, we encourage you to do what makes you feel comfortable.*

### Improving Democracy Q&A: This Sunday at 11:30 in the Sanctuary



This Shared Ministry group invites all church members and visitors to an informative meeting in the Sanctuary on Feb 5 during the hour after Sunday's service break. This meeting is to better inform members of the importance of changing states' electoral laws for Presidential elections. Our goal is to get a majority of ORUUC members to sign a request for changing Tennessee electoral law and use our success to convince other states' UUA congregations to follow our example. There are 1030 other congregations and 87000 UUs in the USA. We intend to notify the UUA and ask them to join the effort. Our desire in this ministry is to stop the egregious violation of the UUA 5th principle which advocates democratic methods in society.

## Aid to Distressed Families of Appalachian Counties

Our Split-the-Plate offering for February is Aid to Distressed Families of Appalachian Counties (ADFAC). ADFAC began in the mid 1980's as a local ecumenical effort to provide assistance to impoverished families. As the broad needs of the low-income community became evident, the faith-based collaborative moved to become a 501(c)(3) public charity in January 1987. Over the years, ADFAC has honored its roots by developing a variety of programs designed to meet unfilled needs in the community, and currently answers over 6,000 requests for assistance each year.



ADFAC is the prime and preeminent social service agency in Oak Ridge and surrounding counties. Not only does ADFAC provide direct services to our needy community, it is also the clearing house for most other local social service agencies and churches. For more information on ADFAC, visit <https://www.adfac.org/>. Please [GIVE HERE](#) as you are willing and able, or text "ORUUC" to 73256.



# Announcements



**This Sunday morning at 8:30 in the Social Hall—Eggs & Pegg!** Show up for breakfast and have some fun learning and playing cribbage! All are welcome!



**Interested in Knitting or Crocheting? Bring your supplies and join the group in the library this Sunday at 11:15.** Rob Cole and Sheila Morton are the co-leaders of this SMA; they plan to meet on the first and third Sundays each month during Faith Formation Hour.



## PFLAG MEETING

**Monday, Feb. 13, 2023**  
**Social 6:45 pm; Meeting 7-8 pm**  
Everyone invited

**Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge**  
101 W. Madison Lane, Oak Ridge, TN

## How Do Libraries Choose Books?

Efforts to ban books in schools and community libraries nationally, in Tennessee, and locally have recently been in the news. Librarians from 3 local libraries will discuss rules for choosing books, vetting books, and recent efforts by special interest groups to restrict certain books.

*The Oak Ridge Chapter of PFLAG meets monthly, rotating the venue among local faith communities: First Presbyterian, First United Methodist, United Church - Chapel on the Hill, and Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Churches, and the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge.*

For more information about the meeting, go to <https://fb.me/e/qUUCNz99f>. For more information about the PFLAG Oak Ridge group, contact Anne Backus at [backusanne@comcast.net](mailto:backusanne@comcast.net).

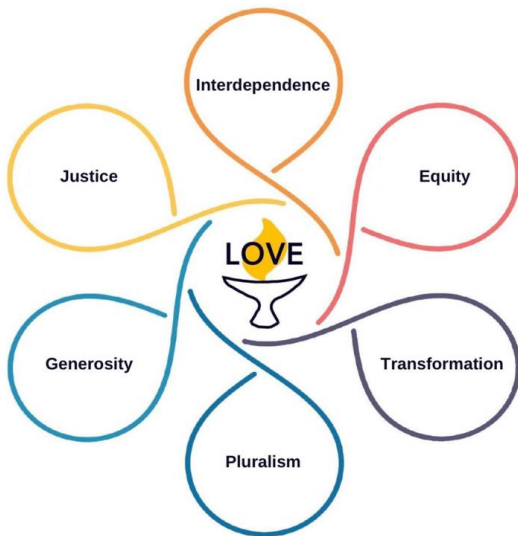


**Lunch with the League**  
**Tuesday, Feb. 7**  
**12 noon at noon at ORUUC**

The League of Women Voters of Oak Ridge will host John Jaruzel and Anne Backus, co-chairs of Parents, Family & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Oak Ridge, and Nathan Higdon, chief financial officer for Knox Pride, to discuss proposed anti-LGBTQIA bills, and how individuals can have a meaningful impact in stopping them. This hybrid "Lunch with the League" event will be held in person and virtually via Zoom. The League will provide a lunch from The Soup Kitchen. If you cannot attend in person, use the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85481905266>.

