



RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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October, 2020

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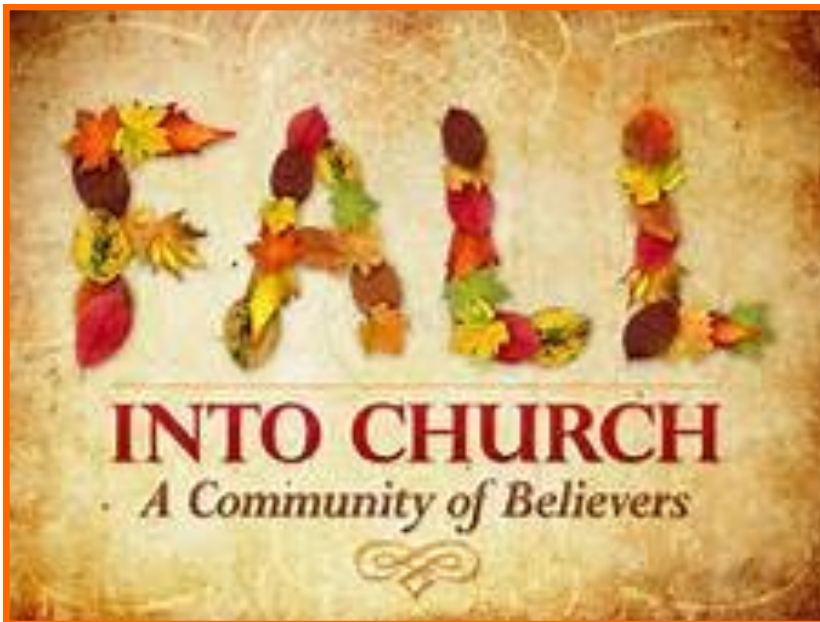
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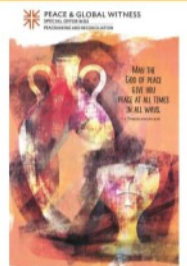
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SPECIAL OFFERINGS

25% OF THIS OFFERING WILL BE CONTRIBUTED TO HOPE FARM IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY.



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.

OCTOBER NEWSLETTERS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

**SESSION MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2020
7:00 P.M. (ZOOM)**



PASTOR'S NOTES

Short and Sweet

Over the recent months a small group of us have been working on our “social media presence” and part of that work has been addressing the usefulness of our current web site. Some of you might be thinking “we have a web site?” and others might be thinking “if it isn’t broke...” because there are one or two things on the current web site that can be easily found. What we discovered is that one of the reasons those couple of things can be easily found is because it is difficult to make changes to the current platform.

We are moving toward brevity in our narratives, including trying to describe Presbyterian beliefs. One of the folks in our group came across a synopsis from the book “How to Spell Presbyterian” and we have trimmed, tweaked, and finagled it to the following.

We Presbyterians hold in common our need and desire for forgiveness, our representative system of governance and organization, and our ministries of participation in God’s ongoing work, wherever we are. We proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior, who makes us new in our own lives and in our lives together.

We gather in worship settings to pray, to praise God, to be instructed by the Word read and proclaimed, to sing, and to celebrate our sacramental connections. We then go out from worship to share the joys, the responsibilities, and the opportunities of showing God’s love through our words and actions.

Presbyterians generally share these key beliefs:

God has been revealed to us through Jesus, both fully human and fully divine;

Jesus reveals love that will never disappoint us but also expects much of us;

We are saved by God’s grace, which we cannot earn, but only gratefully accept;

As grateful people we have no time for hate;

We need each other – Christianity is most deeply expressed in community;

Jesus has commissioned us to continue works of justice, mercy, and love;

We are called to care for all creation;

The future belongs to God, who uses us to fulfill God’s purposes.

As a brief overview, that seems like a good start. Many a Presbyterian might add, refute, or re-state a sentence or two, but then again, maybe not. After all, these ideas are held in common, not chiseled in stone. Which is somewhat like web sites that share common vision, goals, and purposes yet also hold flexibility to adapt. We will keep everyone posted when the new site is up and active.

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. Our deacons oversee our ministries of care and compassion. Email: Deacons@RidgleaPres.org

RPC SESSION		
<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</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>		

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

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

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Thomas Rodriguez, Church Custodian	building
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 08/31/2020

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
August:	\$28,058*	\$35,699
Year-to-Date:	\$293,000	\$300,244

***August Revenues include:**

Pledge Giving	\$ 23,787
Non-Pledge Giving	\$ 4,096
Other	\$ 175

We are grateful for the commitment of each of you who continue to step forward and be counted!



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
 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

COWTOWN BrushUp

Hi Painters!

Attached is a photo of the house and the address in east Fort Worth of the project that we will paint this Saturday, October 3.

Habitat's Covid compliance rules requires us all to have masks, hand sanitizer and gloves. Please bring these items with you to the job. We are also asked to practice social distancing while on the job and fill out a health symptoms questionnaire that I'll provide onsite.

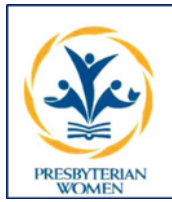
To make painting easier you should consider bringing small paint containers for use with brushes. We will also need ladders or step stools to help reach the upper areas of the house.

Plan to arrive by 8:00 AM and thank you for agreeing to volunteer for this project that benefits Ms. Crawford and our community.

Walt



About 4 years ago, Mary Bailey painted a lovely scene of Ridglea Presbyterian Church on Camp Bowie and presented it to RPC. She had copies made and has one available to give to anyone who would like to have it. It's here at the church, and you may inquire about the painting at the church office 817-732-3388.



