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News from Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church

The Exponent



Stone Soup is TODAY! 5:30-6:30 or until supplies run out!

Stone Soup

FREE Community Meal!



DINE IN! Take out meals available

Friday, Feb. 23

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Or until supplies run out!

Creamy Chicken Noodle Soup Fresh Fruit

Snickerdoodle bars

Social Hall and share a meal with others, or pick up a take out mea

Bags of non-perishable groceries will also be available. All are welcome!

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 Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge



Stop in to enjoy a warm bowl of Creamy Chicken Noodle Soup, some fresh fruit, and a Snickerdoodle bar, or take a meal or two home with you. Thanks, as always, to our volunteers, and our partners, the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge and Kroger Marketplace, for making this important community ministry possible.

Contact Jen Stark at <u>jen.stark@hotmail.com</u> if you're interested in helping with an upcoming meal!

Pathways to Deeper Engagement

Rev. Lisa Romantum Schwartz. Interim Minister

The ORUUC community is an energetic place. Sometimes trying to find a "way in" to this busy church feels like trying to join in a game of jump rope while the rope is twirling, and other jumpers are already in the game. On Saturday, March 16th from 9:30 to 11:30 Rev. Lisa and some current members (i.e., those who were newcomers at an earlier date) will lead a brief intro to ORUUC and Unitarian Universalism.

The goals are to get to know our newcomers (what's your spiritual journey been like, and how can ORUUC be a resource for you in your continued growth?), help new folks get to know each other, and of course to help newcomers learn more about the church, its mission and core values. We'll take a brief look at history (of UU and ORUUC), talk about the mutual expectations of entering a spiritual community, and how to find ways to

If you're just getting to know ORUUC, this is a great way to find out more in a less crowded space than Sunday after service. And if you're considering membership, we'll talk about that process.

serve and be served.

If you've been meaning to become a member but just haven't gotten around to joining, remember that there's a Big Vote coming up in late April/early May: Namely, whom to call as our next minister! As per our church bylaws, only folks who've been members for 30 days before a congregational meeting are able to vote. So consider this a heads up to get that process started, even if you aren't able to join the Pathways class on March 16th (email

rev.lisa@oruuc.org to find out how.)

And if you're not sure about church membership, that's OK, too! There are many ways that "friends of the church" can engage in deep and meaningful ways with most of what's going on at ORUUC, and we'll explore some avenues in this class.

Sign up for the class HERE so we'll know how many muffins to bake. (Be sure to let us know if you need a gluten-free option!) Childcare is available if you need it, but give us a week's notice if you do.

Meanwhile, keep track of your questions and bring 'em along. (And it's also OK to schedule a 1:1 meeting with me to ask your questions!)

This Sunday, Feb. 25 From the Crush of Wealth and

Power

Income inequality is a fact of life — the consistent presence of the poor is mentioned in Leviticus, which dates to the 7th Century BCE. Yet in every age there have arisen prophets who call societies to build a more equitable economic system. In the 20th Century the Unitarian Universalist Whitney Young was the "money guy" in the Big Six leadership pantheon of the Civil Rights movement, and he advised presidents Kennedy through Nixon. Rev. Lisa will lift up the story of this great leader as a frame for addressing justice and equity today.

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

To Zoom: Please install the Zoom app on your device and use Zoom Worship Service Meeting ID: 946 8973 5846.

The Order of Service may be found here. Email or Text Prayer Requests to

prayers@oruuc.org



February Split the Plate Offering: Planned Parenthood of Tennessee and North Mississippi

After worship, please stay for coffee and treats in the Social Hall. Faith Formation classes for all ages meet from 11:15 to 12:15. The Nursery is available during worship and Faith Formation Hour. Rummage Setup begins at 12:15--we can use all the strong backs we can get to help! Please stay and lend a hand!

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.



Still No Heat in the Sanctuary: Dress warmly for worship this Sunday!

Earlier this month, Martin Bauer noticed an issue with the Sanctuary not heating properly. A technician came out on February 6 to check out the system (on the roof), but due to a mix up at the company, the parts needed to make the necessary repairs were not ordered until last week. ORUUC is still awaiting an update from the company regarding the parts.

Please dress warmly for Worship this Sunday morning.

