



# The Exponent

**December 31, 2021-January 6, 2022**

## WORSHIP

**Sunday, January 2, 10:00 AM "Spirituality & The Arts Week 1"**

**Re. Jake leading worship**

Order of Service [here](#)    Go to [ORUUC](#) for zoom information.

## UP FRONT

# Stone Soup



## Final Friday of Every Month

**Menu: Black Eyed Peas, Ham Sandwich, Brownie, Fruit**

Drive through the ORUUC parking lot to the front of the building where a volunteer will assist you. Please remain in your car and maintain a safe distance from other drivers.

Friday, December 31, 2021  
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. - Or Until Supplies Run Out

809 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Stoplight #2

Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church

(865) 483-6761



Special thanks to our Community Partners for participating in our meal:  
Kroger Marketplace  
Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge





**Blossom Center**, a local nonprofit daycare in Oak Ridge, noticed that a lot of their kids are lacking basic warm clothing. **Blossom is taking donations of socks, knit hats, gloves and mittens (toddler to school-age sizes)** at least until the New Year. Blossom Center is located at 280 Royce Circle in Oak Ridge (Phone: (865) 294-4133 or <https://blossomcenter.org/>)

If you don't know where it is and would like to donate, or if it would just be easier, there is a box in the church lobby for your donations. I will be happy to take them there.

Thank you. Jason Fishel



# CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS



The office will be closed Friday, December 24, 2021-Sunday, January 2, 2022.

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Mother Goose



of Oak Ridge

Join us with your baby, toddler and/or preschooler for bouncing, tickling, touching, clapping and action rhymes, musical circle games, simple songs, and play.

**FIRST and THIRD Thursdays each month  
at 10:30 AM  
with "Father Goose" Michael Raymond  
September through May**

We promote positive parent/child interaction as well as language and early brain development through traditional rhymes, circle games, musical activities, and simple play. We provide a meeting place and fellowship for caregivers of young children, especially those new to the community and far from home. Nothing is charged for Mother Goose; it is freely and lovingly offered to all.

*Mother Goose of Oak Ridge meets in the Oak Ridge Public Library Auditorium.*

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Yarrow Alexander

### ***Nomadic Yoga Co-op***

Sunday Morning yoga will be on hiatus until further notice, due to the cold weather and Covid restrictions for inside the building. Please continue your home practice and consider joining me on Monday evenings at Ascension Yoga for a Gentle Flow class. We hope to be able to gather again soon. Namaste. ~Jennifer



### ***Line Dancing***

**There will be no Line Dancing this Sunday. Line Dancing will resume on Sunday, Jan. 9.**

We teach line dancing. Through our dancing, we bring together total strangers through-out the Oak Ridge community.

We learn a variety of dances, country, jazz, waltz and cha-chas. Close friendships are developed with the willingness to share individual talents with others. A donation of \$3.00 per session is suggested.

For more information contact Jo Curran or Steven Albright



### ***Tai Chi***

**M-W-F, 11-12 am**

We minister to health & stability through learning & practicing tai chi. Tai chi has helped individuals maintain & improve their balance, strength, & blood pressure, & reduce knee, arm, shoulder & back pain. It has helped with MS, Alzheimers, dropped cervix, bunions, & more.

For more information call Janet Hoegler at 865-963-5115

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### ***New Photography Exhibit This Month in ORUUC Gallery: David G. Liles***

As a high school student, I chose photography as my creative outlet. I did it all in those days--the pictures, the film development, the printing--in black & white and color. I was inspired by the works of Ansel Adams and Eliot Porter.

My career path was accounting and finance; however, I have always been creative, and have had a lifelong interest in the natural sciences – especially rocks and plants. I have recently re-discovered this artistic passion of my younger days!

Inspiration often comes from the natural world. Great material is everywhere. My eyes are trained to look for textures, patterns, contrasts, and plays of color in everything I experience on a daily basis.

My imagery is often an abstraction, a departure from the normal “snapshot” type photograph. This is achieved through color, pattern, shape, and detail (or lack thereof). I like bold colors, and light and dark contrasts that enhance or exaggerate original image qualities! I want the viewer to see color, and to react to it--to amplify the essence of the original subject, or to suggest another interpretation. I look to view ordinary things in an extraordinary way. The image name is my reaction and interpretation.

