

July 28-August 3, 2023

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## News from Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church

# The Exponent



### Stone Soup

FREE Meal!  
Groceries available



Drive Thru ONLY

Friday, July 28

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

Or until supplies run out!

Italian Pasta Bean Salad,  
Fresh Fruit, and Congo 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  
809 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Stoplight #2

(865) 483-6761

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



**FREE Drive-Thru Meal TODAY at ORUUC!** Drive thru beginning at 5:30 p.m. for a delicious bagged meal of Italian Pasta Bean Salad, Fresh Fruit, and Congo Bars. Pick up a meal for a neighbor or friend! Volunteers will also be handing out bags of non-perishable groceries upon request. All are welcome! Thanks, as always, to our community partners: the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge and Kroger Marketplace!

**Stone Soup is returning to indoor dining September 29!** Volunteers are needed! Contact Jen Stark at [jen.stark@hotmail.com](mailto:jen.stark@hotmail.com).

## Sharing Is Caring

Esther Dyer, Guest Speaker

Each Sunday, this summer, you have been privileged to hear from participants who attended the Shared Pulpit workshop, led by Reverend Lisa. This Sunday will be the final event bringing a close to the series of talks provided by the lay-speakers “graduating” from the workshop that began in March.

I hope you have been inspired by the series of speakers this summer and will continue to do so through this Sunday, July 30. The many ways a speaker inspires and impacts is as different as we are individuals hearing the message.

Throughout summer there were some of you who became truly inspired by each talk. You may have carried each message home and continued to think about it throughout the day and/or through the next week and beyond. Someone probably had a wiggling little thought pass through your heads, thinking, “I’d like to try that.” If you did, nurse that thought; don’t

immediately block it.

Possibly you even thought, “I could do better than that,” while, at the same time, admiring the bravery of the speaker for attempting such a feat. If you haven’t thought that, so far, you still have one more opportunity to observe a lay-speech. Which could really give you an opportunity to



see how it could be done better. And, finally, maybe you thought to yourself, “I could not [would not] do that,” and you would be selling yourself short. Yes, I’ll offer a cliché, believe you can, or believe you can’t, either way you are right.

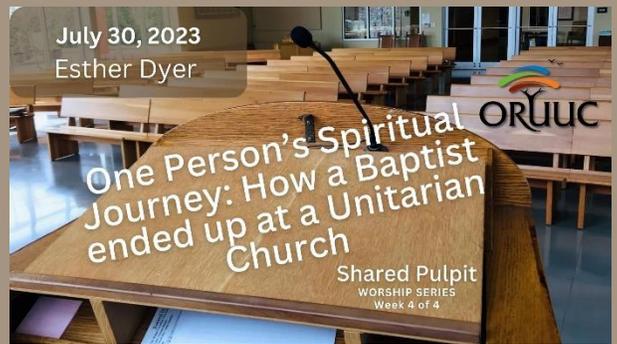
No matter how you experienced each lay-speaker, you would be missing a great opportunity to learn more about yourself, grow in richness, and connect with others if you miss an opportunity to participate in a Shared Pulpit workshop when the opportunity presents itself again.

See you in church this Sunday!

# This Sunday, July 30

## One Person's Spiritual Journey: How a Baptist ended up at a Unitarian Church

Guest Speaker Esther Dyer



Guest Speaker Esther Dyer shares stories about her own life and how she has reached, or is still reaching for, her own conclusions about the mysteries of life and becoming comfortable in her own skin. She's sharing in the hopes that her journey may resonate with others.

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 Sunday's Split the Plate Offering: [Minister's Discretionary Fund](#)

Adult Faith Formation classes meet from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The Reflections group hosts a conversation on the sermon topic every Sunday during Faith Formation Hour in the conference room. All are welcome to join in. Nursery is available during the FF Hour. Youth Faith Formation classes are on summer break until Sunday, Aug. 6.