Please leave the Sanctuary and Hearth Room doors open to allow warm air from other areas of the building to circulate. Thank you!

February Split the Plate Offering: Planned Parenthood of Tennessee and North Mississippi

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 Planned Parenthood of Tennessee and North Mississippi.

The first Planned Parenthood chapter in the state was formed in Oak Ridge in 1961, and many of the first volunteers and board members were from ORUUC. This organization provides affordable health and reproductive care to individuals regardless of health insurance,



along with sex education and gender affirming care for transgender people over 18. Following an arson fire that destroyed their Knoxville building in 2022, local staff have continued to provide care via a mobile health unit (an R.V.) For more information, visit Planned Parenthood of Tennessee and North Mississippi.

Please GIVE HERE as you are willing and able, or text "ORUUC" to 73256.

February Worship Series Justice and Equity ORUUC

February 4: If You See a Good Fight,

Get In It Rev. Lisa Romantum Schwartz

Leadership InFormation Workshop 12:15-2:15 p.m. Lunch

provided if you register before the event.

February 11: The Perfect Heart
Special service hosted by the ORUUC
Drama Group. Hugs n' Quiches potluck
luncheon following worship. Bring a quiche
or fritatta to share! There will be no FF Hour
classes.

February 18: **Preaching to the Choir** Rev. Lisa Romantum Schwartz

February 25: From the Crush of Wealth and Power Rev. Lisa Romantum Schwartz

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

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

Nursery is available during Worship and the FF hour.

THE SPRING RUMMAGE SALE is March 1-2



The Spring Rummage Sale is March 1 and 2!

Rummage Co-Leaders are Amanda Fishel (865) 804-7033 amsfishel@gmail.com and Christina Elliott (865) 214-0756 christina.r.elliott@gmail.com. Or email oruucrummage@gmail.com.

- Big Rummage Pickup is scheduled for Feb 24, 9am-noon. Please let us know if you want to volunteer. Tell Amanda or Christina if you need a pick up.
- We'll need help setting up the church on Feb 25, and throughout the week!
- Donations can be made Sunday 2/25 through Thursday 2/29.

Many volunteers are needed to help with various tasks throughout the week and during the sale. Youth who volunteer their time get hourly credit that's applied toward their Youth Trip Fund. And you get first dibs on lots of cool stuff! Sign up today!

Donate Food To Rummage Volunteers!



It's almost time for our semi-annual - big money generating, lots of fun, great bargains, treasures for a pittance – **RUMMAGE SALE!** There will be an army of volunteers getting ready for and working the sale. Just like the army, volunteers need nourishment to keep up their energy while sorting, pricing, displaying and organizing sale items. This is where we need your help! Please donate food to keep our volunteers energized and super productive! On certain days, we'll need more meals than others. If you can supply meal(s) or grazing foods to snack on, contact Charlene Luther to reserve your day: 865-567-2216 or email lutherca@comcast.net Note: bringing hot food in Crock Pots is a great idea. Suggested meals items: casseroles, soups, sandwiches, veggies trays, fruits, chips, sloppy joes, and salads. Suggested grazing foods: grapes, cheese cubes, crackers (including gluten free), cookies, apple slices, chips, baby carrots, celery sticks, pretzels. Desserts are always appreciated. Please label your containers.

WHAT CAN I DONATE?

We'll gratefully accept the following items in <u>resalable</u> 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:

- 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**
- Pianos or organs
- Electronics not in working condition
- Mattresses* To read the rest of the list, visit https://www.oruuc.org/rummage.

Announcements

First Post-Surgery Update from Josh Hicks



The Hicks Family Meal Train: https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/wl77g1

The Lukis/Waldo Family Meal Train: https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/6zngnz

ORUUC Member Josh Hicks underwent liver transplant surgery February 6. His family met donor Jenna Lukis in a foster parent training class. We received a wonderful update from Josh himself on February 20: "I'm out! After two weeks in the Transplant Ward at Vanderbilt, some frustrating setbacks, and one life changing Liver transplant (feels good to kick NASH Liver Disease out of my body), I'm out of the hospital and healing up nicely with the love of my life, Jennifer Hicks. I'm still exhausted, shaky, and in moderate pain (crushing and breaking a vertebra 4 days before the surgery didn't help my pain-level post-surgery), but it feels so good to be out and away from the IVs, non-stop beeping, and being hooked to endless machines. Plus the sleep on a real bed and eating real food is glorious. My blood work is looking good and I'm feeling pretty good mentally at the moment which feels great. I am still literally blown away by the amount of people that have stepped in to help us keep everything from spiraling out of control, Jennifer's 24 hour, non-stop dedication to keeping me alive and well, and of course, my personal hero - Jenna Lukis. Weird damn path life puts us on 2 years ago, but we kept hope and I'm looking forward to living again."