I use mostly digital photography with cropping and image enhancements of color saturation, tone, and contrast, but no additions. The computer is my darkroom, via software tools of digital manipulation.

David Liles can be reached at 865-274-8271 and [tnyellowtomcat@yahoo.com](mailto:tnyellowtomcat@yahoo.com)

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Congratulations to former ORUUC Ministerial Intern Juniper Meadows, who the congregation voted to ordain as a Unitarian Universalist minister during the December 13 Congregational Meeting. The vote was unanimous among those attending in person and via zoom, for a total of 72 votes in approval Juniper's ordination. Juniper served as our ministerial intern from 2019 to 2021, and graduated with a Masters of

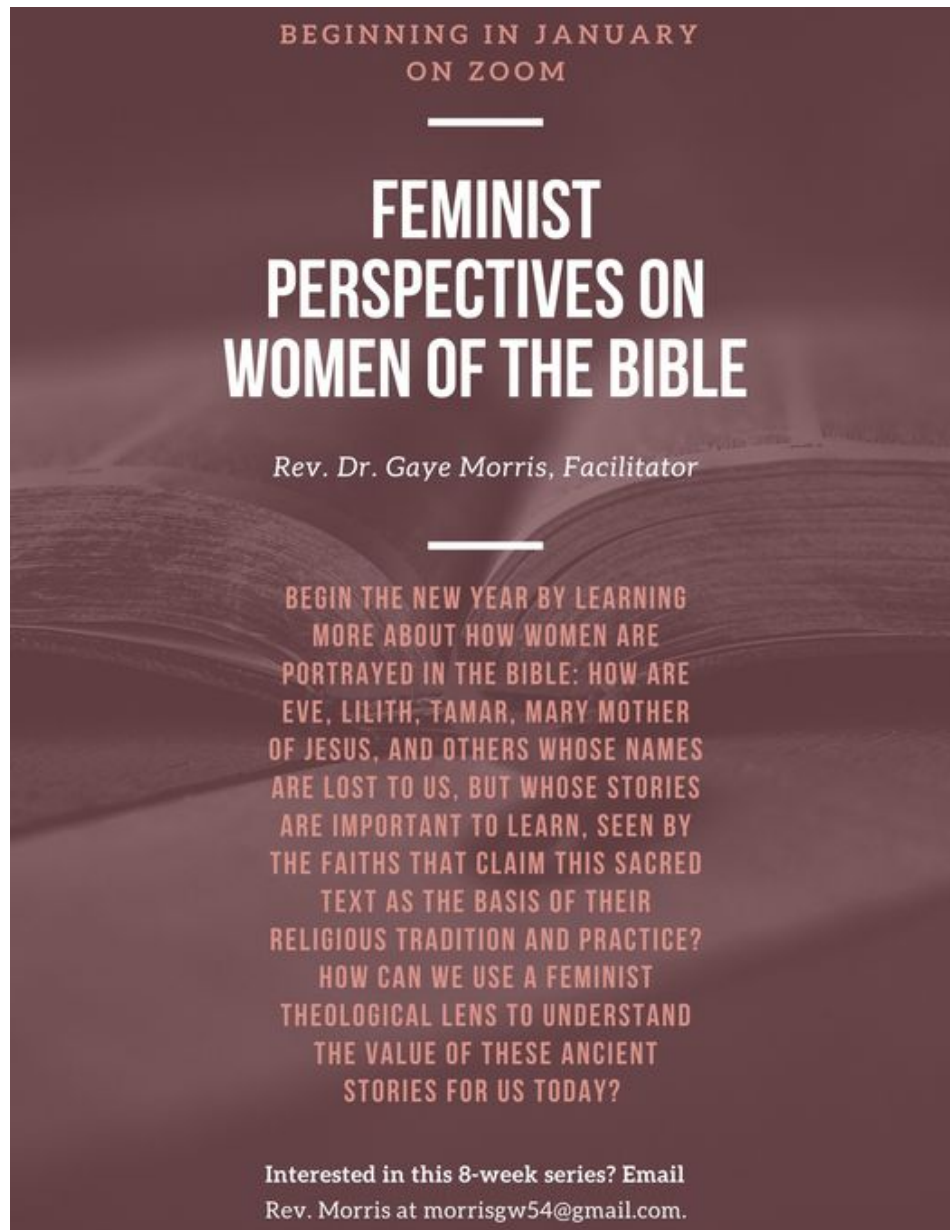
Divinity from Meadville-Lombard earlier this year. We are excited to watch Juniper as she enters the next phase of her ministerial journey, and we know ORUUC is with her wherever that journey may lead. Her ordination ceremony is scheduled for **Friday, April 1, 2022**, at ORUUC. -Jason Fishel, Board Secretary