# February Worship News

## February Worship Theme: Centered in Love



The UUA's Article 2 Study Commission, tasked with reviewing and revising our Seven Principles, has proposed doing away with the linear list of principles altogether. Under discussion is a move to lift up our shared values, which they center in love. UU lay leader Tanya Webster has made a helpful graphic for us to experience the concepts more deeply.

This month, we'll be exploring what it might mean to embody this new way of conceptualizing our lives as Unitarian Universalists as we shape our living tradition in the 21st century. How does the idea, and the graphic, make you feel? What is at the core of your UU faith that is, or isn't expressed here? Plan to stay for a lunch and discussion of these changes after the service next Sunday, Feb. 12.

Note: To move forward with the idea of taking the "Principles" language out of our UUA bylaws does not mean individuals or congregations have to abandon our principles. And after this February thru May discussion period, a 2/3 majority of delegates to General Assembly (GA) in June '23 must affirm the idea in order for it to be considered further. A final vote on whether to adopt this bold new idea won't happen till GA in 2024, and there will be many opportunities to gather at the local and regional level to discuss the proposed changes in the next few months. ~Rev. Lisa

## Heart Communion and Hugs n' Quiches

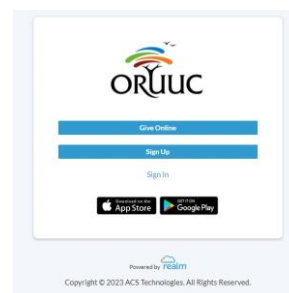
Sunday, Feb. 12

at  
ORUUC

**Next Sunday, Feb. 12**, Rev. Lisa will explore the new UUA proposal during worship, then we'll gather for a potluck lunch and an opportunity to listen and learn more. We invite you to lunch and learn with us!

**Bring a quiche or frittata to share!** The church will provide salad, vegan/gluten free soup, cookies and drinks. Everyone will eat together, and then children will be invited out into the hallway to create crafts while the adults participate in a group discussion led by Rev. Lisa. Childcare will be available for kids ages 5 and under for the entire duration of the event. **All regular Faith Formation classes are canceled.**

**Need a ride?** Give Whitney Cole, Multigenerational Coordinator, a call: 865-394-0626. If you're willing to provide a ride, connect with Whitney. Thank you!



**It's tax time!** Need a tax statement detailing your charitable giving to ORUUC in 2022? **Call the church office at 865-483-6761 or email [office@oruuc.org](mailto:office@oruuc.org) and Jeannie can print a copy and mail it to you. OR you can log into your Realm account and download the information.** Go to <https://onrealm.org/oruuc/Account/Start> Once you've logged in, select "Giving" and then "Year to Date." Change the date frame by typing it or clicking on the calendar icon. Then select "Filter." The result will be a report of your giving record. Click the printer icon and then select "Download" to generate a pdf of your record that you can save to your computer and print.



# 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 February

Jami Garner [Jamigarner@me.com](mailto:Jamigarner@me.com) 865-250-5505

Hope Waddle [karasue54@gmail.com](mailto:karasue54@gmail.com) 865-254-4006

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 Opportunities



The Free Medical Clinic is partnering with Remote Area Medical (RAM) to provide a FREE Pop-Up Clinic at the Oak Ridge Civic Center on Feb 18-19. Volunteers can register here <https://www.ramusa.org/volunteer-with-us/> If you are a non-medical volunteer, when you get to the section titled "Profession or Volunteer Classification," choose **General Support** from the drop down menu under "Event Area" and **General Support** from "Profession/Classification." Questions? The RAM point of contact can be reached at [kristinasoliza@ramusa.org](mailto:kristinasoliza@ramusa.org) or 865-579-1530.