Endowment Fund Grant Applications Due March 31 by 5 p.m. Submit your application online here:

Endowment Grant Application - 2024
or pick up a paper copy in the church office.

The objective of the Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church Endowment Fund is to provide objects of enduring value to the church or support activities that promote, provide or enhance the church experience of the members of ORUUC, or ORUUC's reputation in the community. The Endowment Committee asks that requests for support not overlap normally existing church activities or operations. Proposals should be consistent with the goals and objectives of the church and positively affect the community.



Tennesseans United for Gun Safety - Join partner organizations across the state to advocate for our freedom to live without fear of gun violence. Together we will demand that Governor Lee and the Supermajority Legislature take action to keep our communities safe. Tuesday, February 27th 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM CST McKendree United Methodist Church / Cordell Hull, Nashville. A bus is going from Knoxville. The TN UU State Action Network is working hard to get a great turnout from all of our TN congregations. You can register by clicking here.



Mare Martell, a certified Death Doula, will present a program on the stages of death labor at the Oak Ridge Senior Center on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at noon. This program is free and open to the public. Created with input from hospice nurses and her own experience, the purpose is to open up a dialogue to talk about what happens in this process so that loved ones have a general idea of what to expect. For more information, contact Mare at maremartell@lightoflove.net or 5 616-826-9984.

Announcements

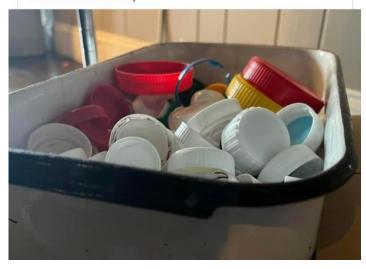


Calamity's Coffee

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You all have been incredible with our lid collection. We are so very happy to announce that enough caps have been gathered for the Amy Dixon bench memorials!

(We are no longer accepting lids but stay tuned for our next collaboration!)



Congrats, ORUUC! You are part of the community that collected enough lids to create a memorial bench for ORUUC member Aimee Dixon. To make a single bench requires 400 pounds of lids! First United Methodist Church collects lids for projects, so if you have lids saved up that you were planning to donate, please drop them off at FUMCOR. Thank you!



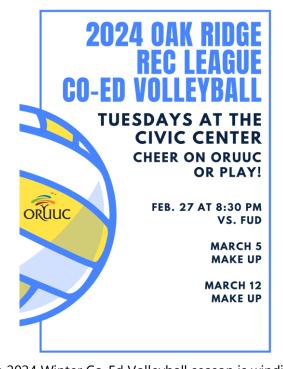
Can Artificial Intelligence Bridge Divides, Or Will it Separate Us Further?

Oak Ridge Periodic Tables and the "Healing Starts Here" grant initiative from the New Pluralists combined forces last year to help get the "Secret City" talking again about issues that matter. On Sunday, March 17 at 5 p.m., join us for dinner, followed by a short demonstration of how ChatGPT works, then we'll generate a few questions and test the Al at our tables before coming back together as a large group to share what we've uncovered and how we feel about the conversations we had – both with Al and with each other.

To learn more about this event, visit <u>Oak Ridge Periodic</u> <u>Tables</u>. To sign up for updates, visit https://www.oakridgeperiodictables.com/.



Thanks for the continuing donations to ORUUC's Non-Perishable Food Pantry! This month's greatest needs are canned fruit, soups, and beans. Please bring your donations and leave them in the box in the church lobby, or in the box in the pantry, located in the kitchen. Thank you for helping us make this community resource possible!



The 2024 Winter Co-Ed Volleyball season is winding down, with only a couple of games and the tournament remaining. On Tuesday, Feb. 27, ORUUC plays an 8:30 p.m. game against FUD. Games are hosted by the Oak Ridge Recreation & Parks Department and are played at the Oak Ridge Civic Center. Contact Shelaine Curd at slovecurd@gmail.com if you're interested in playing, or show up to cheer on the team! Wear blue!

