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The Exponent



A Sanctuary Filled with Cranes



Volunteers spent a sunny Monday morning and Wednesday afternoon hanging more than 1,600 origami cranes made with love by ORUUC members and friends of all ages. The cranes, in honor of Shigeko Uppuluri, will be displayed for her Celebration of Life this Saturday at 2 p.m. (see more information on Page 5) and throughout the month of August.



Faith Formation: Living Lives Centered in Love

Christine Rehder, Director of Youth Faith Formation

Welcome to a new year in Youth Faith Formation! Our Worship theme of Discernment in August invites us not only to consider how we do Youth Faith Formation, but also to remind ourselves why we do it.

Our UU Faith is the underlying beliefs, values, and traditions that sustain and ground us. It's the moral compass that guides our decision-making. Our faith calls us into deeper connection with the sacred and each other. It holds us through life's inevitable suffering and uncertainty.

Faith formation is the process of awakening, developing, understanding and ultimately living these ideals. It's how we decide what it means to live with integrity, to advocate for justice, to show our authentic selves. It's how we show up for our beliefs, pursue right relationships, especially our intimate ones. It's how we make meaning in our lives and connect with something greater than ourselves.

That's a tall order. How do we do that? We practice. We do it over and over with intention, patience and dedication. As individuals, we do it through ritual and reflection. And as a community, we do it by sharing our joys and sorrows, laughter and tears, and many milestones in between. Here at

ORUUC, we practice living lives based on the values, traditions, and aspirations that our faith tells us are worthy of being fully alive.

It's not a group, a curriculum, a leader or even a minister that forms a faith. It's the process of seeking meaning, forming relationships, learning, forgetting, relearning, changing and growing in our understanding of how to live an authentic life with integrity. Faith is the commitment we make within ourselves and with each other to practice living lives centered in love.

Faith Formation is the process of getting us there. It's every interaction in our congregation. It's rolling tamales and washing cars. It's checking in with small groups. It's making over 1,600 origami cranes. It's forming a covenant. It's facing conflict with compassion. It's stepping away when needing some rest and reflection. It's serving on the Board or the Memorial Team. It's sorting baby clothes at the Rummage Sale. It's finding a new minister.

I think you get the picture. It's you. It's me. It's we. It's all the big and small ways we practice living into flourishing lives. There are many opportunities to practice. I encourage you to participate in this community, because forming a faith centered in love requires each of us.



This 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.

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



This month’s Split the Plate Offering: [Fresh Fruit for Kids](#)

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 begin today for the new school year!

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



This 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>

Haven’t filled out the YFF Registration form for 2023-24? Pick up a copy online [HERE](#). Print the form at home, and bring it with you Sunday! (Paper copies are also available at church.)

This Month’s Split the Plate Offering:

The Split-the-Plate recipient for the month of August is **Fresh Fruit for Kids**. This shared ministry group supplements Second Harvest’s backpack program with fresh fruit. Since it was started by Elizabeth Peelle in 2012, this program has delivered over 17,000 pieces of fruit to area school children. While Fresh Fruit for Kids was limited in their service during the pandemic, they resumed deliveries in 2022, providing fresh fruit to nearly 450 children per week. This effort to alleviate hunger is social justice work that helps reduce instances of behavioral difficulties,



malnutrition, and food insecurity in our community. By bringing delicious and nutritious fruit to our at-risk children, we demonstrate through our actions that these children are a beloved part of our community. An increased number of children in need, coupled with the price of fruit have depleted the group’s funds. As an ORUUC shared ministry, 100% of donations to Fresh Fruit for Kids go directly to providing food to area school children. Please [GIVE HERE](#) as you are willing and able, or text “ORUUC” to 73256.

Announcements



JOIN OUR WORSHIP TECH TEAM



Summary

Provide video & Zoom support for Sunday worship services and other ORUUC events as requested and available.





Duties

- Set up & run video equipment
- Manage Zoom live stream
- Ensure smooth operations during worship service

Apply Now

If you are interested in joining our team, send your resume to rev.lisa@oruuc.org.

 865-483-6761

 ORUUC.org

The Worship Tech Team needs you! We're low on staff to run Zoom for worship services. Interested in learning more or applying? Check out the job description [here](#) and email your resume and cover letter to Rev. Lisa at rev.lisa@oruuc.org. We also need **Zoom Doorkeepers** - a simpler, but necessary job! But no financial compensation, just the joy of helping and seeing folks on Zoom.



Interested in being part of an East TN UU cluster table at this fall's Knox Pride event October 6-8 at World's Fair Park? Contact the church office at 483-6761 or communications@oruuc.org. ORUUC will work with other UU churches to be supportive at this important event. Questions? Contact Mark Mohundro at TVUUC: markm667@gmail.com. For more information on the Knox Pride event, visit <https://www.knoxpride.com/pride-fest-2023>.