*Covid-19 Update: Masks are not required in the building; however, we encourage you to do what makes you feel comfortable.*



**Parents: This Sunday, July 30 at 11:15 a.m., join us for the 2023/24 Youth Faith Formation Parent Information Meeting in the Sanctuary.**

Find out what's in store for YFF in 23/24. Join the YFF Staff for program information, dates for the calendar, and fellowship with other families. *Childcare for ages 0-10 is provided.*

**Next Sunday, August 6 at 11:15 a.m.: A new year of Youth Faith Formation begins! Check out our updated programming at ORUUC!**  
<http://www.oruuc.org/religious-education>

## Fifth Sunday Split the Plate Offering Recipient:



**The Split-the-Plate recipient for this fifth Sunday of the month is the Minister's Discretionary Fund.** This fund allows ORUUC to step in quickly to help folks who are experiencing a temporary financial crisis. It's been used to pay electric bills, cover the cost of prescription meds, and even pay a month's mortgage payment, all discreetly and privately. The MDF also helps our church provide emergency assistance to members of the larger community. And, when there's an opportunity to bring

in a great speaker or program that we didn't anticipate when we set the annual budget, the MDF can step in and help cover the cost of an honorarium or licensing fee.

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

# Announcements

## A Music Program Update from ORUUC

Hi ORUUC folks,

We wanted to let you all know what's going on with music at ORUUC as we approach the end of summer and the beginning of our church year.

The ORUUC Board and Exec Team are currently deliberating about what music leadership at ORUUC should look like going forward. It has been determined that a Music Director position consisting of the recently offered weekly hours isn't realistic for the work load required. So, leadership will be figuring out whether a larger, all-encompassing Music Director position, or a smaller, more focused Choir Director position is right for ORUUC. Once that decision is made, a job description and search can follow.

Meanwhile, Rev. Lisa has assembled a team of three ORUUC musicians to co-lead the ORUUC music program until the new staff position can be created and filled. Heather Beverly, Ann Odell, and Michael Raymond, in conjunction with the Worship Team and the Worship Leader for that day, will jointly decide on the music and which musicians or groups will provide it for each Sunday.

In addition, each of the three Music Team co-leaders will have a particular focus.

Heather, besides continuing in her role as pianist and choir accompanist, will contact and coordinate non-choir, non-band musicians, such as Liz & Tim, the ukulele group, etc.

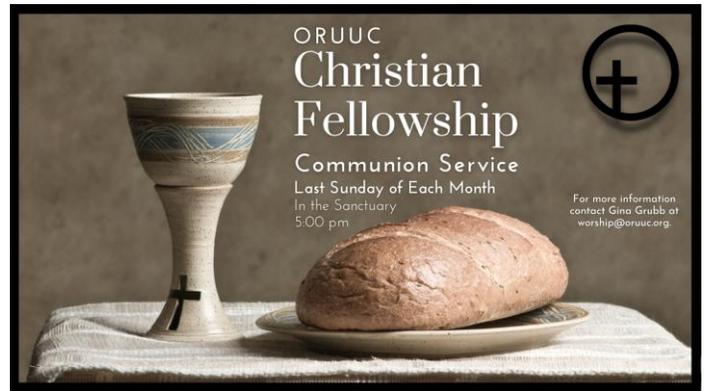
Ann, who was a choir director for a number of years elsewhere before coming to ORUUC, will lead the Mighty Choir in rehearsals and on Sundays. The intention for now is to focus mainly on pieces we've sung in the past three years or so, rather than learning a lot of new music.

Michael will coordinate the Mighty House Band. We'll collaborate as we've done in the past, working up our own arrangements of current and new music as needed to fit service themes.

If you or anyone you know would be interested in being a part of making music at ORUUC, please let one of us know!

Thank you all for your continuing support of the music program at ORUUC, and we're looking forward to making music at ORUUC this fall!

Heather, Ann, and Michael



This Sunday, July 30 at 5 p.m. All are welcome to attend the Christian Fellowship Communion Service in the Sanctuary.