**PATIENTS:** For more information on this clinic, visit [https://www.ramusa.org/event/oak-ridge-tn-2023/?instance\\_id=584&fbclid=IwAR3H4sEgFdttzgT-AQu-wwWQTKY11BATTe3OrrHSxT-g9EyQaaqW5NwcRVBg](https://www.ramusa.org/event/oak-ridge-tn-2023/?instance_id=584&fbclid=IwAR3H4sEgFdttzgT-AQu-wwWQTKY11BATTe3OrrHSxT-g9EyQaaqW5NwcRVBg).

## Pack and Deliver Food For Kids Next Week at First United Methodist Church



**Monday, Feb. 6: Packing begins at 12 noon**

**Tuesday, Feb. 7: 8:30 a.m. Delivery to schools**

Volunteers – Thank you for the GREAT job you all did in January! Well, it's time to do February packing! Join me Monday, February 6 starting at 12 noon in the multipurpose room at FUMC\*. **We will be packing a 4 week period – 2,396 bags to fill.** Delivery of the bins to the schools will take place Tuesday, February 7 at 8:30 in same location. **Questions? Contact Cara Weigel at 865-806-7544**

*\*The multipurpose room at First United Methodist Church of Oak Ridge can be accessed via the back entrance on the Vienna Road side of the building. On street parking is available. Help is also needed around 10:00-10:30 on Monday when the Second Harvest truck arrives. Once Second Harvest brings in the food on pallets, help is needed unloading the boxes from the pallets to the tables; lifting is involved.*

## 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.



**Join the Ukulele Group!** Our next practice is Saturday, Feb. 11 at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary. If you're interested in trying something new this year, stop by! We're still working on Hotel California for the next Coffeehouse. We'd love to have you join us. Abbie Moore  
[abbie.moore@icloud.com](mailto:abbie.moore@icloud.com)

## RUMMAGE WEEK is February 25-March 4



### Donations Needed

*Here's a list to help you start putting things aside to donate for the upcoming Rummage Sale*

**Friday, March 3 (Pre-Sale) & Saturday, March 4 (Main Sale).**

**Questions? Email [oruucrummage@gmail.com](mailto:oruucrummage@gmail.com).**

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

- **Clothing & Linens:** Washed, no tears, stains, mildewed, or strong odors from cigarettes, pets or moth-balls. 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 nobs 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:**

*There wouldn't be a Rummage Sale without our volunteers and your generous donations! You can help us greatly reduce work for our volunteers by disposing of items not in resale condition.*

- 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**

Today is the final day to register for Elementary Spring CON at the Mountain! This Retreat weekend, February 17-19, is open to youth in Grades 3-5. Register at <https://www.themountainrlc.org/spring-elementary-con>. Contact Director of Faith Formation Christine Rehder at [crehder@oruuc.org](mailto:crehder@oruuc.org) once you've registered or if you have questions. Register for Intermediate and Senior High CONs ASAP: <https://www.themountainrlc.org/cons>

## Check Out What's Happening for Youth and Families at



# February Events

February Worship Theme: Centered in Love  
Worship begins at 10 a.m. in person and online

**5** "Journey through the Wilderness" The sages say, "people who don't understand their past are doomed to repeat it." On this first Sunday of Black History Month, Interim Minister Rev. Lisa Romantum Schwartz will tell the story of the White Entitlement Controversy (a.k.a. the Black Empowerment Controversy) and see if there are some lessons in that history that can inform our lives and our faith today. *FF Hour 11:15-12:15. Nursery available.*

