



# RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September, 2020

## 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE - ON ZOOM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87853560193?pwd=S3BKb3ZqaTdQQ1Zzc3UzTVh5UmN2QT09>

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The church office will be closed on Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTERS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

### SPECIAL OFFERINGS



September 6 - October 4, 2020

The Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our reconciling God's mission to those around the corner and around the world.

**SESSION MEETING  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020  
7:00 P.M. (ZOOM)**



## PASTOR'S NOTES

### Still In This Place

Since late March, when we shifted to on-line-only worship, we needed to start learning and practicing new skills and routines, we began installing new equipment and software, and we have been adapting and refining liturgy and rituals and traditions. As part of the liturgy-trimming effort I have moved toward utilizing only one scripture passage for the sermon, so in these summer months we have heard a lot from the gospel of Matthew. This also means that familiar episodes in Genesis, Exodus, and Romans are left for another time – like a newsletter!

The story of Moses and the burning bush is found in the third chapter of Exodus, and the highlights are familiar to many of us: Moses sees a bush that seems to be on fire, though not consumed, and Moses hears a voice from within the flame, and the voice tells Moses that God wants Moses to go to Egypt, in order to rescue the Israelites.

All of this happens on Mount Horeb, “the mountain of God,” (Exodus 3:1) in what we now call the Sinai peninsula. There is a place in the Sinai peninsula called “Jebel Musa” or the “mountain of Moses” and on the mountain there is a monastery and at that monastery there is a bush, rare to the desert (only five other known examples are in Sinai), and **that** bush at **that** monastery on **that** mountain is purported to be the original burning bush, where the passage from Exodus 3 took place.

The bush is *Rubus Sanctus*, and generally grows in the mountains of Central Asia, thousands of miles to the east, which helps explain why there are only a handful of other such bushes in the Sinai peninsula (for more on the bush and the monastery, look for *Walking the Bible* by Bruce Feiler).

For centuries (in times when tourism is “safe”) people go to places such as the monastery on Jebel Musa, where God has been, and they ask: is God still in this place? Might a little of that divine presence fall upon me?

When we moved into our new facility in early April our worship team decided to continue to stream the service of worship from the sanctuary (even though very few people have had the opportunity to be in the space). We do not have any holy shrubbery, aflame or otherwise, but our building includes a number of reminders of the faithfulness and fortitude of the saints who guided Ridglea through decades of service and mission.

While we are still waiting for that time when we can worship on-site, please know that every time a handful of us gather in the sanctuary on Sunday morning, striving to share worship through technology, we are also striving to share the power and presence of God whom Moses encountered on a far-distant mountain.

Peace,  
Roger H.

# Making contact...

Ridglea Presbyterian Church is a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA). It is governed by the Session, an elected body composing of elders and pastors. Our committees, led by elders, oversee our ministries. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us. Email: [Clerk@RidgleaPres.org](mailto:Clerk@RidgleaPres.org). Our deacons oversee our ministries of care and compassion. Email: [Deacons@RidgleaPres.org](mailto:Deacons@RidgleaPres.org)

<b>RPC SESSION</b>		
<u><b>Class of 2021</b></u>	<u><b>Class of 2022</b></u>	<u><b>Class of 2023</b></u>
Julie Ritz	Delaine Godwin	Miriam Gallagher
Butch Saxton	Katrina Little	Gayle Johnson
Tom Sisolak	George Tischler	Nancy Staples
Renee' Stuart	Reeve Van Nostrand	Nick Thoni
<i>Clerk of Session: Karen Landon</i>		

<b>RPC TRUSTEES</b>		
<u><b>Class of 2020</b></u>	<u><b>Class of 2021</b></u>	<u><b>Class of 2022</b></u>
Ed Chandler	Jean Hadley	Chris Henderson
Susan Everts	Ken Kibler	Susan Maxwell

<b>2020 RPC DEACONS</b>
Michelle Birdwell
Lynne Payne
Ruth Ann Rinewalt
Jane Johnson—Home Member Care Coordinator
Dean Phillips – Hospital Care Coordinators
*Betsy Kibler – Funeral Reception Coordinator
*Not active Deacon

## RPC FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<u><b>Class of 2020</b></u>	<u><b>Class of 2021</b></u>	<u><b>Class of 2022</b></u>	<u><b>Class of 2023</b></u>	<u><b>Designee</b></u>
Ann Shelton	Thylis Chambless	Micky Severson	Beth Duncan (President)	Will Stallworth