**Zentangle Group**  
Sundays 5 to 7 PM  
at  
ORUUC  
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)  
[starroakridge@gmail.com](mailto:starroakridge@gmail.com)

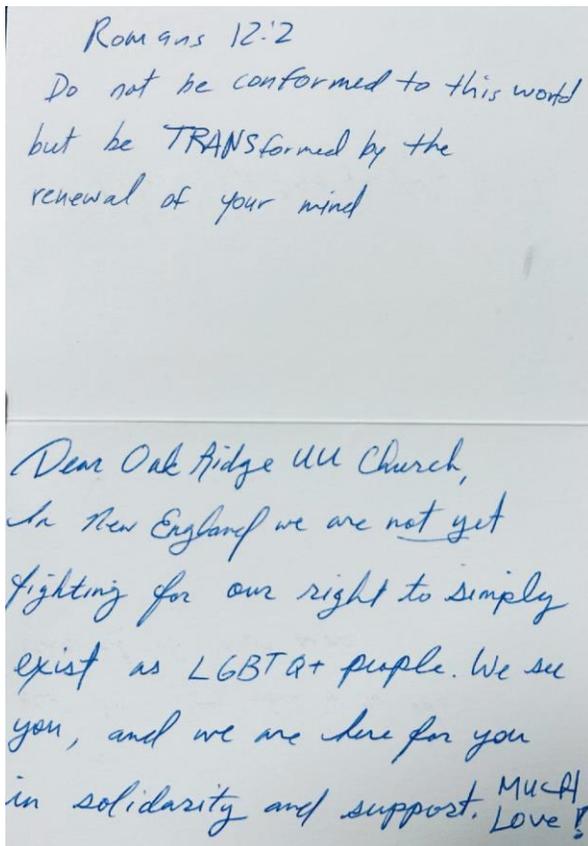
\*\*\*Cash only. Supplies available to purchase. Offered every week — no RSVP required!\*\*\*

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**FREE:** Thanks to the generosity of the Oak Ridge Public Library, which donated furniture to our preschool classroom, **this little table needs a new home!** It measures about 3 ft x 4 ft, is 20 inches tall, and is sturdy/heavy. If interested, stop by the church next week during office hours (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) or on Sunday, and it's yours!

# Announcements



Sharing this thoughtful, supportive note from our friends at First Parish UU Church in Brookline, Massachusetts <https://firstparishinbrookline.org/>.

Dear Oak Ridge UU Church,  
In New England, we are not yet fighting for our right to simply exist as LGBTQ+ people. We see you, and we are here for you in solidarity and support. Much Love!  
*Romans 12:2: Do not be conformed to this world, but be TRANSformed by the renewal of you mind.*



Please join PFLAG Oak Ridge for a day of visioning and planning on August 5. Board members will be at the Oak Ridge Library between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. in the conference room. Please drop in to see us. We will have opportunities for visioning where you would like our chapter to go. In addition, we will have opportunities to sign up to attend Library board and County Commission meetings. Hopefully this will help us support our libraries in a more sustainable manner. We will have our official board meeting at 3 p.m. to determine our programming for the year. Based on the way things are moving in Anderson County, there may be even more ways to take action! Hope to see many of you there!

Anne Backus [backusanne@comcast.net](mailto:backusanne@comcast.net)

## Help us safeguard our public libraries for everyone in our community: Petition located in church lobby

For months, a vocal minority in Anderson County has challenged books in our Anderson County libraries and demanded that these books be removed from the library. Through the established process of the Anderson County library system, each challenge has been thoroughly reviewed and the books were retained. In addition, Anderson County's legal officials have weighed in on the challenged books and have found that they do not meet legal criteria to require that they be removed. The Anderson County law director has made recommendations to the Library Board on policy changes to address the concerns stated in the book challenges.