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### ***Too many 2022 calendars?***



Louise McKown and her sister, Anne Childs, are challenging ORUUC-ians to donate their surplus 2022 calendars from charitable organizations to Stone Soup diners. Please bring 2022 calendars to ORUUC and put them in the box outside the main entrance. The Stone Soup crew will give them out during the Friday, Dec. 31 drive thru meal. Thank you!



BEGINNING IN JANUARY  
ON ZOOM

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**FEMINIST  
PERSPECTIVES ON  
WOMEN OF THE BIBLE**

*Rev. Dr. Gaye Morris, Facilitator*

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BEGIN THE NEW YEAR BY LEARNING MORE ABOUT HOW WOMEN ARE PORTRAYED IN THE BIBLE: HOW ARE EVE, LILITH, TAMAR, MARY MOTHER OF JESUS, AND OTHERS WHOSE NAMES ARE LOST TO US, BUT WHOSE STORIES ARE IMPORTANT TO LEARN, SEEN BY THE FAITHS THAT CLAIM THIS SACRED TEXT AS THE BASIS OF THEIR RELIGIOUS TRADITION AND PRACTICE? HOW CAN WE USE A FEMINIST THEOLOGICAL LENS TO UNDERSTAND THE VALUE OF THESE ANCIENT STORIES FOR US TODAY?

Interested in this 8-week series? Email  
Rev. Morris at [morrisgw54@gmail.com](mailto:morrisgw54@gmail.com).

**Feminist Perspectives on Women of the Bible Series Begins  
on January 8 - Register Now**

The Rev. Dr. Gaye Morris will facilitate a 90-minute Zoom meeting every Saturday morning for eight weeks. This series opens up the stories of women in the Hebrew Scriptures and the Gospels/New Testament to new insights; even if you have never studied the Bible before, consider joining us for a stimulating online group experience. We'll discuss how women are portrayed in the Bible, how they are seen by the faiths that claim this sacred text as the basis of their religious tradition and practice, and how we can use a feminist theological lens to understand the value of these ancient stories for us today.



You will need to have a Bible for study and discussion (the New Revised Standard Version is recommended).

**The first session is Saturday, Jan. 8 at 11:00 a.m. Please register on ORUUC Realm for the series:** <https://e.onrealm.org/events/63f53a62-234a-46ee-b4e4-ae05012666a9/meetings/bcf6f443-c14f-4729-81f8-ae05012666ae>

Once you are registered, you will have access to the series schedule, recommended reading, and a shared space for contributing your written reflections on the women of the Bible.

If you don't have a Realm account, here is a link to create one: <https://onrealm.org/oruuc/Account/Start>

*Rev. Dr. Gaye Morris is the affiliated community minister serving ORUUC. She lives in Manteo, NC. Gaye is an adjunct faculty member of Augusta University, teaching online courses for the Communication Department. She served as minister for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Augusta GA from 2013-19. She has published three books, including two on theology and film; currently she is writing a chapter for a book on theology and film, Spirit and the Screen, that will be published by Lexington Books in the fall of 2022.*

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## ***Updated Covid Policies***

### **PALS Framework**

The PALS level for this week is high, so masks required, no food or drink inside the building. See this [link](#) for more details

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# Everyone 18+ years who is fully vaccinated against COVID-19 is eligible for a booster.

## When?

At least 2 months after a 1-dose vaccine, Johnson & Johnson/Janssen

**or**

At least 6 months after a 2-dose vaccine, Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna



**FIND OUT MORE AT [CDC.GOV/CORONAVIRUS](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)**



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The PALs level for this week is HIGH. Masks are required in the building. No food or drink permitted inside the building. Please see the link (above) for details.

