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News from Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church

The Exponent



Beyond Categorical Thinking Workshop is TOMORROW
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Beyond Categorical Thinking Workshop

Saturday, Nov. 4
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

at ORUUC and on Zoom

Inclusion is not a trend.

It's a way of life.

The next step in the ministerial search process is the **Beyond Categorical Thinking Workshop** scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The search committee extends this invitation personally to each of you, members and friends, to join us for this important meeting-in person or on ZOOM:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81134913549>

A light working lunch will be provided for in-person attendees.

Childcare will also be available. The ministerial team sincerely hopes you all will find time in your busy schedule to join in the workshop.

Please register for the workshop by filling out this form:

<https://forms.gle/WU4nMarxcRnYuqME8>

. Our UUA presenter, Keith Kron, has also asked us to fill out his survey before we meet on November 4 and submit as indicated. [Concerns & Benefits Form](#). Thank you,

The Ministerial Search Committee

Don't Miss BCT, at ORUUC and on Zoom Saturday, Nov. 4th from 10 to 1

Rev. Lisa Romantum Schwartz, Interim Minister

Picture yourself sitting in a doctor's office, waiting to see a new specialist who's rumored to be the best at treating your rare condition. You've had the Q&A with the nurse. Your blood pressure has been duly recorded. There are well-thumbed magazines, an aroma of disinfectant, a glass canister of cotton balls – all within your expectations. A light knock on the door signals the arrival of the doc, and the door slowly swings open to reveal the doctor...

What do you see? WHO do you see? Is a white lab coat and a stethoscope all you need to accept the new doc? What if they're in colorful scrubs? What if the person doesn't walk through the door, but rolls across the threshold on a walker or in a wheelchair? What if her skin is a tawny brown, or he speaks with an accent? What if they're super young and you can't discern any of the usual cultural patterns we use to determine gender?

If you're a middle-aged adult who's spent a few hours in the doctor's office you've already had some of your expectations about doctors challenged. And people make choices – a dear 83-year-old family member of mine refuses to see a woman doctor, which is, of course, his right. (My 97-year-old grandma didn't want a male nursing home staffer

to give her a bath, either.)

I'm not a doctor, nor do I play one on TV. (Holla if you're in the age demographic that gets the reference.) As a minister, I have – yes, even in 2023 – experienced surprise from folks I meet when it turns out that I, a woman, am a minister.

Most UUs are unsurprised by women ministers, though most women who are UU ministers have experienced problems with misogyny at church, ranging from sexual harassment to mean-spirited opposition to a minister's leadership.

The stories I've heard (the stories I could tell!) from women colleagues are bad enough. But the stories I've heard from colleagues of color, colleagues with disabilities, trans colleagues or those with non-binary gender identities are even more dispiriting.

Of course there are inspiring stories, too – but success doesn't come without intention and effort. The Search Committee has been doing a great job asking ORUUCians about their hopes for a new minister. The next step, the Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop, delves into our unspoken, even unconscious, expectations about what, or who, an effective minister can be.

I urge everyone to attend the Beyond

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This Sunday, Nov. 5

Think of a Minister.

Don't Think of an Elephant.

Chances are you thought of both! And distinct images perhaps came to mind. In terms of a minister, what images came to mind? Was it a person of a particular gender, race, or age? Through our Congregational Survey and in Cottage Meetings, you have described our congregation and your ideal minister. We are ready to think “outside the box” as we continue our search for a settled minister. Rev. Keith Kron, UUA, will be our Guest Minister this Sunday. **Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour Saturday night!**

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



November Split the Plate Offering: [Ecumenical Storehouse](#)

Adult and Youth Faith Formation classes take place from 11:15 to 12:15. Nursery is available. Don't miss the Fresh Fruit for Kids luncheon during FF Hour (see below) or the final congregational Conversation on Safety in the Sanctuary. More info on page 3.

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.



Fresh Fruit for Kids Soup and Dessert Lunch is Back!