Now the book banners have created a petition demanding that the books be banned. In response, a **petition has been written to demonstrate support for the Library Board and our professional library staff.** Through this petition, we aim to demonstrate to our **County Commissioners that there is broad community support for our dedicated librarians.** Additionally, we seek the endorsement of the County Commission for the changes recommended by the county law director. By doing so, we can establish a united front, fostering an environment that upholds intellectual freedom and ensures the continued success of our libraries as valuable community resources. **Please sign the petition (copies are available in the church lobby) and help us safeguard our public libraries for everyone in our community!**

*The paper petition is intended for Anderson County residents only, and will be presented at the County Commission's August meeting. See information below for a second petition available online.*

For more background, visit <https://www.mycouriernews.com/search> and search for "Library". ~Ellen Faby

**County Commissioner Joshua Anderson has created a second petition online: "Support Our Local Libraries and the Freedom to Read!" Feel free to sign your name to both petitions, and share!**

<https://www.change.org/p/support-our-local-libraries-and-the-freedom-to-read>

## 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 July

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

Sarah Gunter [sarahcjhunter@gmail.com](mailto:sarahcjhunter@gmail.com) 865-308-2820 (cell)

### 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.

## Celebration of Life for Shigeko Uppuluri August 5 at ORUUC



### *July 25 update from the Memorial Services Committee:*

It's not too late to donate finger-food for the reception following the Celebration of Life for Shigeko Uppuluri. It will take place on Saturday, August 5 at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend! We can still use more cookies, brownies, fruit, and small sandwiches. We only want finger-food and will be most appreciative for any you would be willing to provide. Please contact Ann Odell at [annodell56@gmail.com](mailto:annodell56@gmail.com) or 865-685-0021 if you'd like to contribute. Thank you.

**1,600+ Cranes for Shigeko!** Thanks to all who made origami cranes! Next week, volunteers will help more than 1,600 paper cranes take flight in a Sanctuary display to honor Shigeko. The cranes will be part of a beautiful display in the sanctuary for Shigeko's memorial service, scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 5 at 2 p.m. Thanks to Steven Albright for spearheading this effort, and to the volunteers who will be helping create the display!



## 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, July 29 at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary.** If you've been working on something and want to share it, please bring printed copies.

See you there,  
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 [backusanne@comcast.net](mailto:backusanne@comcast.net) for more information about PFLAG Oak Ridge.



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

### Help with Ecumenical Storehouse Pick Ups Each Month!



**Every Third Saturday of the month it's ORUUC's turn to volunteer 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, so don't think you have to be able to lift a sofa to help. Questions? Contact Martin Bauer at [bauermlb@gmail.com](mailto:bauermlb@gmail.com).



### ORUUC Pantry Needs

**Fruit (small cans or cups) • Tuna • Peanut Butter • Soups • Vegetables (corn, green beans) • Kidney beans • Mac & Cheese • Hamburger Helper • Ravioli/SpaghettiOs**

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!



**Fall Rummage Week is September 9-16!** Mark your calendar and keep an eye out for updates on what you can donate and how you can help! Teens can even earn Youth Trip funds for hours spent volunteering. Start cleaning out those closets!

# Family News

## A New Year of Youth Faith Formation Begins Sunday, Aug. 6!

Faith Formation for Children and Youth is a cooperative venture. Please complete a [Youth Faith Formation Registration Form](#) and bring to the Parent Information Meeting this Sunday, July 30 at 11:15 a.m. (Paper copies will also be available.)

### Youth Faith Formation Programming

**Nursery/Preschool (Birth to 5 years) Rooms 125 and 123 -** Our youngest ORUUCians are in the care of beloved Nursery Coordinator Susan Rosenbaum and her helpers, playing and loving together.

**Spirit Play (Ages 5-10) Room 127 -** Kindergarteners through fifth graders learn and grow during a structured hour spent in our multi-age classroom. They learn narratives of the history, religion, and shared human experiences that shape our world. They wonder and work, playing with art and open-ended materials; they end the hour with snack and sharing time.

**Middle School (Ages 11-14) Room 124 -** Middle Schoolers explore the themes of Worship together and learn through community.

**High School (Grades 9-12) Room 128 -** The Senior High meet in person on Sundays and connect virtually throughout the week on Discord. Please contact Jason Fishel @ [solarmanj@gmail.com](mailto:solarmanj@gmail.com) to be added to the group server.