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 February

Jami Garner <u>jamigarner@me.com</u> 865-250-5505 Sarah Gunter <u>sarahcjhunter@gmail.com</u> 865-250-5505

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.

Duane Frank Starr (1942-2024)



Duane Frank Starr, 81, died of Parkinson's-related causes on February 17, 2024, at his home in Oak Ridge, held in love by his wife of 29 years, Nancy Owen Starr, and his oldest son, Vernon Robert Starr, of Atlanta.

Duane was a member of the Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church, was active in its choir, and had served on its Board of Trustees. His wonderful baritone solos were enjoyed in the church services for many years. He found enjoyment in music, hunting, fishing, and woodworking.

Duane was born October 20, 1942 in Pasadena, CA, the son of Vernon Comfort Starr and Mary Wark Starr. He attended school in Anaheim, CA. He received a B.A. in Chemistry from Wesleyan University (Middletown, CT) and a Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from

Oregon State University (Corvallis, OR). He was selected as a National Research Council Resident Research Associate at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C., where he worked from 1973 to 1975 on measuring vibrational relaxation rates in gases by means of laser-induced fluorescence. From 1975 to 1977, he was employed by Hercules, Inc., at the Allegany Ballistics Laboratory (Cumberland, MD), doing research on solid propellants for missiles. In 1977, he moved to Oak Ridge and began working as an engineer with the Operations Analysis and Planning Division of Union Carbide at K-25, developing a large computer model of the Molecular Laser Isotope Separation (MLIS) process for uranium enrichment. This model integrated other models of MLIS subsystems to include physics, chemistry, engineering, costs, and reliabilities. Five years later he transferred to the Atomic Vapor Laser Isotope Separation (AVLIS) Division and worked on an analogous large computer model of the AVLIS process for uranium enrichment for another five years. He then transferred to the National Security Program Office (NSPO), where he studied various issues related to the proliferation of nuclear weapons and lectured on topics related to isotope enrichment. He was a member of two International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) inspection teams in Iraq (October 1991 and May 1996). In 2008 he was a member of a team awarded the Secretary of Energy's Achievement Award. He retired in 2011 as a member of the National Security Advanced Technologies Division of Oak Ridge National Laboratory, at the job classification of Distinguished R&D Staff. He was beloved by his co-workers.

For his 80th birthday in 2022, his wife organized a party that invited all his friends and family to celebrate and eulogize him, with him present to enjoy it. No other memorial service is planned at present. His ashes will be interred in the Memorial Garden of Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church.

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

We're scheduled to meet this month on Saturday, Feb. 24 at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary. 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/3
71268369619360 or email
Anne Backus

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

Ecumenical Storehouse Pick Up Saturday, March 16, 9 a.m.-12 noon Volunteers needed!



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.



Eggs and Pegs are back! Play cribbage, eat breakfast, have fun Sunday, March 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.



ORRUC 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



Pack "Food for Kids" with Second Harvest at First United Methodist Church of Oak Ridge. This program provides backpacks with nonperishable foods for preschool and elementary students to take home on weekends. The next packing date is Monday, March 25 starting at 12 noon. Questions? Contact Coordinator Cara Weigel at 865-481-8108.

Family News



UPDATE:

This week's OWL 5th/6th Grade OWL Class is as scheduled from 4 to 5:15 p.m. There are three more Sundays left in the schedule, with a double session scheduled for Sunday, March 10 from 2:15 to 5:15 p.m. to make up for the Sunday missed due to snow and ice. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Cara Jordan. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility!



Spring Mountain CON Update: ORUUC received word this week that all Spring Youth CONs have been canceled due to staffing issues. If you registered, you should have received a cancelation email by now, and a refund. If you have questions, please contact The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center directly at 828-526-5838.

Last Chance to enjoy the Photography of Bob McLaren In the ORUUC Gallery. Exhibit closes this Sunday, Feb. 25. Visit https://www.oruuc.org/current-exhibit for more information.





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

March 7 and 21!

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

https://mailchi.mp/oakridgetn/orplfeb24



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. Thanks!