Fall is in the air and that means it's time for **the Fresh Fruit for Kids Soup and Dessert fundraiser lunch on Sunday, Nov. 5 following the morning worship service at ORUUC.** Vegan/vegetarian soups will be available. Join us for our popular classics of New Mexico Green Chili Stew and Pasta Fagioli and yummy homemade desserts.

Funds from these lunches are used to buy fresh fruit (usually apples) to supplement Second Harvest's Food for Kids Backpack program. The ORUUC program currently provides 482 pieces of fruit per week. All elementary schools in Oak Ridge, along with the Preschool/Head Start program, participate.

November Split the Plate Offering: Ecumenical Storehouse

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 Ecumenical Storehouse.

The Ecumenical Storehouse provides household items to those in the community who cannot afford them. They accept donations of furniture, appliances and household goods (linens, dishes, cookware), and distribute them, free of charge, to needy families in the local 3-county region. The Storehouse works with the United Way, ADFAC, and many churches. Special consideration is given to those families for whom a fire has left



them in a desperate situation. Run by a cooperative of Oak Ridge churches ORUUC, Ecumenical Storehouse has been in operation since 1984.

Ecumenical Storehouse embodies the social action that ORUUC champions; it is a founding member. It runs a very lean operation and has an all-volunteer organization and very modest budget. Its service in recycling used furniture and household goods back into society is a very green operation. We strive to maintain the Storehouse in a manner that supports our seven principles and serves as good outreach to our broader community. **Please [GIVE HERE](#) as you are willing and able, or text "ORUUC" to 73256.**

Announcements

Don't Miss Beyond Categorical Thinking at ORUUC and on Zoom Saturday, Nov. 4th from 10 to 1

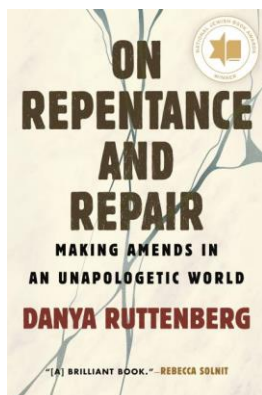
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Categorical Thinking workshop at ORUUC this Saturday from 10 to 1, via Zoom or in person. Lunch and childcare are provided for in-person attendees.

BCT is a chance to learn more about the search process, an opportunity to express concerns about potential ministers in a non-judgmental space, and a way to explore questions like, "Will the new minister hear me? Will my concerns and needs be met? Will the minister understand what I'm living with? How will the community respond to our minister?"

The Rev. Keith Kron, our leader for BCT, is the Director of Transitions for the UUA. No one knows the ins-and-outs of ministerial searches, and successes and failures, like Rev. Keith. Please make BCT a priority this weekend!

Rev. Lisa



Copies of "On Repentance and Repair" are in! Pick up yours in the church office workroom. We are looking for a few coordinators for small discussion groups — if you are interested, contact Rev. Lisa at rev.lisa@oruuc.org or Nathaniel Bass at nathaniel.k.bass@gmail.com.

ORUUC Auction

Thank you!

We raised more than \$8,000, thanks to you!



The Auction Team: Michael Bjerke, Charlene Luther, Janet Fryer, Jim Nitaro, Christy White, Brandon White, Peter Scheffler, Maureen Hoyt, Nancy Starr, Rachel Smith-Jones

Congregational Conversations on Safety

JOIN US

- Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 5 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. (ZOOM ONLY)
- Sunday, Nov. 5 after worship



Safety in this day and age is a tricky concept, even in our sacred space. This fall, we've had two open and respectful conversations about our church's safety policy, including discussions about firearms at ORUUC. **The third and final Congregational Conversation on Safety will be on Sunday, Nov. 5 in the Sanctuary after morning worship.** The conversation will be facilitated by Rev. Lisa and the safety task force, which includes members of the Board, Executive Team, and Safety Team.

Our Whole Lives



Adult OWL Classes
Sundays at
11:15 a.m.



Lifespan Sexuality Education

Adult OWL classes meet each Sunday during Faith Formation Hour through December 3-- attend one, or a few, or all of them--it's up to you!