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



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 (August 3 and 17)  
at 10:30 a.m.**

**in the Oak Ridge Public Library Meeting Room**

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

<https://mailchi.mp/oakridgetn/orpljul23>

# Community News

## Scarboro 85 Reunion!

July 28-30

### 2023 Reunion Activities At a Glance



#### Scarboro Monument Conceptual Design

**Presentation** (pictured) will be Friday, July 28th 5–6 p.m. at the Scarboro Community Center, 148 Carver Avenue.

**Meet and Greet** – Connect With the Community-Vendors and Old Skool, happening Friday, July 28th 12 noon – Midnight at the Historic Elks Atomic Lodge #1301, 262 Wilberforce Avenue.

**Honor Scarboro 85, Unity Parade** will be Saturday, July 29th - 9 a.m. with the Lineup at 8:15 a.m. Grey Strange Baseball Field, Wilberforce Avenue  
Crowning of Scarboro Youth 2023/Fun Day, there will be Skills Challenges for Youth with Prizes and Trophies!  
Saturday, July 29th – 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

**Scholarship and Award Banquet**, Saturday July 29th with Keynote Speaker – Shirley Lawrence- Scarboro 85 (requires ticket purchase or table sponsorship). 7:00 p.m. 10 p.m. @ the Scarboro Community Center.  
After Party – Historic Elks Atomic Lodge #1301, 262 Wilberforce Avenue.

**Sunday, July 30th at 11 a.m. - All are invited to a Worship Service at Historic Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, located at 195 Wilberforce Avenue.**

For more information, ticket purchases, and questions, contact Mr. John Spratlin or Ms. Rose Weaver, or email [info@oakridgeperiodictables.com](mailto:info@oakridgeperiodictables.com).



## Can YOU help foster one of these loveable pups?



Cathy Osborne posted this week in the Facebook group that these three beautiful pups were left at her door, starving. She fed them but can't keep them. **Any ORUUC members or friends want to help foster?** Labrador Retriever Rescue of East Tennessee (LRRET) LRRET will get them spayed, vaccinated, and microchipped, then post them on their page and website to get adopted. These pups have a vet appointment scheduled for next Thursday, Aug. 3. Loaner crates are also available. **Please reach out to Linda Gilpin either in the ORUUC Facebook group or by email: [lotsoflabs@gmail.com](mailto:lotsoflabs@gmail.com)**



**BASH VEGAS—An annual fundraiser of the Free Medical Clinic**  
Saturday, August 12  
St. Mary's Catholic Church, Oak Ridge

ALL INCLUSIVE TICKETS INCLUDE: Entry, food, two drink tickets, prizes, Casino Games, live auction and DANCE-OFF from local community leaders! To purchase tickets, visit [The Free Medical Clinic](http://The Free Medical Clinic).

# Ministerial Search Update July 2023



**Christy White, Ministerial Search Committee Member**

As the summer settles over us like a warm, steamy blanket; the ministerial search committee has begun meeting. Our two gatherings thus far have been very informal, with lots of snacks and ice-breaker questions, mostly geared toward settling into the task before us and learning how we will work best together.

One sentiment we've all shared is the great honor each of us feels at being called to serve ORUUC in this way. Each of us arrived at the decision with thoughtfulness and take very seriously the opportunity to do the hard labor necessary to accurately reflect the will and wishes of the congregation.

One thing we noticed is that the [ministerial search timeline](#) that has been shared thus far gets a little murky after the congregation votes on the committee. To that end, we thought we'd share more of a timeline of what search will look like (and what to look out for), including date estimates.

Roughly, the search is conducted in seven general phases. We've already finished phase one (The Good Goodbye) and phase two (electing the search committee), so pat yourselves on the back for a job well done!