Check out ORUUC's monthly Family newsletter, *Connecting in Spirit,* by visiting https://www.oruuc.org/connectinginspirit.

Community News



Community invited to Brown Bag Lunch with the Legislators TODAY at 12 p.m. at the Oak Ridge Civic Center

The League of Women Voters of Oak Ridge will host a Brown Bag Lunch with the Legislators on Friday, Feb. 23 at 12:00 p.m. in the Social Room of the Oak Ridge Civic Center, located at 1401 Oak Ridge Turnpike. Because the Legislature moved their starting time one hour earlier, it is no longer possible for our Legislators to meet at 7:30 a.m. for Breakfast With the Legislators and still get to Nashville on time. Hence, having worked with each of their offices, we have agreed to move the League dialog with the Legislators to Noon on the last Friday of each month that the Legislature is in session. This is a Brown Bag Luncheon in which attendees can bring their lunch, if they wish. Complimentary coffee and tea will be available.



The Living Legacy Project is committed to ensuring that the stories and lessons of the Civil Rights Movement do not get lost or forgotten. It's imperative that today's generations and those to come understand how today's inequities are rooted in the past and how the courageous actions of those who have gone before them can serve to both teach and inspire them in their work for justice and equity. Help support these efforts by attending an upcoming benefit concert on Zoom on Friday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m. featuring Reggie Harris and Friends. For more information on this concert and the Living Legacy Project, visit

https://www.livinglegacypilgrimage.org/2024benefitconcert.html.



It's tax time! Need a tax statement detailing your charitable giving to ORUUC in 2023? Call Jeannie in the church office at 865-483-6761 or email office@oruuc.org and she will 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Photo courtesy The Oak Ridge International Friendship Bell Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/ORfriendshipbell

Volunteers are needed to serve as curators for the Karesansui/ contemplative/rock garden near the International Friendship Bell in Bissell Park. Shigeko Uppuluri was actively involved as the group of volunteers received training and began raking five years ago. The group is looking for a few more individuals to help. Deb Hotchkiss coordinates the raking schedule—volunteers sign up for one or more weeks each quarter. The rakes are stored in the ORUUC shed. If you'd like to learn more and/or are interested in this endeavor, contact Deb Hotchkiss at 865 414-5233 or

debbie.hotchkiss@gmail.com. Thank you!

This Week at ORUUUC

Friday, Feb. 23

(CANCELED) Spring Intermediate Mountain CON (Grades 6-8) 9am Stone Soup Prep 11am Tai Chi Practice 5:30pm Stone Soup Community Meal

7:30pm Private

Saturday, Feb. 24

9am-12pm Big Rummage Pickup 3pm Ukulele

Sunday, Feb. 25

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

12:15pm Circle of Trust V

12:30pm Rummage Setup Begins

12:30-4pm Rummage Donation Drop Off

12:30pm Buddhism Study Group 1pm Circle of Trust VI 3pm Line Dancing (Canceled) 4pm 5th/6th Grade OWL 5-7pm Zentangle Group (Canceled) 5pm Christian Fellowship Communion (Canceled)

The deadline to submit news for

The Exponent is

Wednesday at noon.

Please send news, comments, and
feedback to Rachel at
communications@oruuc.org.

Monday, Feb. 26

9am-8pm Rummage Donation Drop Off

11am Tai Chi Practice

Tuesday, Feb. 27

9am-8pm Rummage Donation Drop Off

6pm Depression & Anxiety Group 8:30pm Volleyball v. FUD

Wednesday, Feb. 28

9am-8pm Rummage Donation Drop Off

6:30am Breakfast Rotary (Canceled)
11am Tai Chi Practice
5:30pm Circle of Trust III
6pm Finance Committee Meeting
7pm Choir Practice (Canceled)
7:45pm Band Rehearsal (Canceled)

Thursday, Feb. 29

9am-8pm Rummage Donation Drop Off

12:30pm Lunch Bunch

To view the church calendar anytime, visit https://www.oruuc.org/members-section Need password help? Contact the church office!



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





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Coming up...Sunday, March 3 Kindling the Power of Transformation



The relationship people have with a congregation can be absolutely transformational, in their own lives and in the world. Rev. Lisa will talk about the dynamic nature of congregational life, and what best practices look like.