- ~~10/22 Language and Anatomy~~
- ~~10/29 Sexuality and Gender Identity (SEIO Model)~~
- 11/5 Cultural Attitudes about Sexuality
- 11/12 Cultural Communication (Mass Media, Social Media, Pornography)
- 11/19 Body Image
- 11/26 Sexual Consent and Boundaries
- 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. For more information about the Our Whole Lives program, visit <https://www.uua.org/re/owl>.

Announcements



Start Local, Stay Vocal



Chapter Formation Interest Group

Saturday November 11th 3-5pm

2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville TN

Justice Choir is a volunteer based civic group that:

- Creates music for social and environmental movements.
- Curates a royalty-free, non-commercial music resource.
- Teaches community singing through local partnerships.
 - Provides leaders for “pop-up” style group singing at marches, rallies, state buildings, and vigils.
- Builds a networked community capable of responding quickly to urgent, local, social and environmental issues.

What will we do?

Sing from the JusticeChoir Songbook
Practice Leadership of Songs
Discuss Chapter Formation Guide
Create an Action Plan
Contact: david.asbury@musician.org
540-409-1863



The next meeting of the Justice Choir, hosted by TVUUC, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 11 at TVUUC from 3 to 5 p.m. David Asbury, Music Director at TVUUC, can be reached at davidasbury@tvuuc.net for more information.

Last month, Amanda Fishel had a serious fall at home, followed by major surgery. Since then, she has been resting and healing at home. Amanda doesn't know what the timeline is for returning to normal activity, only that it won't be a short road to complete healing.

The Caring Team at ORUUC is helping the Fishel family by organizing meals through this month. Casseroles, soups, and other dishes would be appreciated. *Please note: One family member has some sensitivity to dairy, so cheese is OK, but a cream-based soup is not.* If a dinner for four sounds like something you'd be willing and able to do in the next month or so, please sign up here. Sign up here to provide a meal: <https://mealtrain.com/ekd0oy>

In the ORUUC Gallery through January 7, 2024



Mixed Media, Acrylic, 8" x 8"

Indra Sahu

Fine Arts ARTIST

Originally from India, a grade teacher encouraged Indra to use her innate abilities to judge other students works, and correct their pencil sketches. This influenced her early life. She followed her heart and received a degree from Tagore Society of Fine Arts. Indra came to the United States and joined the Tennessee Artist Association. She did many commissioned works and exhibited her art in many juried shows, won awards at the Knoxville Museum Of Art, Knoxville Historical Society, Art and Culture Alliance, and Maryville College. Indra loves to travel and take photographs of native women and paint them. She does some volunteer work teaching Art in retirement homes and independent living facilities. She currently teaches art classes at her studio. Indra holds a Bachelor's Degree in Arts, a Master's in Political Science, and a Bachelor's in Education.

Indra's works of art on display at ORUUC are available for purchase. She lives in Knoxville and can be reached at 865-414-8256 or sahupaintings@gmail.com

Stone Soup

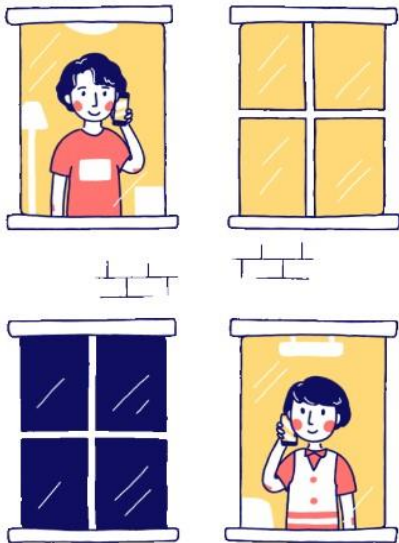


Final Friday of each month
5:30- 6:30 p.m.
SOCIAL HALL
or Take Out

Contact Jen Stark at jen.stark@hotmail.com to volunteer! ORUUC

Thanks to all those who have helped with Stone Soup, and all who have donated generously to the church pantry in recent weeks. **Our ongoing needs are still peanut butter, canned green vegetables, and canned fruit** to pack grocery bags distributed to those in need throughout the month. Please considering picking up a few of these the next time you go grocery shopping. Thank you! And **please email Jen Stark at jen.stark@hotmail.com if you'd like to help Stone Soup week!**

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 November

Christina Elliott christina.r.elliott@gmail.com 865-214-0756

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

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.