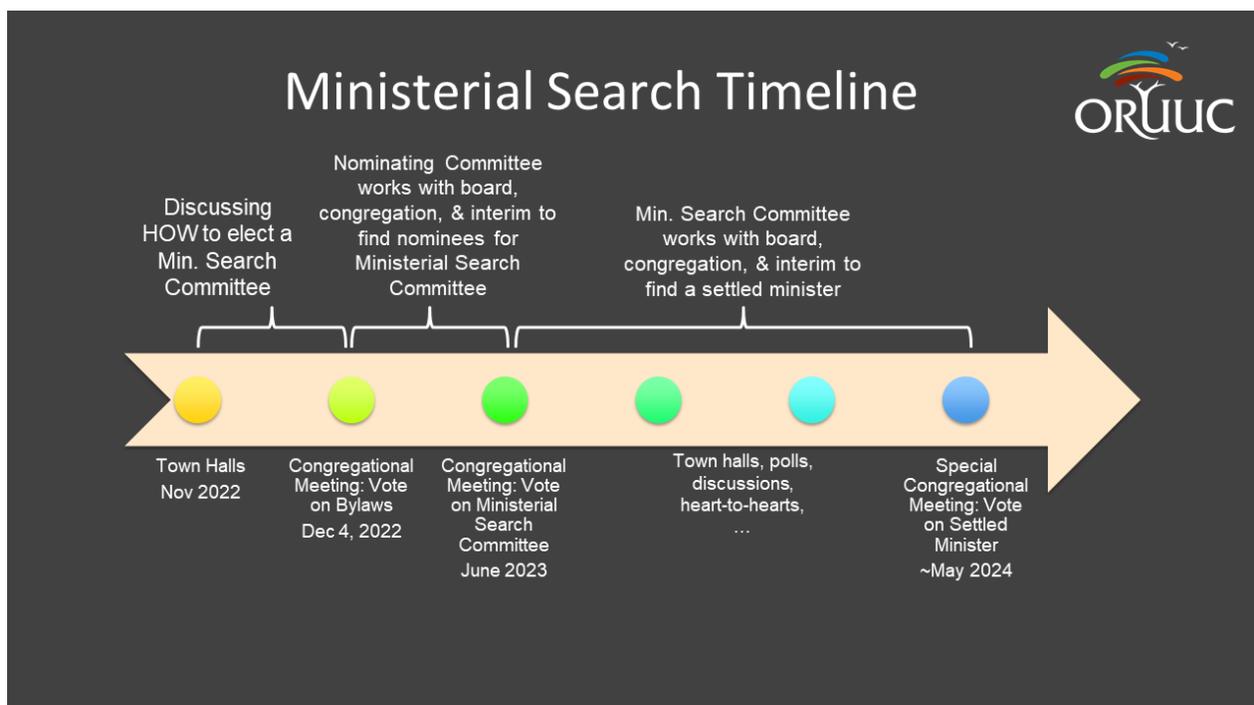
The next big lift is phase 3, "Building the Structure to Search." Major elements of this phase include.

- August - Search Committee retreat: Facilitated by representatives from the UUA, we will make a search covenant and take a deep dive into the roles and tasks necessary for our work on behalf of the congregation.
- September-ish - A congregational survey: Thoughtfully crafted by the UUA Transitions Team and regional staff, this survey will be made available to every member of the church and includes questions that emphasize what the congregation needs from a new minister.
- November-ish - Cottage meetings/focus groups: Smaller group gatherings, these meetings are an invitation to participate in group conversations to hear and build on what others say about ORUUC.

Phase 4 and beyond will start in winter of 2023, and there's plenty to keep us busy in the meantime.

We've created a [Ministerial Search Hub](#) in the Members' Section of the website. You can find open meeting recordings, updates, general information, and more. We hope you will bookmark this page and check back often.

Until next time, we appreciate your trust and support of us all as we embark on this grand adventure.



# Announcements



Shared by Sarah Gunter: Please send out support to Community Unitarian Universalist Church in Plano, TX. They recently have had guests who are from anti LGBTQ hate groups and on July 23rd their church was firebombed with an incendiary device. You can send words of support to 2875 E. Parker Rd. Plano, TX 75074 <https://www.communityuuchurch.org/uua/>

## House/pet sitter wanted



Mare Martell is *still* looking for someone to stay at their house for six weeks while they're out of the country for work. Rent and utilities will be paid (although the individual is welcome to help out if they want to). The individual will be responsible for the upkeep of the house, Mare's cat, and Mare's fish. They will also need to buy their own food. If you or someone you know is interested, or if you have questions, please email Mare at [maremartell@gmail.com](mailto:maremartell@gmail.com). Thank you!