### Staff

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Church Office #817.732.3388	



**PRESBYTERIAN NIGHT SHELTER**  
of Tarrant County

*Providing safety and hope since 1984*

**Please help us help others!!**

There are sign ups for sandwich makers for the Presbyterian Night Shelter in the hallway on the bulletin board with the Flower Calendar. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Aprilant  
nAprilant@charter.net



Wednesday mornings at 8:00 a.m.  
Sanctuary

### RPC Financials as of 07/31/2020

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
July:	\$36,903*	\$34,756
Year-to-Date:	\$264,942	\$264,545

\*July Revenues include:

Pledge Giving	\$ 18,352
Non-Pledge Giving	\$ 5770
Special Gifts	\$ 12,500
Other	\$ 281

July Pledge Giving dropped by over \$8,000 compared with June, but we were blessed with two Special Gifts that helped immensely.

***May we all continue to give abundantly and joyfully  
from the gifts God has blessed us with!***

**FIRST MEN'S  
PRAYER BREAK-  
FAST MEETING  
IN OUR NEW  
CHURCH  
JULY 1, 2020**





## To Presbyterian Women, and that means ALL women of the church

We have decided to use some of our surplus hymnals to make Hymnal Angels for our home members. We will put together kits that include a hymnal, a wooden head, ribbon, other holiday embellishments, and instructions with pictures to put together these adorable decorations. During the month of October, we will have workshops over Zoom and at the church to show how to make them. Workshops will be scheduled both during the day and in the evening.

If you are interested in participating in this activity, please reserve your kit by contacting:

Chris Shahan  
[chris.shahan019@gmail.com](mailto:chris.shahan019@gmail.com)  
 817 675-5040

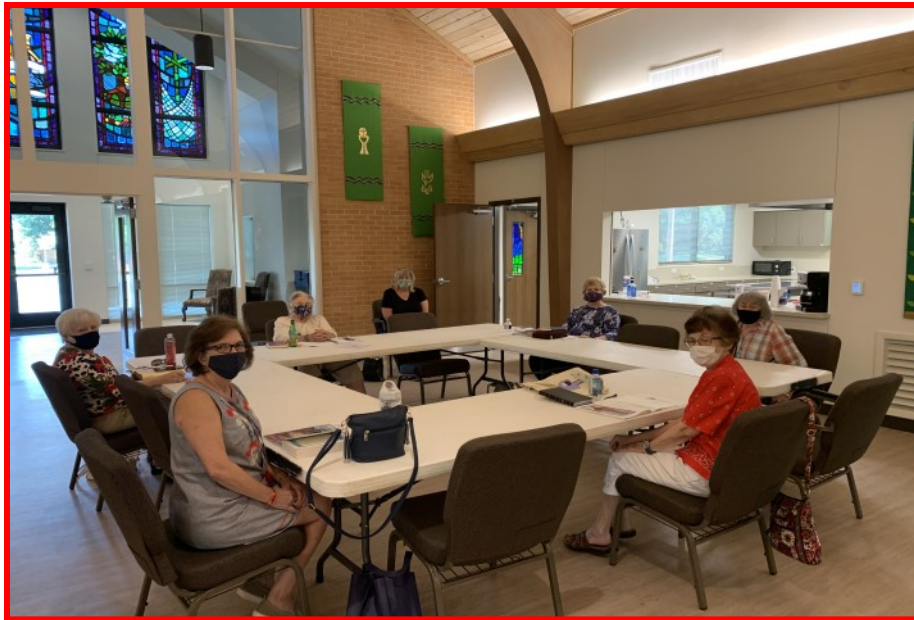
Remember Our  
Home Members



The Care Committee wishes to encourage the congregation to send a note, a card, or make a phone call to a Home Member to brighten their day, since visitors are not allowed at this time. For a Home Member's contact information, please call either Jane Johnson @ 817-307-9776 or Betsy Kibler @ 817-560-3141.

☺ Thank you for reaching out to our Home Members!  
 The Care Committee

# PWR CIRCLE ONE MET AT RIDGLEA FOR THEIR MONTHLY AUGUST MEETING



## PWR 2020 LIFETIME MEMBER PRESENTATION CONGRATULATIONS BETH DUNCAN





## Presbyterian Women

SEPTEMBER, 2020

Trying times give birth to creative solutions; which inspired PW to hold the election of officers online and telephone poll of circle members. Pastor Roger announced the 2020/2021 slate of officers during a service last month.