Suzanne Jean Johnson, January 26, 1955 – September 15, 2023

Suzanne Jean Johnson, age 68, died unexpectedly Friday, September 15, 2023. Suzanne's life began with an accident—her brain was injured at birth. And it ended with an accident—a blood clot lodged in her heart. In spite of the challenge of a brain injury, Suzanne lived a life filled with diverse activities, joyful times, and even some exciting adventures.

She went swimming with the Masters Swim Club in Oak Ridge although she was too young to join the club. She went tubing down Little River in Townsend, Tennessee, with the Campfire Girls. She once swam with alligators (their jaws were tied shut) in a lake in South Carolina while visiting her former teacher, Suzi Touzel. She enjoyed ice skating with her family in Knoxville at Christmastime. A favorite activity was walking her beloved dog, Little Bit.

Suzanne was trained in American Sign Language at Tennessee School for the Deaf for six months and became very skilled. She loved demonstrating her skills by signing a person's name. For a time, she interpreted for a deaf man at Eastern State Psychiatric Hospital.

Suzanne enjoyed reading—especially the Harry Potter books. She loved playing Scrabble and doing crossword puzzles, and she was an excellent speller.

In addition to fun activities, Suzanne worked at various jobs—she delivered The Oak Ridger newspaper, assisted cooks at fast-food restaurants, cleaned rooms at nursing homes, bicycled back and forth to Hardee's, where she was a kitchen crew member, and carried her bicycle up two flights of stairs when returning to her apartment after work.

A great adventure in Suzanne's life was living for two years at The Farm, a collective community on 1000 acres near Summertown, Tennessee. Everyone there was vegetarian. Suzanne's tasks included weeding the gardens and helping with the preparation of tofu.

Suzanne was born on January 26, 1955, in Los Alamos, New Mexico, where her father, Joseph M. Domblesky, worked at Los Alamos National Laboratory. He died when Suzanne was six months old. Her mother, Ann L. Domblesky, later married George L. Ragan, who adopted Suzanne.

Suzanne was married and divorced twice: James M. Chandler (5 years) and David W. Johnson (20 years).

Suzanne was preceded in death by her father, Joseph M. Domblesky, and her adoptive father, George L. Ragan. **She leaves behind her mother, Ann L. Ragan;** her sister Margaret A. Williamson and brother-in-law Joseph Williamson; her brother Guy E. Ragan and sister-in-law Susan L. LeStrange; her brother Don Ragan and sister-in-law Carol Ragan; her sister Lenore Vanderkooi and brother-in-law David Vanderkooi; and her nephews, Duncan R. Williamson, Henry L. Ragan, Loren Vanderkooi, and Leslie Ragan; and her nieces Hilda R. LeStrange and Kristen Vanderkooi; and the rest of the extended family.

The family would like to express deep appreciation to the staffs at Ridgeview Behavioral Health Services, Emory Valley Center, and Diversicare for the years of respect, care, and compassion they provided.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10, at Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Suzanne's name to Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church, 809 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, TN 37830 or to a charity of your choice.

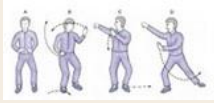


Ongoing Activities at ORUUC



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 Saturday, Nov. 4 and 18 at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The next Coffeehouse has been announced - December 31. It's not too early to start thinking about what we could perform! 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

Thanks to all who helped run Ecumenical Storehouse this month



Our next regular donation pickup date is **Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to noon**. This organization, which supplies furniture and household goods to those in need, is an important part of our community. There are many ways you can help, many of which don't involve heavy lifting. **Please contact Martin Bauer at bauermlb@gmail.com for more information.**



Eggs and Pegs are back! Play cribbage, eat breakfast, have fun **THIS SUNDAY, Nov. 5!** These get-togethers will be held the first Sunday of each month at 8:30 a.m. in the Social Hall.