**12** "Hugs n' Quiches and Liberating Love" Multi-age Faith Formation Hour: Bring a quiche or frittata to share for lunch; salad and vegan/gluten free soup, cookies and drinks will be provided. During the Article 2 discussion led by Rev. Lisa, children are invited into the hallway for crafts. Childcare will be available for ages 5 and under for the entire duration of the event. *All regular FF classes are canceled.*

**17-19** Elementary Spring CON (Grades 3-5) at the Mountain Retreat and Learning Center, Highlands, NC

**19** 10 a.m. Worship  
11:15-12:15 FF Hour

**25** Rummage Week begins with Big Rummage Pickup! **YOUTH:** Volunteer and earn money for the trip fund! Be at church at 9 a.m.

**26** 10 a.m. Worship  
11:15-12:15 FF Hour

For more information, contact Christine Rehder, Director of Faith Formation, at [crehder@oruuc.org](mailto:crehder@oruuc.org) or the Church Office at [office@oruuc.org](mailto:office@oruuc.org) or 865-483-6761.





## Free talk on American Black religious music TODAY, February 3, at the Y-12 New Hope Center

February is Black History Month, and a new cultural exploration series in Oak Ridge called “Roots of America” will open with a free Feb. 3 talk on “Roots of American Black Music and Its Influence on American Culture.” The speaker will be John Fleming, immediate past director of the National African American Music Museum in Nashville. Following a 5:00 p.m. reception for the speaker with food, he will deliver his Friday talk at 5:30 p.m. at the Y-12 New Hope Center, 602 Scarboro Rd.

Fleming will speak on the roots of African-American religious music in Africa, how African-American music emerged as Black music during slavery, how Black music evolved in the post-Civil War era from slave songs to spirituals to gospel music, and the impact of African-American music on traditional white religious music.

Fleming was the founding director of the National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center and was involved in developing six museums. They include the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum and the National Museum of African American Music.

He was appointed by President Bush to serve on the Commission for the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of African-American History and Culture.

Fleming is the author of the books “The Lengthening Shadow of Slavery,” “The Case for Affirmative Action for Blacks in Higher Education” and “A Summer Remembered,” his memoir about growing up in North Carolina in the 1950s. He is currently writing a memoir on his Peace Corps experience in Malawi.

The purpose of the “Roots of America” series of free presentations is to educate the public about the achievements and challenges of various ethnic groups that have made America strong. For more information on upcoming talks in this series, go to <https://www.roanestate.edu/?13391-Roots-of-America-An-Exploration-of-Cultures-A-Four-Part-Series>.



**Eventbrite Registration:**   
[www.eventbrite.com/e/scarboro-85-monument-kickoff-luncheon-tickets-514041310397](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/scarboro-85-monument-kickoff-luncheon-tickets-514041310397)  
Contact: John Spratling (865) 363-9759, [jspratling@ortn.edu](mailto:jspratling@ortn.edu)



Tickets: \$50.00 Table sponsorships: \$1,000  
Make checks payable to: United Way of Anderson County Scarboro 85 Monument, P.O. Box 4158 Oak Ridge, TN 37831

**Scarboro 85 Monument Luncheon: Thursday, Feb. 23 at 11:00 a.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Oak Ridge. Tickets are \$50 each with the option for table sponsorships. Hear Civil Rights Activist and Minister, the Rev. Dr. Harold Middlebrook, and learn about plans to erect a monument in recognition of the 1955 integration of ORHS and Robertsville Junior High School <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/scarboro-85-monument-kickoff-luncheon-tickets-514041310397> Contact John Spratling at 865-363-9759 or [jspratling@ortn.edu](mailto:jspratling@ortn.edu) for more information.**

***Celebrate Black History Month by working to become a better ally in your day-to-day conversations!***

**Speak Up! Online Workshop**  
**February 15, 6:30-8 p.m. on Zoom**  
**[The Pledge to End Racism · Online Speak Up! Workshop Registration \(lqforms.com\)](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-pledge-to-end-racism-online-speak-up-workshop-registration-lqforms-com)**

