

RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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February 2021



We will celebrate Communion on Sunday, February 7, 2021

February 17, 2021





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

Join Zoom Meeting

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SESSION MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021 7:00 P.M. (ZOOM)



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTERS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

PASTOR'S NOTES



Meant To Be a Baby Step

Hey, do you remember last February, when our congregation's energy was focused on the new building, and getting ready for the move from River Oaks to Southwest Boulevard, and building shelves for the music office, and wondering why the interim pastor was suggesting having the Ash Wednesday service in the Fellowship Hall instead of the sanctuary — remember? The month began with a couple of stories from Seattle about a new disease, sort of like SARS, sort of like MERS, and then a week or so later the stories shifted to New York, and by the end of the month most people began to realize that this new disease was going to be a serious issue. All of that was just a year ago.

Last year's Ash Wednesday service was meant to be a baby step, and this year's Ash Wednesday was also going to be a nudge toward, possibly, an expanded tradition of worship. And those nudges just might happen, in February of 2022, but this year we are going to try another new thing — whoohoo!

On February 17th we will have a brief service in the church parking lot, and we will offer the imposition of ashes over the next couple of hours. We will broadcast this over the radio, (vehicles need to be in the parking lot to receive the signal), and we will be wearing masks and gloves for the imposition of ashes.

Speaking of the parking lot, our trial run of early services, back in November, went well and a number of people have asked if, or when this opportunity might return. Beginning in March we will provide worship in the parking lot at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings; these services are approximately 30 minutes and include prayer, Scripture, and occasional horn honking. And, yes, vehicles need to be in the parking lot, and need to be able to receive an FM signal — we will let you know what channel to tune to upon arrival each week.

I would like to thank everyone for their words of welcome, encouragement, and endearment surrounding the Service of Installation as the pastor here at Ridglea, which we celebrated on January 24th (via Zoom and Facebook). As with all of our services, the folks behind the scenes are of invaluable assistance in helping our broadcasts get to as many folks, with minimal difficulties as possible; many thanks to Nancy, Beth, Robyn, George, and John. I am so very pleased to be serving this congregation and deeply appreciate your support.

Peace,

P.S. Pictures of the installation are included in this newsletter —the commission was thrilled to be at Ridglea. RAH

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

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Class of 2021Class of 2022Class of 2023Julie RitzDelaine GodwinMiriam GallagherButch SaxtonKatrina LittleGayle JohnsonTom SisolakGeorge TischlerNancy StaplesRenee' StuartReeve Van NostrandNick Thoni

Clerk of Session: Karen Landon

RPC TRUSTEES

Class of 2020Class of 2021Class of 2022Ed ChandlerJean HadleyChris HendersonSusan EvertsKen KiblerSusan 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

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Session Meeting Notes for January 21, 2021

- The RPC regular stated session meeting took place on Thursday, January 21, 2021, using the Zoom video conferencing application. The Reverend Roger Harwerth moderated the meeting from his home. RPC Clerk Karen Landon took the minutes of the meeting. Members of the Session and guests to the meeting remotely accessed the meeting. All elders were in attendance.
- The minutes of the December 17, 2020 Stated Session meeting and the December 2020 Financial Statement were approved.
- The Session received and approved the 2020 annual reports from committees and congregational groups.
- The RPC Clerk's term was scheduled to expire January 31, 2021. The Session nominated and approved Karen Landon to serve an additional one-year term.
- The Personnel Committee is continuing efforts in the search to fill the position of Director of Youth Ministries.
- Upgrades are needed to expand the sanctuary organ electronically to become an accompanying organ. This would include a computerized control system. These upgrades would be Phase 1 of a proposal estimate from Andy Rose Organ Service. The Worship Committee recommended that \$25,000 be taken from the RPC Foundation Unrestricted Funds account to complete the Phase 1 upgrades. The motion carried.
- Additional pledges for 2021 have been received during the past month. The updated 2021 budget was approved by Session.
- The RPC Treasurer's term was scheduled to expire. The Finance & Budget committee nominated Gayle Johnson to serve an additional one-year term as Treasurer. The Session approved this motion.
- The Building & Equipment Committee received several bids for the repair of the roof for the sanctuary and older portion of the building. The B&E Committee recommended that a request be made to the RPC Foundation for \$36,032 to repair the roof. The motion was approved.
- The next stated session meeting will be Thursday, February 18, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom video conference.