Moderator:	Chris Shahan	Mission Projects:	Nancy Marchant
Vice Moderator:	Katrina Little	Membership:	Delaine Godwin
Secretary:	Linda Wilson	Prayer Chain:	Miriam Gallagher
Treasurer:	Jean Godfrey		

Circle leaders will remain the same, Mac Zimmerman, JoAnn Van Oosterhout and Thylis Chambless.

Circle One:	September 8	10:30 a.m.	Zoom
Circle Two:	Maybe in October		
Circle Three:	September 1	6:30 p.m.	Zoom

Thank you all who agreed to serve. Many thanks to Marsha West and Lynne Payne for their devoted service and wisdom.

At the same worship service, we were pleased to present (and surprise) Beth Duncan with an Honorarium. We wanted to recognize Beth for the many services she perform for the church. What an outstanding job she did organizing our successful move from church to church to church! **Congratulations, Beth!**

A reminder that we are still asking for donations of clothing, accessories, shoes, jewelry, household items, and furniture for the Resale Shop at 6500 Camp Bowie. These donations help to fund the programs that The Center for Transforming Lives provides for families in need in our community particularly daycare services for homeless children. Small items can be brought to the church. If you have large items, you can call 817-377-0664 to arrange a pickup. Please assign a value to your items and let the church office know.

Just Bring It for September—Westaid needs brown grocery size bags and Ziploc baggies (gallon size). Thank you for your generous support this summer.

“I am the Way  
so just follow Me  
Though the way be rough  
and you cannot see.”  
Helen Steiner Rice  
John 14:6

All Women, Always Welcomed  
BIBLE STUDY - MISSION - FELLOWSHIP



- ◆ We Welcome.
- ◆ We Witness.
- ◆ We Work (and play!).

*Putting faith in action is what we do!*

## Just Bring It Kudos on PCHAS Response

Wow!! Congratulations on the amazing response for the Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services school supply drive. Elder and Outreach Committee Chairman, Miriam Gallagher, did the Amazon shopping for those of you who donated a whopping **\$675.00** through the church.

Our PCHAS representative, Kathy Dotson, picked up the roughly \$188.00 dollars worth of writing implements that a number of you brought to church. We know that several of you shopped directly on Amazon as well.

We were honored this past Sunday when Kathy came to Ridglea to share a few words about the importance of your support of PCHAS in person. On behalf of Just Bring It, thank you for your endlessly giving spirit!



Katrina Little is organizing our 2021 Women's Retreat. If you would like to volunteer to help in this special event, please contact Katrina at [\(817\)253-7973](tel:(817)253-7973) or [klittle58@gmail.com](mailto:klittle58@gmail.com).

The Jam Sessions for September will be on Monday, the 14th and Monday the 28th in the Sanctuary from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Lots of bluegrass, folk, Americana and country music is shared with acoustic (unamplified) instruments. Musicians of all skills are encouraged!





# RPC Youth & Children's News.....

September 27: ARTS, CRAFTS, GAMES FELLOWSHIP - ZOOM

## Ridglea Presbyterian Church CHILDREN AND YOUTH 2020 SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR August 29th-October 25th



AUGUST 29 – Saturday--**RALLY DAY**

September 6—No Sunday School, Labor Day weekend

September 13-- Sunday school Pre-K-1<sup>st</sup> grade 9:30 a.m. 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade 4:00 p.m. on Zoom

September 20-- Sunday school Pre-K-1<sup>st</sup> grade 9:30 a.m. 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade 4:00 p.m. on Zoom

September 27--Sunday ARTS, CRAFTS AND GAMES SUPER FUN FELLOWSHIP ZOOM

October 4-- Sunday school Pre-K-1<sup>st</sup> grade 9:30 a.m. 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade 4:00 p.m. on Zoom

October 11-- Sunday school Pre-K-1<sup>st</sup> grade 9:30 a.m. 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade 4:00 p.m. on Zoom

October 18-- Sunday school Pre-K-1<sup>st</sup> grade 9:30 a.m. 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade 4:00 p.m. on Zoom

October 25--Sunday ARTS, CRAFTS AND GAMES SUPER FUN FELLOWSHIP ZOOM

ZOOM links are provided by your teacher.