Stopping everyday bigotry starts with speaking up when you hear it, and speaking up is a lot easier if you can practice in a safe space with people who are committed to building a community that is more inclusive and welcoming. We’ll use role-playing with real-world scenarios that you may have encountered at work, at school, among friends and family, and in public places to help us practice speaking up to bigotry. **The Richmond Pledge is partnering with Coming Together Virginia and Richmond Hill to offer this stand-alone Speak Up! workshop.**



## ORUUC Nominating Committee



**Nancy Highfill**



**Steven Barker**



**Sheila Morton**



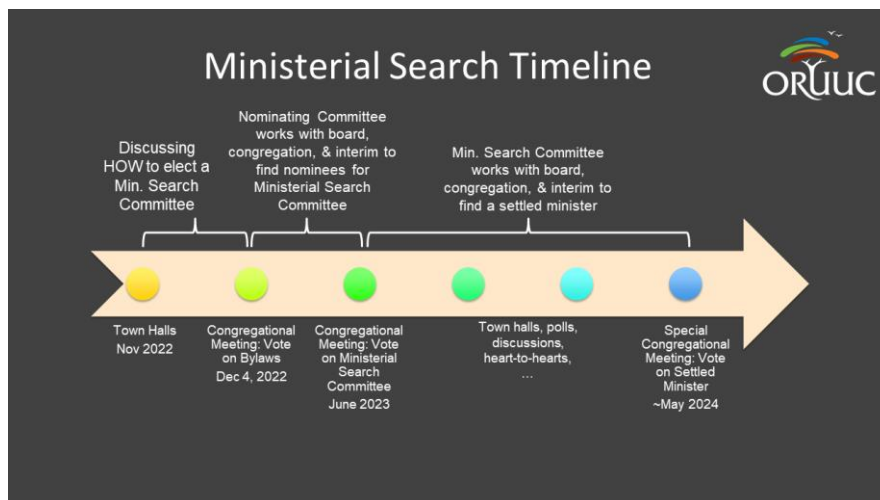
**Amanda Law**



**Robyn Naughton**

The Nominating Committee met on January 18 with all members present. The committee members are Amanda Sunshine, Steven Barker, Robin Naughton, Sheila Norton, and Nancy Highfill. We were joined by Michele Thornton (representing the board) and Rev Lisa.

We are gathering information for search committee selection and making plans to be in contact with all church members. We will be holding “listening sessions” after church. ~Nancy Lain Highfill



Check out the **Ministerial Search Information Page** in the [Members Section](#) of our website. This page will be updated regularly. <http://www.oruuc.org/min-search-hub> (Password ORUUC809)

# Church Pantry Needs



*Please pick up some of these non-perishables when you're out shopping:*

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

*Donations may be dropped off in the church lobby during office hours (M-F, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.) or on Sundays. Thank you!*

## ORUUC Covid-19 Update

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](#)

**The CDC's Covid-19 Community Levels for Anderson, Knox, and Roane counties are **LOW**; Morgan County is **MEDIUM**.** Masks are not required at ORUUC in the building; eating and drinking is permitted indoors. For the entire report, check out our webpage: <http://www.oruuc.org/phased-reopening-plan>

# from **ROCK** to **Bach**

## Rock to Bach Music Festival and Fundraiser is back!

**Saturday, Feb. 18, 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at ORUUC**

For the fifth time, ORUUC will host the Oak Ridge Rock to Bach Music Festival, a fundraiser for the Oak Ridge Civic Music Association. ORCMA is the umbrella organization for the Oak Ridge Symphony Orchestra, Oak Ridge Chorus, Oak Ridge Chamber Music Series, and the free Family Concert and Coffee Concert series.

After a hiatus of three years because of the COVID-19 pandemic, **Rock to Bach is back, returning on Saturday, Feb. 18, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** The doors open at 9:30 a.m., giving early attendees a chance to look over and bid on the silent auction items. Here is your chance to enjoy live music all day, coffee and sweets in the morning, and sandwiches and drinks for lunch.