Choir Practice Meets August 9 to begin the new church year

Out Mighty Choir will meet in the sanctuary on Wednesday, August 9th at 6:45 p.m. for our first practice of the church year. I hope all of you singers from last year will return and we also invite newcomers to join us. If you love to sing and your only venue has been your shower, this is the perfect opportunity for you. We'll be sharing our love of singing with the congregation during the service on the 13th so please come on the 9th. If you have any questions you can contact me, Ann Odell, at annodell56@gmail.com or 865-685-0021.

Wondering how you can get involved at ORUUC? Looking for *your* group or activity? Or maybe you'd like to try something new? **Next Sunday, Aug. 13 is your chance! Find your way to service at the Reignite Fair!** Stay after worship to participate in a scavenger hunt during Faith Formation hour—pick up a map and visit various organizations around the Social Hall. There will be a drawing for a prize for most tables visited, and for the best decorated table! Finger foods will served. Reignite your spark and the fire of your commitment!

Announcements



Please join PFLAG Oak Ridge for a day of visioning and planning on Saturday, Aug. 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

Days of Peace and Remembrance Sunday, August 6, 2023 at 6:48 a.m. (Sunrise)

International Friendship Bell & Peace Pavilion
at A. K. Bissell Park
1401 Oak Ridge Turnpike
Free and open to the public



NPS photo

Each year, the Manhattan Project National Historic Park hosts "Days of Peace and Remembrance" at its three sites across the country to commemorate and reflect on the number of years since the atomic bombings of Japan. In Oak Ridge, there will be a sunrise ceremony (6:48 AM EDT) on Sunday, August 6 at the Peace Pavilion in A. K. Bissell Park, when the International Friendship Bell will be rung 78 times to commemorate and reflect on the number of years since the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan. A string quartet from the Oak Ridge Symphony Orchestra will provide accompanying music. The ceremony will allow for somber, quiet reflection and members of the public are invited to ring the bell for any reason that speaks to them. One hour before dawn, park rangers will light luminarias that have been decorated with messages of peace by community members. The luminarias will remain lit throughout the event.

For those who are unable to attend the August 6 event in person a [virtual bell ringing](#) will be available from 6:00 a.m. EDT on August 6 through 11:59 p.m. PDT on August 9. You may read more about the event [HERE](#).

Stone Soup

FREE Meal!
Groceries available



Drive Thru ONLY

Friday, Aug. 25
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Or until supplies run out!

**Minestrone Soup,
Fresh Fruit, and Lemon 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 

Stone Soup is returning to in-person dining September 29! The August meal will still be drive thru only, but come September, the Stone Soup team is going to need even more volunteers to help set tables, serve diners, box up to go meals, and clean up after, in addition to meal planning, grocery shopping, cooking, and baking. Contact Jen Stark at jen.stark@hotmail.com if you'd like to help!



Have you checked the Lost & Found table lately? Please pick up your items by Sunday, Sept. 10. After that, any remaining items will end up in the Fall Rummage Sale (September 15-16). Stop by today and retrieve what's yours!

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 August

Mare Martell maremartell@gmail.com 616-826-9984 (cell)

Rachel Smith-Jones 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



Shigeko Yoshino Uppuluri, of Oak Ridge, died peacefully at the Alexander Guest House on June 8, 2023, after a brief stay there.

Born in Kyoto, Japan, on April 9, 1931, she was the daughter of the late Moichi and Yae Yoshino.

In the mid-1950s, Shigeko enrolled at Indiana University, in Bloomington, IN, to pursue a Master's Degree in Anthropology. There she met her late husband, Venkata Ramamohana Rao (Ram) Uppuluri, a native of India, who was pursuing his Ph.D. in Mathematical Statistics. Their son, Ram Yoshino Uppuluri, was born in Bloomington in

1961.

In the late 1970s, Shigeko started working as a translator of technical papers at ORNL. During the 1980s, she helped establish the first Japanese language instruction program at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, in the Department of Religious Studies.

In the early 1990s, Shigeko was instrumental in setting up the Oak Ridge Sister City Exchange Program with Naka City, Japan. She and Ram Sr. were also instrumental in proposing the International Friendship Bell Project which was adopted as an official project of the City of Oak Ridge's 50th Birthday Celebration in 1993.

After Ram Sr. died in 1995, Shigeko continued to remain actively involved in many community organizations. She was a reliable presence at local international fairs and festivals, and a willing ambassador, interpreter, or translator of Japanese language, culture, and customs.

In 2016, the Consul-General of Japan presented Shigeko with the Foreign Minister's Commendation Award, recognizing her contributions to the friendship and understanding between Oak Ridge and Japan.