Pack "Food for Kids" with Second Harvest at First United Methodist Church of Oak Ridge

Monday, Nov. 6 at 12 noon in the Multipurpose Room. The bins of food will be delivered to the schools Tuesday, Nov. 7. Other packing dates for the fall are **November 27 & 28, NONE IN DECEMBER.** Questions? Contact Coordinator Cara Weigel at 865-481-8108.

Middle and High School Youth Hike
Sunday, Nov. 5
Wildflower Greenway Trail

Trailhead location:
East Vanderbilt Drive

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

Don't Forget

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

Middle and High Schoolers: Hike the Wildflower Greenway Trail with friends this Sunday afternoon! Meet at the Trailhead at 2 p.m.

<https://tnlandforms.us/greenways/maps03/wf.html> Pick up at 4 p.m. Parents always welcome!

Faith Formation Dates for 2023-24

- August 6 - First Day of Youth Faith Formation
- September 15-16 - Rummage Sale (Teens who volunteer during Rummage Week can earn money for the Youth Trip Fund!)
- September 30 - October 16 - OR Schools Fall Break
- October 1 - Church Potluck (No Faith Formation)
- October 13-15 - All Church Retreat (Harrison Bay State Park) (No Faith Formation)
- October 29 - Trunk or Treat.
- November 3-5 - [Fall Elementary Mountain CON](#)
- Wednesday, Nov. 8 - 6 p.m. in the Social Hall: Tamale Talk!** Find out how tamales are made, what our mission is, and how you can help!
- November 12 - 12-5 p.m. Tamale Making
- November 17-19 - [Fall Intermediate Mountain CON](#) (Registration Deadline: TODAY! Friday, Nov. 3.)
- November 19 - 12-5 p.m. Tamale Making
- December Tamale Making Dates: To Be Determined**
- December 1-3 - [Fall Senior High Mountain CON](#) (Registration Deadline: Friday, Nov. 17)
- December 3 - Cocoa and Caroling
- December 10 - 5th/6th OWL Parent Orientation
- January 7 - 5th/6th grade OWL Begins

Check out our updated Youth Faith Formation programming at <http://www.oruuc.org/religious-education>.



Register TODAY for Mountain CONs!

- November 3-5 - [Fall Elementary Mountain CON](#)
- November 17-19 - [Fall Intermediate Mountain CON](#) (Registration Deadline: TODAY! Friday, Nov. 3.)
- December 1-3 - [Fall Senior High Mountain CON](#) (Registration Deadline: Friday, Nov. 17)

Please email Christine Rehder at crehder@oruuc.org

when you register to let her know so that she can plan for advisors and transportation.



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 gathering
November 16!*

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

<https://mailchi.mp/oakridgetn/orplnov23>.

November Worship Series

Generosity

November 5:

Think of a Minister. Don't Think of an Elephant. Rev. Keith Kron, UUA

November 12:

Cosmic Glory, Earthly Splendor

November 19:

Practicing Gratitude/ Bread Communion

November 26:

The Gift of Our Whole Lives

**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.*





**Religion, Violence, and Gender
Tuesday, Nov. 7
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
ORUUC Social Hall**

Dr. Rosalind Hackett, Professor Emerita, Department of Religious Studies, UTK, will discuss the intersectionality of religion, violence, and gender in the U.S., Europe, and Africa.

To find out more about upcoming League of Women Voters events, visit <https://my.lwv.org/tennessee/oak-ridge/calendar>.

**Donate unused coats to KARM for
Coats for the Cold**



Winter coat collection began October 16 at all Knoxville Area Rescue Ministries (KARM) stores and Prestige Cleaners. Please gather unused coats and deliver them to a KARM store location this week! Beginning November 13th, customers with a Coats for the Cold ticket can choose a free coat at any KARM Store. ORUUC has coat vouchers to be given out at Stone Soup this month and anytime through the office by request. Last year, ORUUC distributed more than 150 free coat tickets! More information on Coats for the Cold can be found at karm.org/coats-for-the-cold/.