JUST BRING IT—FEBRUARY

Prayer Bears for Cook Children's Chaplains
During 2019, over 17,000 prayer bears were given out by the chaplains, with the assistance of numerous volunteers and donors like RPC. We love doing this during February, sharing the love in our hearts with the children of Cook Children's for Valentine's Day. Bring the bears by the church any time before the end of February – there are sometimes great sales on small stuffed bears after Valentine's Day!



Because the bears are given to ill children, there are strict rules about what can be given out:

- 1. All bears MUST be new with tags still on them.
- 2. They should not sing, talk, dance, pray or have a scent
- 3. They can range in size from 8 inches to 20 inches. (Smaller bears are for babies and the bigger bears for the teenagers.)
- 4. Bears should not have scriptures written on them as the Chaplain's office is ecumenical.
- 5. And lastly, bears only, no other animals.

Patsy McDaniel from Cook's says, "The bears really make the kids' eyes light up and always make the parents a little teary eyed to think that people they don't even know are thinking and praying for the child at this particular time."



The PNC was pleased that we were finally able to celebrate the Installation of Roger as our Pastor at RPC. A big <u>Thank you</u> to the members of the Grace Presbytery Commission who led the service.



Rev. Lisa Patterson, St Andrew's, Denton; Rev. Drew Travis, First, Granbury; Rev. Lander Bethel, Grand Ave., Sherman; Rev. Roger Harwerth, Ridglea, Fort Worth; Rev. Don Hogg, Westminster, Fort Worth; Susan Younk, First, Granbury, Barbara Wheeler, Westminster, Fort Worth, Mary Beth Wagner, Ridglea, Fort Worth.

And an especially big <u>Welcome</u> (Finally!) to Roger and Brenda. We are blessed that you are part of our RPC family.



Thanking the Helpers

As Mr. Rogers often said, "When things are scary, look for the helpers." The past year has been a scary time and many helpers have come forward to make it better. Presbyterian Women would like to acknowledge some of those helpers in our neighborhood by gathering Valentine treats to deliver to the nearby fire station, police station, healthcare facilities, etc. in the RPC neighborhood. Where we deliver the treats will depend on how many we receive.

If you would like to participate, please bring homemade cookies, breakfast bars or other individually wrapped treats to the church on Wednesday, February 10, at 10 a.m. We will package the cookies into individual portions, then deliver to some of the helpers in our area.

We invite all members to participate in this project. You don't need to participate in Presbyterian Women or even be a woman. If you plan to bring some goodies to the church, or if you have questions, please contact Chris Shahan. This will give us some idea of how many items to expect.

Thank you for your help with this project.

Chris Shahan

chris.shahan019@gmail.com or 817-675-5040



Presbyterian Women

FEBRUARY 2021

To act justly..

To love mercy...

To walk humbly with your God

Micah 6:8

That familiar passage is the theme for the 2021 Women's Retreat. No travel is needed. Just a comfy couch or chair and you can gather with us on Zoom, March 5 and 6. Can't attend all the sessions? No problem. Join us when you can:

Friday evening 7:00—8:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:30—10:30 a.m., 12:30-1:30 p.m. and 2:30 –4:00 p.m.

Rev. Candasu Cubbage will be our discussion leader and pastor for closing worship service. Candasu attended our church as a child. Now she pastors her own church in Kentucky. Registration fee is \$5.00. If you cannot download the registration form, call Jane Johnson (817-307-9776) to register. Come hear the message God had for the people of Israel. Come hear the message God has for us today! (More information on Page 8 of this Newsletter).

Circles will be meet in February:

Circle One: February 9 10:30 a.m. Zoom Lesson six

Circle Two: February 9 10:30 a.m. *Church

*(please join on Zoom if you cannot meet in person)

Circle Three: February 2 6:30 p.m. Zoom Lesson six

Mission Note

It's always good to hear how our monies for mission are being used. An article in November's Horizon Magazine reported on The House of Authentic Sense Co-op in Indonesia. In 2007, it received a grant from PW Thank Offering to train Muslin and Christian women of Yogyakarta in income-generation skills. "Even during this pandemic, its members found ways for steady long-term sources of income. It is a member of the Fair Trade Indonesia Forum. When the pandemic ends, it will be able to export fair trade products."

We also received a thank you note from Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services with a hand written message. "No one stuffs a stocking like Ridglea Presbyterian Women! God bless you, Everyone!"