Presbyterian Women

OCTOBER, 2020

Presbyterian Women Circles have started their new bible study. Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament. How appropriate for the time we are living. The author, Lynn Miller, being a graphic designer as well as minister, also did the art work that sets the tone for each lesson. We are familiar with laments of Jeremiah, Lamentations and Job. Lynn leads us deeper to consider:

How is woman's lament different?

Can we lament life as we do death?

Does God lament?

Lynn hopes this study "will give us a voice to articulate difficult emotions, fears, and deep concerns as we ultimately find solace with the one who hears our cries."

A recording of her webinar has been posted to www.youtube.com/PresbyterianWomen.

Circle One:	October 13	10:30 a.m.	Zoom
Circle Two:	October 13	10:30 a.m.	Church
Circle Three:	October 6	7:00 p.m.	Zoom

October is the month PW of Grace Presbytery meet for the Fall Gathering. Due to changes of Covid-19 virus, they have cancelled in person. They hope to videotape the featured speaker and place the lecture on the Grace Presbytery PW website. The speaker, Meg Garver-Hamilton, has served PW Presbytery on many levels. Last year, she was asked to join PW Church wide Committee on Racism at Stony Point, N. Y. Her presentation this October is "We are One Race before God." Hopefully, it will be posted on the Grace Presbytery website at www.gracepresbytery.org. Look under "Missions and Ministry".

Just Bring It for October — Hope Farm in Como has a tutoring program for students. They could use some healthy snacks. We are collecting donations of breakfast bars. In November, we hope to do stockings for P.C.H.A.S. again. More information next month!

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

Our October “Just Bring It”
Breakfast Bars for Hope Farm.

HOPE Farm’s Purpose: provide a leadership program focused on guiding at-risk boys to become Christ-centered men of integrity. They have a campus in Como near our new church, and also in the Morningside area. During the COVID pandemic they are providing classrooms and leaders to help 22 middle school boys follow through with their online schooling. They have small classrooms of 6 students maximum, where an adult assists the boys as they work with the lessons provided online by their FWISD teachers. They serve the boys breakfast, lunch and snacks, and breakfast bars are a favorite pick-me-up for any time during the day.



JEAN BRANDT WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR THOUGHTFULNESS AND KINDNESS RECOGNIZING HER 100th BIRTHDAY. HER SPECIAL DAY WAS FILLED WITH A CELEBRATION PARTY WITH FAMILY, SURPRISES AND MANY CARDS AND BIRTHDAY WISHES.

The Jam Sessions for October will be on Monday, the 12th and Monday the 26th 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.....

October 25: ARTS, CRAFTS, GAMES FELLOWSHIP - ZOOM

Ridglea Presbyterian Church CHILDREN AND YOUTH 2020 SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR October 4th-October 25th



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

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

October 18-- Sunday school Pre-K-1st grade 9:30 a.m. 5th -12th 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 September 17, 2020

- The RPC regular stated session meeting took place on Thursday, September 17, 2020, using the Zoom video conferencing application. The Reverend Roger Harwerth moderated the meeting from his office. Members of the Session and guests to the meeting remotely accessed the meeting. All elders were in attendance at the meeting.
- An update on the church's insurance policies was presented. The church has three insurance policies: workers' compensation, bus & trailer insurance, and a multi-risk policy that includes the building & its contents, liability, theft, etc. These policies were reviewed in August.
- The older portion of the building and the sanctuary sustained hail damage in April. An insurance claim has been filed, and we are awaiting the final adjustment amount. The Building & Equipment Committee is moving ahead with plans to get an estimate on the cost to repair the roof.
- A motion was made to reconsider the previous action of the Session to not hold on-site worship services until there is a 14-day decline in COVID-19 cases in Tarrant County. The motion failed. We will continue to not have any on-site worship or large group activities at this time.
- The next stated session meeting will be Thursday, October 22, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom video conference. The meeting is scheduled for the fourth Thursday of the month (instead of the usual third Thursday) because Rev. Harwerth will be gone for continuing education during the week of the regularly scheduled meeting.
- RPC member Emily Everts will serve as supply pastor on Sunday, October 18th in Rev. Harwerth's absence. Emily is a Candidate for Ordination in the Presbyterian Church and is a student at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.
- 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)*

October 5, 2020

Ministry Teams meetings

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

3rd Wednesday of the Month

October 21, 2020

- Commitment Focus on Guests

Katrina Little, Chair
(as needed)

1st Tuesday of the Month

October 6, 2020

Ministry Team meeting at 10:30 a.m.

- Care Team: Focus on Members
Betsy Kibler, Chair *(as needed)*

2nd Wednesday of the month

October 14, 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

October 13, 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

October 8, 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
October 22, 2020 7:00 pm

October Birthdays

Stephanie Cowden	10	1
James Godfrey	10	2
Jim Cleworth	10	4
John Little	10	4
Laura Campbell	10	5
Izaiah Rodriguez	10	6
Allison Cleworth	10	7
Thomas Rodriguez	10	7
Marilyn Curtis	10	12
James Dearman	10	12
Lorane Rea	10	12
Gary Dorman	10	13
Helen Luckett	10	14
Jack Wyatt	10	14
Jeanie Birdwell	10	15
Sam Thomas	10	16
Steve Baker	10	18
Jean Comer	10	19
Barrett Birdwell	10	24
Sandra Howeth	10	25
Carolyn Larance	10	25
Claude Wakefield	10	26
Gary Shank	10	26
Catherine Cleworth	10	27
Guy Groulx	10	28
Gordon Marchant	10	28
Glenda Long	10	28
Paula Sandford	10	28



The next newsletter deadline will be October 22, 2020 at noon.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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