BATTLEGROUND STATE
A DOCUMENTARY EVENT CHRONICLING THE
CRUSADE FOR PROGRESS ACROSS TENNESSEE



**November 6, 2023
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm**

**The Grove Theater
Oak Ridge, TN**

To mark the Walk for Our Lives Anniversary, TAPP will be showing a double feature documentary. Come to hear about the **Walk for Our Lives**, where TAPP Executive Director, Francie Hunt walked 538-miles from Memphis to Johnson City in protest and pilgrimage for abortion rights and bodily autonomy in Tennessee, and about TAPP's efforts supporting **The Tennessee Three**.

***Refreshments will be available – Or – BYO snacks**

Admission: Free Donations Appreciated Tennessee Advocates for Planned Parenthood	Event Schedule 5:30 Welcome 5:45 Walk for Our Lives 6:30 The Tennessee Three 7:00 Q&A with Francie Hunt
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**Tennessee Advocates for Planned Parenthood
Presents: Battleground State Documentary Monday,
Nov. 6 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at The Grove Theater.**
If you're unable to attend, please consider making a donation to TAPP.

RSVP or to Donate: [TAPP Presents: Battleground State Documentary](#)

Facebook Event Link: [Battleground State Documentary](#)

Contact Host: Natalie LaRose nlarose3@gmail.com

**DON'T FORGET
TO FALL BACK
SATURDAY
NIGHT!**

**YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS
WORSHIP AND LUNCH
THIS SUNDAY AT**



Daylight Savings Time ends this weekend! Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour Saturday night!

This Week at ORUUUC



Friday, Nov. 3

Fall Elementary CON (Highlands, NC)
11am Tai Chi Practice

Saturday, Nov. 4

Fall Elementary CON (Highlands, NC)
10am-1pm Beyond Categorical
Thinking Workshop
3pm Ukulele

Sunday, Nov. 5

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Fall Elementary CON (Highlands, NC)
8:30am Eggs & Pegs
10am Worship
11am High School
11am Together in Spirit
11:15am Adult OWL
11:15am Lunch (Fresh Fruit for Kids Fundraiser)
11:15am Circle of Trust I
11:15am Congregational Conversation on Safety
11:15am Knitting & Crocheting Group
11:15am Reflections
12:30pm Buddhism Study Group
12:30pm Circle of Trust IX
2pm Middle/High School Youth Hike (Wildflower Greenway)
3pm Line Dancing
4pm Circle of Trust XI
5-7pm Zentangle Group
5:30pm Circle of Trust X

Monday, Nov. 6

11am Tai Chi Practice
12noon Pack Food for Kids (Second Harvest, First United Methodist)

Tuesday, Nov. 7 Election Day

11:30am League of Women Voters
6pm Depression and Anxiety Group

Wednesday, Nov. 8

November Worship Theme:
Generosity

6:30am Breakfast Rotary
9:30am Staff Cottage Meeting
11am Tai Chi Practice
5:15pm Circle of Trust III
6pm Tamale Talk
7pm Choir Practice
7:45pm Band Rehearsal

Thursday, Nov. 9

12noon NWUUC & Launchpad Meeting
12:30pm Thursday Lunch Bunch

The Chili Cookoff Winner is Cara Jordan!



Last Sunday's Chili Cookoff got 28 votes, and the winner was Letter D, Cara Jordan with 12 votes. Congratulations,



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



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Sunday, Nov. 12 Cosmic Glory, Earthly Splendor



From the first humans gazing at the night sky in wonder to poets and philosophers and scientists, stars and their evanescent potentiality have fascinated humanity. They are our ancestors, and they reveal to us a vastly generous cosmos. Rev. Lisa Romantum Schwartz will explore how our scientific understandings about the cosmos can connect with our spiritual awareness of the generous impulses that connect all things.

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