February's "Just Bring It" - We will be doing a favorite—Prayer Bears for Cook's Children's chaplains. Remember, **just bears**, new, 8—20 inches, with price tag still attached. (More info on Page 4).

BIBLE STUDY - MISSION - FELLOWSHIP All Women, Always Welcomed



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

Putting faith in action is what we do!



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



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



Sign up for Covid Vaccine

https://tcph.quickbase.com/db/bq3q4uet8?prfry=1

The Jam Sessions for February will be on Monday, February 8th and 22nd,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!





2021 Women's Retreat Seek Justice, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly Micah 6:8

Friday Evening - Saturday, March 5-6, 2021

Ladies, do you miss your church friends? The Women's Retreat on March 5th - 6th will be your opportunity to see them via Zoom. There will be a Happy Hour with games and snacks on Friday from 7:00 PM - 8:))PM. Saturday will consist of two sessions with breakout rooms starting at 9:30 AM. Our leader, Candice Cabbage Vernon will lead one hour sessions in the morning and one in the afternoon, on Micah 6:8 "Seek Justice, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly". There will be a fun craft time in the morning and a 1hour lunch break. The retreat will start again at 12:30 PM & culminate at 2:30 PM with worship, communion, and music.

A gift bag will contain: the Retreat schedule, Zooming instructions, Happy Hour game, craft supplies, and snacks & can be picked up at the Church Office the week of March 1 - 4 during the church's hours of 9:00 AM - 12PM and 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM. If you need assistance in getting your gift bag, you may call Jane Johnson at 817-307-9776 or Katrina Little at 817-253-7973.

All this for a registration fee of ONLY 5 "bucks" which you can mail, drop off, or pay on-line. The registration form is on the Ridglea Presbyterian Church website or in the newsletter. Please email a selfie to Chris Shahan at chris.shahan019@gmail.com for game night. The committee hopes all our women will join The 2021 Women's Retreat. The deadline to register is February 11. Please sign up or we might be calling.

Name: _			
Phone:_			

Email:_

Retreat Registration - \$5

(includes supplies for retreat)

DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT IS FEBRUARY 11

Make checks payable to RPC and mail to the church or drop it off. Please label "for Women's Retreat".

If you have any questions, please contact Katrina Little, Chris Shahan, or Marsha West.

If cost is an issue, please contact Delaine Godwin

RPC Financials as of 12/31/2020

 Revenues
 Expenses

 December:
 \$74,697*
 \$43,744

 Year-to-Date:
 \$485,431
 \$459,407

*December Revenues include:

Pledge Giving	\$ 34,44	0
Non-Pledge Giving	\$ 11,590	6
Investment Income	\$ 28,530	5
Other	\$ 123	5

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your generous giving in 2020!
We move forward in faith that we will meet the challenges and aspirations of the new year.

RPC Youth & Children's News....

Ridglea Presbyterian Church CHILDREN AND YOUTH 2021 SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR



February 7 -- Sunday school Pre-K-1st grade 9:30 a.m. 5th -12th grade 4:00 p.m. on Zoom February 14 -- Sunday school Pre-K-1st grade 9:30 a.m. 5th -12th grade 4:00 p.m. on Zoom February 28 -- Sunday school Pre-K-1st grade 9:30 a.m. 5th -12th grade 4:00 p.m. on Zoom ZOOM links are provided by your teacher.

A Ridglea tradition was postponed, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which is the presentation of Bibles, usually in the late spring, to our 4th grade students. Since we are still meeting on-line, representatives of the Christian Education committee went to the homes of these students to give these Bibles to Melissa Quintero, Isabel Quintero, and Tabby Hand.



Jose Quintero, Angel Rodriguez, Melissa Quintero, Isabel Quintero, Beth Duncan

Mandy Hand, Rev. Roger, Tabby Hand, Julie Ritz





At our Women's Retreat last year, several women expressed an interest in forming a team to deliver Meals on Wheels. The Meals on Wheels route that Mike and I deliver to on the third Wednesday of the month needs someone to deliver on Thursdays, January 28

through sometime in April. The person who delivers currently is having hip replacement surgery. If you are interested, please let Chris Shahan know. This would let you see how well you like to do this volunteer service without a long commitment. Mike and I find delivering Meals on Wheels very uplifting, and fun, as a volunteer project. The route is in our part of town, kind of southeast of TCU. You would pick up the meals at United Methodist church on Berry. I am not appealing only to women. This is a good opportunity for a couple to work together. However, many routes are covered by one person. It is not hard and usually takes less than an hour.

