



Connecting In Spirit

Youth Faith Formation Monthly News

September 2022

Living with the Questions

For the month of September, our Worship theme is "Living with the Questions." Our 4th Principle calls us to seek for a free and responsible search for truth and meaning. In Worship, we call to mind this principle as we explore questions of democracy, finding hope in challenging times, and the importance of being wrong. And throughout the month, we provide meaningful discussion, art, story, reflection, retreat and service. We live the questions through many days and many ways this month in Youth Faith Formation.

During Sunday Faith Formation hour, our



Spirit Play group will ask the questions through Story and Wandering, while our Create and Connect group will live the questions through art, play, and reflection. Our Middle School group continues to learn about the Interim process through the lens of the interconnected relationships and systems within the church. Special guests this month to the group include a Board member, an Executive Team member, church staff, and Rev. Lisa. Our High School group continues to bond and discuss how their UU values can help them live the questions in ethical and meaningful ways.

September offers many ways to live the questions outside of the Faith Formation hour through service and connection with our wider congregation. Rummage Sale Week begins Saturday, Sept. 10 with Big Rummage

Pick Up, and continues through Saturday, Sept. 17. Volunteering for the sale is a great way for children and families of all ages to serve together, get to know some folks in the congregation, and maybe even pick up a treasure or two. Additionally, High Schoolers who serve can earn \$10 an hour up to \$1000 towards reimbursement of the Heritage Trip Fund! See below and sign up.

As the month comes to a close, there are other chances for fellowship and fun. **Our High School Luncheons return with a spaghetti meal following service on Sunday, Sept. 25 (\$5 per meal).** And the month ends on Friday, Sept. 30 with the All Church Retreat at Fall Creek Falls, which runs through Sunday, Oct. 2.

In Care and Faith,
Christine

Christine Rehder (she/her/hers)
Director of Faith Formation

Welcome, Rev. Lisa Schwartz!

Rev. Lisa can be reached by email at Rev.Lisa@oruuc.org or by phone at 865-483-6761 ext. 102.



Great Outing to Ozone Falls

The ORUUC Nature & Hiking Group, a multi-generational Shared Ministry, spent a beautiful afternoon Sunday, Aug. 28 at Ozone Falls near Crab Orchard, TN. Thanks to Jimmy Groton and Aubrey Wick Sebastian for leading this hike. Stay tuned for details about the next outing! *All ages are welcome; Middle and High School youth may attend without a parent or guardian if enough transportation is available.*



Registration is Open for Fall CON at The Mountain



ORUUC Middle School Youth at MountainCON, March 2022 (Sarah Gunter photo)

CONs are back at the Mountain! **REGISTER for Fall CON TODAY:**
<https://www.themountainrlc.org/cons>.

Fall CONs:

Intermediate CON (Grades 6-8) November 18-20th, 2022
Elementary CON (Grades 3-5) December 2-4th, 2022
Senior High CON (Grades 9-12) December 9th-11th, 2022

Spring CONs:

Elementary CON (Grades 3-5) February 17th-19th, 2023
Intermediate CON (Grades 6-8) March 3-5th, 2023
Senior High CON (Grades 9-12) March 17-19th, 2023

Once you have registered, **please contact Director of Youth Faith Formation Christine Rehder @ crehder@oruuc.org**, so lists can be compiled, travel arrangements made, and advisors lined up. If you are interested in being an advisor, contact Christine at the same address. Potential advisors need to complete a background check every two years to be eligible.

Hey, Teens! Fall Rummage Week is September 10-17



Did you know you can earn \$10 an hour
(up to \$1,000 total) for the Youth Trip Fund
by volunteering to help with Rummage?

**Sign up using the volunteer link in Discord
TODAY!**



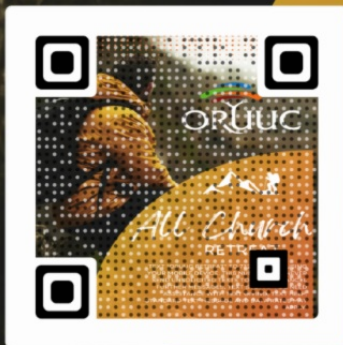
Fall Rummage Sale September 16-17

Donations
accepted
September 11-15





All Church RETREAT



TEXT "ORUUC RETREAT" TO 73256 TO PAY USING YOUR MOBILE DEVICE. THIS NUMBER WILL NEVER SEND UNSOLICITED TEXTS TO YOU. TO CANCEL FURTHER MESSAGES, TEXT STOP. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH TEXT GIVING, TEXT HELP. STANDARD TEXT MESSAGE AND DATA RATES MAY APPLY.

The Fall All-Church Retreat is Friday, Sept. 30 through Sunday, Oct. 2 at Fall Creek Falls State Park

Stop by the Retreat Committee's table at church any Sunday between now and September 25 to register, or **register**

online: <https://forms.gle/5CUGGjG5NgUAt23EA>.

Contact Sara Wieland sarawieland@yahoo.com or Christy White christy_white@comcast.net to help! Or

Mother Goose



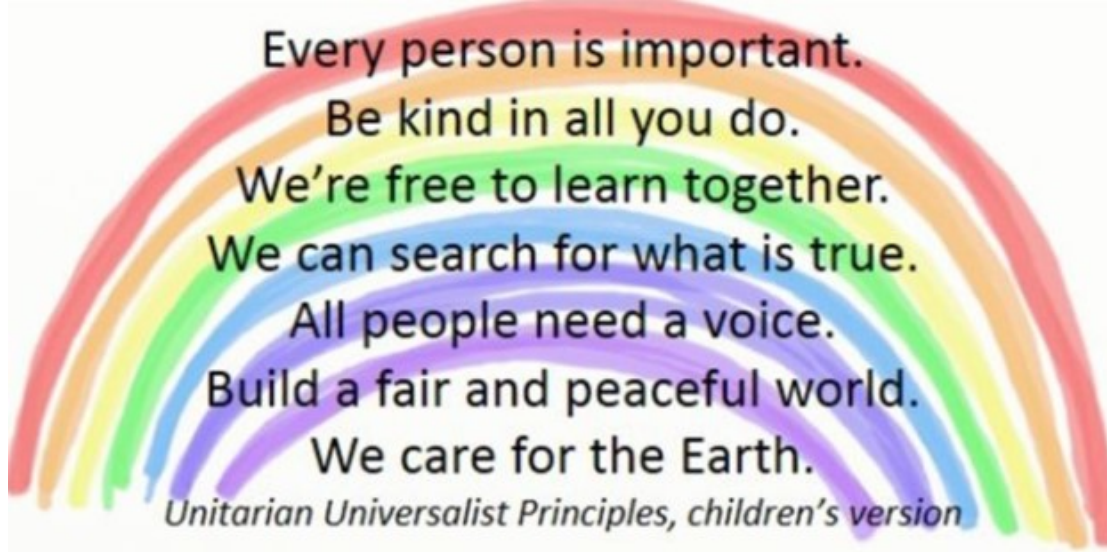
of Oak Ridge

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

Mother Goose meets the **First and Third Thursdays** of each month at **10:30 a.m.** in the **Oak Ridge Public Library Auditorium** with "Father Goose" Michael Raymond.

Coming up next month...





This is the first issue of [Connecting in Spirit: Youth Faith Formation](#), a monthly digital publication designed to serve ORUUC families with children from birth through high school. If you have ideas or suggestions for content, or would like to add someone to the mailing list, please email Rachel at communications@oruuc.org or Christine at crehder@oruuc.org.



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