You can come and go as you please or stay all day for a low cover charge of the **advanced ticket price of \$12 or the same day charge of \$15.** The cost for **children ages 5 to 18 is \$5 per child, and for families of three or more, \$30. Children under the age of five get in free.** Tickets can be purchased at the Ferrell Shop, TNBank, or the ORCMA office, 118 E. Division Rd.

**In a separate fundraiser, a buffet dinner provided by Birdwell Catering and Irish music performed by Four Leaf Peat will be offered between 5:15 and 7:30 p.m. Learn about the menu offerings and make your reservation for the \$70 dinner by Feb. 15 by calling the ORCMA office at 865-483-5569.** The Rock to Bach Celebration Dinner, which is preceded with wine and cheese appetizers, will start at 5:45 p.m.

The following individuals and bands will be performing in the music festival: Melony Dodson, pianist and WUOT classical music host and producer; Alex Engle, Oak Ridge soprano (opera music); Battle Brass (swing music); Jorge Veriago (original bass clarinet and electronic music); Oak Valley Baptist Church Voices of Praise (gospel music); Mt. LeConte Jug Band (Americana music); Elza Gate (acoustic Southern mountain and bluegrass music); Liz and Tim Folk Duo (original and traditional songs); Missing Goats (Irish, Americana, folk and bluegrass music); Roane State Community College Bluegrass Band; Silver Winds Flute Choir; Tanasi Winds (woodwind quintet); Secret City Winds; Shadyland (jazz and funk music), and the Knoxville Classical Guitar Ensemble.

*Thank you to Carolyn Krause for providing this information!*



# This Week at ORUUC

## Friday, Feb. 3

11am Tai Chi Practice

## Saturday, Feb. 4

## Sunday, Feb. 5

8:30am Eggs & Pegs

### **10am Worship**

11am High School

11am Together in Spirit

11:15am Circle of Trust I

11:15am Knitting/Crocheting Group

11:15am Newcomers

11:15am Reflections

### **11:30am ORUU Improving**

### **Democracy Q&A**

12:30pm Buddhism Study Group

12:30pm Circle of Trust IX

### **12:30pm Rummage Planning Mtg**

1:30pm Book Club

2pm(3-5pm) Line Dancing

4pm Grades 5/6 OWL

4pm Circle of Trust XI

### **5pm ORUUC Christian**

### **Fellowship Communion Service**

5:30pm Circle of Trust X

## Monday, Feb. 6

11am Tai Chi Practice

6:50pm Meditation Learning and

Practice Group

## Tuesday, Feb. 7

10am (11am-1:30 pm) League of Women Voters

6pm Depression & Anxiety Support Group

## Wednesday, Feb. 8

6:30am Breakfast Rotary

11am Tai Chi Practice

5:15pm Circle of Trust III

6:45pm Choir Practice

7:45pm Band Practice

## Thursday, Feb. 9

12noon NWUUC & Launchpad Meeting

6pm Potluck

6:30pm Zenderley Art Workshop

6:50pm Meditation Learning and

ORUUC Weather Closure Policy

Weekdays: If Oak Ridge City Schools are closed, the church office will be closed.

Sundays: A decision will be made by 9 a.m. whether to have in-person worship. Please check your email and the ORUUC Facebook group for updates.

Weeknight and Saturday events: A decision will be made one hour prior. Check email and Facebook.



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## **Next Sunday, Feb. 12 Hugs n' Quiches, and Liberating Love with Rev. Lisa Romantum Schwartz, Interim Minister**



The UUA is in the midst of a deep dive into our core identity. The planned exploration of how to revise the Seven Principles has evolved into a proposal to replace the principles altogether, and center our faith in transformative love. What would that look like? Rev. Lisa will explore the new proposal, and then we'll gather for a potluck lunch. *All regular Faith Formation classes are canceled.*