## 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.

One of the nation's most culturally consequential referendums is underway in Atlanta.



Pictured: Rev. Tyler Coles & Rev. Misha Sanders collecting referendum petitions last weekend, holding clipboards with images that say "Let Atlanta decide."

Locals, professional UU organizers, other spiritually grounded activists—including your fellow volunteer UUs—and others from around the world are actively leaning into the work, going door-to-door and at busy community sites to collect the signatures needed to bring this issue to a vote.

The City of Atlanta will contribute nearly \$70 million to the deletion of at least 13,070,000 square feet of the Weelaunee Forest—developing it into a training ground that militarizes and equips police forces with the skills to quell democratic assembly and protest while protecting profit and property. We have two weeks left to show up for democracy, climate justice, and community security by collecting 70,000 signatures to let the people of Atlanta decide.

You can contribute to this referendum from wherever you reside, when—and how—you feel called. This is what UUs do. For more information, visit [https://secure.everyaction.com/p/RaDgToPCokW21\\_ufslS2nw2?emci=b8a9ffba-0628-ee11-a9bb-00224832e1ba&emdi=c5cb4b79-f62a-ee11-b8f0-00224832eb73&ceid=23454076](https://secure.everyaction.com/p/RaDgToPCokW21_ufslS2nw2?emci=b8a9ffba-0628-ee11-a9bb-00224832e1ba&emdi=c5cb4b79-f62a-ee11-b8f0-00224832eb73&ceid=23454076)



**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!

# This Week at ORUUC



## Friday, July 28

11am Tai Chi Practice  
3pm Stone Soup Packing  
5:30pm Stone Soup Community Meal

## Saturday, July 29

9:30am-2pm Faith Formation Leader Training  
3pm Ukulele  
3pm-1am Rental (Birthday party)

## Sunday, July 30

### **10am Worship**

11am Together in Spirit  
11:15am Faith Formation Parent Meeting  
11:15am Newcomers  
11:15am Reflections  
12:15pm Safety Team Meeting  
12:30pm Buddhism Study Group  
3pm Line Dancing  
5-7pm Zentangle Group  
5pm Christian Fellowship  
Communion Service

## Monday, July 31

*Origami Cranes Take Flight-Sanctuary Decorating*  
11am Tai Chi Practice

## Tuesday, Aug. 1

*Origami Cranes Take Flight-Sanctuary Decorating*  
6pm Depression & Anxiety Support Group

## Wednesday, Aug. 2

*Origami Cranes Take Flight-Sanctuary Decorating*  
6:30am Breakfast Rotary  
11am Tai Chi Practice  
11am Circle of Trust VII  
7:45pm Band Rehearsal

## Thursday, Aug. 3

12:30pm Thursday Lunch Bunch  
1:30pm Executive Team Meeting

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

*President: Jason Fishel  
Past President: Michele Thornton  
President-Elect: Kara Raymond  
Secretary: Nathaniel Bass  
Treasurer: Brandon White  
Members-at-Large:  
Freddie Nechtow  
Charles Davis  
Jami Garner  
Jen Stark*

## **The ORUUC Executive Team**

*Rev. Lisa Romantum Schwartz  
Christine Rehder  
Amanda Fishel  
Donna Maloney  
Jeannie Cuevas, Office Administrator*



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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).***

## **Sunday, Aug. 6**

### **“Lest the Living Forget”**

Rev. Lisa Romantum Schwartz,  
Interim Minister



On August 6th, 1945, the U.S. was the first to use a nuclear weapon in war. Most Oak Ridgers know that our community was a “secret city” whose purpose was to enrich uranium for that bomb. The August 6th bombing of Hiroshima and the subsequent bombing of Nagasaki effectively ended WWII, saving countless lives. Yet the two bombs not only instantly killed 120,000 humans (and sickened more), they opened Pandora’s box as they ushered in a new era of destructive potential. Rev. Lisa will explore the moral dilemma.