She is survived by her son, Ram Y. Uppuluri of Oak Ridge; grandson, Adam Krieger Uppuluri, of Washington, DC; brother Shozo Yoshino, of Kyoto, Japan; sister Hisako Nakai, of Nagoya, Japan; and brother, Shigeki Yoshino (Ritsuko), of Shirahama, Japan; as well as numerous nieces and nephews and grand nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church, on Saturday, Aug. 5, at 2 p.m.

Posted online on July 29, 2023, Knoxville News Sentinel,
<https://www.knoxnews.com/obituaries/kns059755>

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 **Saturday, Aug. 12 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.

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 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** 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.



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 This Sunday, Aug. 6!

If you haven't done so already, please complete a [Youth Faith Formation Registration Form](#) and turn it in to Director of Youth Faith Formation Christine Rehder.

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 to be added to the group server.



ORRUC youth paint salt dough chalice ornaments to take home during the annual Craft Party (December 2022)



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 at 10:30 a.m.
in the Oak Ridge Public Library Meeting Room**

Don't miss the next meeting August 17!

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

<https://mailchi.mp/oakridgetn/orplaug23>

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

Community News

Friday Night Community Concert at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Knoxville The Annual Beatles Birthday Bash! Friday, Aug. 25 at 7 p.m.



ORUUC's Dave Dunkirk will be one of the performers at this annual concert. For more information, contact [St. Paul United Methodist Church](#), 4014 Garden Drive, Knoxville. 865-687-2952

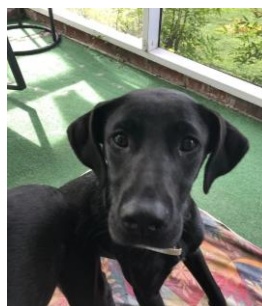
Help us safeguard our public libraries for everyone in our community: Petition located in church lobby

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. 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 21 meeting. 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>

Can YOU help foster one of these loveable pups?



Cathy Osborne posted last week in the ORUUC 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) are getting them vetted (spayed, vaccinated, and microchipped), then they'll post them on their page and website to get adopted. Loaner crates are also available. **Please reach out to Linda Gilpin either in the ORUUC Facebook group or by email: lotsoflabs@gmail.com.** If you would like to help with their vet expenses, please call Anderson County Animal Hospital in Clinton or send Linda a message.



3 1/4-inch tile
Introduction to Zentangle class

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

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

These classes are open to the public—invite a friend and have fun!

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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!

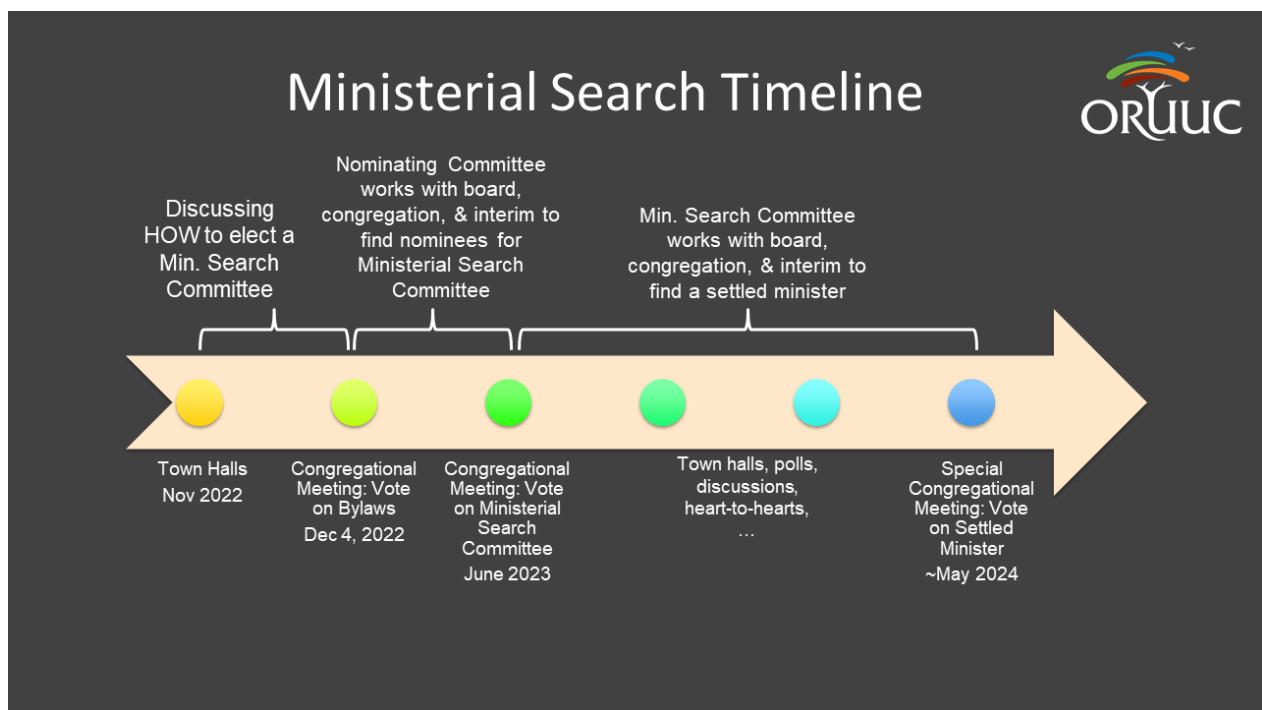
The next big lift is phase 3, "Building the Structure to Search." Major elements of this phase include.