### Session Meeting Notes for August 20, 2020

- The RPC regular stated session meeting took place on Thursday, August 20, 2020, using the Zoom video conferencing application. The Reverend Roger Harwerth moderated the meeting from his residence. Members of the Session and guests to the meeting remotely accessed the meeting.
- An update on the progress of our proposed website improvements was presented to the Session. We have a website consultant on retainer who is developing a website prototype. Photos and content will be given to her for use on the website. No completion date of the prototype is known at this time.
- In May 2020, the Session voted to form a Long-Range Planning Committee. In May and June, elders submitted recommendations of individuals to serve on the committee. The process of this committee formation has begun. It was decided that the committee will begin the goal-planning process after we have actively been worshipping in our new building for at least four to six months. (This can be modified worship services; it does not mean a return to normal worship without social-distancing precautions.)
- The RPC Child and Youth Protection Policy has been updated and approved by Session.
- Rev. Harwerth has requested to be off on Sunday, October 18th for continuing education time. A supply pastor will be in attendance that day.
- The Finance & Budget Committee submitted the RPC 2019 Financial Review. The Session approved the review with the understanding that the F&B Committee will continue to pursue the recommendations, conclusions, and suggestions within the report.
- The next stated session meeting will be Thursday, September 17, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom video conference.
- The Grace Presbytery meeting that was scheduled for Saturday, September 26, 2020, at Austin College has been cancelled. Austin College is unable to host large events at this time, due to health concerns/COVID-19 precautions. The Presbytery Council meeting will take place virtually Wednesday, September 2, 2020.
- A Stated Grace Presbytery meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 14, 2020, at Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church, 3901 North Star Road, in Richardson, Texas.

## Service Session Work Group:

Primary task is to provide for the service of the people of God, focusing on the external life of the church.

1st Monday of the Month *(as needed)*

September , 2020

Ministry Teams meetings

- Outreach Team: Focus on Mission  
Marsha West, Chair *(6:00 p.m.)*

3rd Wednesday of the Month

September 16, 2020

- Commitment Focus on Guests

Katrina Little, Chair

*(as needed)*

1st Tuesday of the Month

September 1, 2020

Ministry Team meeting at 10:30 a.m.

- Care Team: Focus on Members

Betsy Kibler, Chair *(as needed)*

2nd Wednesday of the month

September 9, 2020

- Worship Team: Delaine Godwin , Chair

*(as needed)*

## Worship & Nurture Work Group:

Primary task is to provide for the service of the people of God, focusing on the internal life of the church.

2nd Tuesday of the Month

September 8 , 2020

Ministry Teams meeting

- Christian Education: Julie Ritz, Chair  
*(6:15 pm)*
- Fellowship Team: Bill Long, Chair; Butch Saxton,  
Vice Chair *(as needed)*

Monday of the week of Session Meeting  
Ministry Team meeting

- Finance & Budget, Ken Kibler  
*(6:30 pm) (as needed)*

YOUR SESSION INVITES YOU TO  
FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS:

1. FIND YOUR PASSION
2. FIND YOUR MINISTRY TEAM
3. IDENTIFY YOUR MEETING NIGHT
4. GET INVOLVED!

## Government Session Work Group:

Primary task is to provide support & resources for the church.

2nd Thursday of the Month

September 10, 2020

Ministry Teams meeting

- Building & Equipment *(as needed)*  
George Tischler & John Godwin,  
Co-Chairs
- Personnel *(as needed)*  
Blythe Lee, Chair and Julie Ritz
- Clerk of Session  
Karen Landon

Session Meeting  
September 17, 2020 7:00 pm

# September Birthdays

Becky Fisher	9	1
Michael Birdwell	9	4
Josh Wyatt	9	4
Laura Saxton	9	5
Jean Godfrey	9	5
Rachael Smith	9	6
Ann Shelton	9	7
Warner Bailey	9	7
Cort Rea	9	9
Shiryl Gillaspie	9	12
Steven Staples	9	12
Steve Cowden	9	12
Michelle Birdwell	9	14
Linda Wilson	9	16
Jean Brandt	9	19
Kevin Hand	9	19
Butch Saxton	9	19
Jeremy Martin	9	20
Melinda Keating	9	21
Jill Birdwell	9	23
Kenneth Baker	9	24
Ed Chandler	9	26
Julie Ritz	9	26
Blythe Lee	9	28
Zim Zimmerman	9	29



The next newsletter deadline will be September 17, 2020 at noon.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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