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***Split the Plate for January  
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 other organizations to reach those in need. Clients are vetted by local social service agencies and 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 including ORUUC, Ecumenical Storehouse has been in operation since 1984.

Ecumenical Storehouse embodies the social action that ORUUC champions. The church is a founding member of the Storehouse. The Storehouse 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. With your help, we can continue our membership in this organization.

## OUR ORUUC FAMILY

### *Caring for Each Other*

If you are going through difficult times and would like emotional support, or are

in any situation where support and caring are needed, contact

Rev. Tandy Scheffler, Minister of Care and Connection  
Jeannie Cuevas, Office Administrator

(865) 483-6761 Office Hours M-F 10 AM to 4 PM [office@oruuc.org](mailto:office@oruuc.org)

### **Caring Coordinators for January**

Mary Thornburgh [ttae1@comcast.net](mailto:ttae1@comcast.net) 567-9535

Jami Garner [Jamigarner@me.com](mailto:Jamigarner@me.com) 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.

## **ORUUC LEADERSHIP**

### **The ORUUC Board of Officers**

President: Jim Nutaro  
Past President: Val Herd  
President-Elect: Michele Thornton  
Secretary: Jason Fishel  
Treasurer: Brandon White  
Members-at-Large:  
Shelaine Curd  
Regina Guy  
Nathaniel Bass  
Ethan Coon

### **The ORUUC Executive Team**

Rev. Jake Morrill  
Christine Rehder  
Christina Elliott  
Debra Oscarson

## **Community/UU**

## *Side with Love and Women's Reproductive Rights*



Liz McGeachy has agreed to serve as the liaison between ORUUC and local volunteers who will work to educate those interested in our community on upcoming legislation involving women's reproductive rights and actions to be taken. Area UU churches—Foothills, Westside, and TVUUC—will be hosting informational services in the New Year—stay tuned for details! If anyone from ORUUC is interested in forming a group (through a Shared Ministry Agreement) to help bring awareness to these issues, please let the church office know or sign up online

here <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd543P8nA-XOLnuTr56up-POqFj7V5cU4FzwauhnVYVGWtkgg/viewform> For more information about these efforts in East Tennessee, contact Mark Lucian Mohundro, a TVUUC staff member and long-time Planned Parenthood volunteer, at 865-292-4000 [markm667@gmail.com](mailto:markm667@gmail.com) or Angelina Carpenter, medical chaplain and Counselor/Educator at Knoxville Center for Reproductive Health, at 865-207-3166 or email [etn\\_community@yahoo.com](mailto:etn_community@yahoo.com). To sign up for updates from the national Side with Love campaign, follow this link: <https://sidewithlove.org/subscribe>

### ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

#### **Friday, December 31**

New Year Eve  
Office Closed  
11:00am Tai Chi Practice  
5:00pm Stone Soup Community Meal  
8:00pm New Year's Eve  
Party—CANCELED

#### **Monday, January 3, 2022**

11:00am Tai Chi Practice  
6:50pm Meditation Learning and  
Practice Group

#### **Tuesday, January 4, 2022**

6:00pm (Canceled) Nomadic Yoga

**Saturday, January 1, 2022**

New Year Day  
Office Closed  
3:00pm Ukulele

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

10:00am Worship Service  
11:00am (Canceled)Yoga  
11:00am Circle of Trust 1  
11:00am Family Group (Canceled)  
11:00am High School (Canceled)  
11:00am Reflections (Canceled)  
11:00am Together in Spirit (Canceled)  
11:15am Circle IX  
12:30pm Buddhism Study Group  
2:00pm (3-5pm) Line Dancing  
(Canceled)  
4:00pm Circle of Trust XI  
5:30pm Circle of Trust X

6:00pm Depression & Anxiety Support  
Group

**Wednesday, January 5, 2022**

6:30am Breakfast Rotary  
11:00am Tai Chi  
11:00am Circle of Trust VIII  
6:45pm Choir Practice  
7:45pm Band Rehearsal

**Thursday, January 6, 2022**

2:00pm (Rental) Friends of Literacy  
2:00pm Executive Team Meeting  
5:00pm Potluck  
6:50pm Meditation Learning and  
Practice Group



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