- 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.

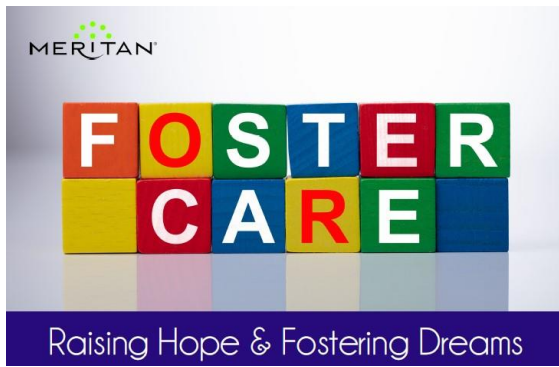
Phase 4 and beyond will start in winter of 2023, and there's plenty to keep us busy in the meantime.

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



In the greater Knoxville area, the need for foster families is particularly critical. **There are over 9,000 Tennessee children in foster care, with approximately 900 of these children in the greater Knoxville area, and there is a huge shortage of foster families.**

Meritan's newly reorganized foster care office in Knoxville has reached out to ORUUC to explore the possibility of collaborating with the church to spread awareness about foster parenting. ORUUC could:

- Organize information sessions and workshops to educate interested individuals about foster parenting, the application process, and the support available to foster families.
- Establish a referral network, where ORUUC's members or staff can refer individuals who show interest in becoming foster parents. By providing them with our contact information or organizing dedicated recruitment sessions, we can offer personalized guidance and support throughout the application and training process.

Deborah Walker, M.Ed., Foster Care Case Manager Supervisor in Knoxville, would be delighted to discuss this opportunity further. She can be contacted at 865-769-8007 or deborahwalker@meritan.org to schedule a meeting or discuss any questions or ideas members or friends of ORUUC might have. Thank you for considering this partnership and for your unwavering commitment to our community's well-being.

Warm regards,
Deborah Walker, M.Ed.
Foster Care Case Manager Supervisor - Knoxville
9050 Executive Park Dr. Ste 106B
Knoxville, TN 37923
Mobile: 603-238-7260
Office: 865-769-8007

FREE TABLE!



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!



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!

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.

This Week at ORUUC



Friday, Aug. 4

11am Tai Chi Practice

Saturday, Aug. 5

2 pm Celebration of Life for
Shigeko Uppuluri

Sunday, Aug. 6

*Welcome Back to Youth Faith
Formation!*

10am Worship

11am High School
11am Together in Spirit
11:15am Circle of Trust 1
11:15am Knitting & Crocheting
Group
11:15am Newcomers
11:15am Reflections
12:30pm Auction Meeting
12:30pm Buddhism Study Group
12:30pm Circle of Trust IX
1:30pm Book Club
3pm Line Dancing
4pm Circle of Trust XI
5-7pm Zentangle Group
5:30pm Circle of Trust X

Monday, Aug. 7

11am Tai Chi Practice

Tuesday, Aug. 8

6pm Presidents Council
6pm Depression & Anxiety Support
Group

Wednesday, Aug. 9

6:30am Breakfast Rotary
11am Tai Chi Practice
5:15pm Circle of Trust III
5:30-9:30pm Rental (TCWP
retirement party)
6pm Finance Committee Meeting
6:45pm Choir Practice—New Season!
7:45pm Band Rehearsal

Thursday, Aug. 10

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

House/pet sitter wanted



Mare Martell is looking for someone to stay at their house for six weeks while they're out of the country for work. For details, email Mare at maremartell@gmail.com.

Check out the new art exhibit in the ORUUC Gallery!



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



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Sunday, Aug. 13 “Reignite”

Rev. Lisa Romantum Schwartz, Interim Minister



Can you babysit your own kid, or is that just called ... parenting? Think about the distinction for a minute. Many ORUUC members and friends say that this church is where we've (finally) found our people, our family. We have a deep sense of ownership in OUR church. So, can you “volunteer” for your church home, your family, or is service in a place like ORUUC a reflection of a deeper engagement, a more passionate commitment? Rev. Lisa will discuss the question. Worship is followed by the Reignite Fair during FF hour (see pg. 3).

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