Chris Shahan chris.shahan019@gmail.com

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Honoring Miriam Gallagher

During the worship service on Sunday, January 3, Presbyterian Women of Ridglea honored Miriam Gallagher who is retiring after 10 years in the very important position of Prayer Chain Coordinator. Knowing that Lynne Payne and Miriam are good friends, we asked Lynne to prepare a biography of Miriam to share with the congregation.



Just Ask Miriam, by Lynne Payne

There is a television commercial for an accounting and advisory firm named Marcum. In these commercials the catch phrase for any accounting information that is needed is, "Ask Marcum". In the seven years that I have been a member of Ridglea Presbyterian Church, I have frequently found myself thinking, "Ask Miriam", when I need to know something about RPC. The Miriam that I am referring to is our own Miriam Gallagher.

When I joined Ridglea, Miriam was the first person to include me in a church activity when she invited me to attend a Presbyterian Women's Circle meeting at her house. She has been chair of Circle 1 several times, has taught a raft of lessons, has been Moderator of the entire PWR group twice and was awarded an Honorary Life Membership in 2016. I certainly could ask Miriam anything I needed to know about Presbyterian Women.

Then there is Session and the governing of our Presbyterian Church. Miriam is currently in the first year of her fifth tour of duty on Session. When she has completed this deployment, she will have 15 years of experience as a Ruling Elder under her belt, not to mention an additional enlistment of a year as Clerk of Session. If I have a question about how our church operates, I can ask Miriam.

Of course you don't serve on Session without serving on and chairing committees. You can do the math on her committee work. Currently she is chair of the Outreach Committee and member of the Nominations Committee. If I have a question about committees and their work I can ask Miriam.

There is a reason for her wisdom about Ridglea. She joined the church in 1964. After joining, she taught VBS and was active in Mariners. Both her daughters, Kelly and Paige, were baptized at Ridglea as well as all six of her grandchildren: Megan, Michaela, Morgan, Madelyn, John, and Lily Kate. If you want to know about helping to raise two generations of family as Presbyterians, ask Miriam.

She was one of the first mentors in the Kids' Hope program at Mary Louise Phillips Elementary School. Every week she met with her mentee, Alexis, for three years. Recently, Miriam was helping to teach Confirmation classes. See why I ask Miriam if I have a question about working with kids?

That brings us back full circle to Presbyterian Women of Ridglea and why we are honoring Miriam. December 31, 2020 marked the end of Miriam's tenure as head of the Prayer Chain that has kept PWR members, as well as any interested church member, aware of prayer concerns in our congregation. How long you might ask has Miriam been in charge of the Prayer Chain? The answer is an unbelievable ten years; ten years! We want to thank Miriam for the ten years that she has dedicated to keeping our church family connected. We want to recognize her service to our congregation.

Honoring Miriam here this morning is long overdue not only for her ten years as Prayer Chain wrangler, but also for all of her love, dedication, and devotion to Ridglea Presbyterian Church. We are grateful for all of the time, talent, and treasure that you have showered on us. What a blessing you are! Keep up the good work!

Many of us have the same attitude toward Miriam as expressed by Lynne in this reading: if you have a question, just ask Miriam. She will know how we have done something in the past and an idea of how we can do it now, but doesn't cling to the old ways. She understands the many changes that Ridglea has experienced over the years and knows that there will be more to come. Just as an added note:

Several years ago the Outreach Committee asked for volunteers to give Just an Hour to work at WestAid food pantry. Of course, Miriam ended up working a weekly morning shift at WestAid. Because Miriam remains dedicated to WestAid, PWR is suggesting that if you would like to honor Miriam for her service to our church, donations to WestAid could be made in Miriam's name. Just make a donation to the church designated for WestAid, and a check will be sent to them to honor Miriam Gallagher.

Miriam is a role model for all of us. Her continuous work for Ridglea Presbyterian Church is noticed and appreciated. During the past 10 years she has worked tirelessly to inform our church family of illnesses, deaths, and other requests to be lifted up to God in prayer. Because of her communication with members, the power of prayer can be seen at work within our church, among our church family and out into the community. Thank you so much for your faithful service to the people of Ridglea Presbyterian and their friends and family.

We are also grateful to Ruth Ann Rinewalt for agreeing to take on the responsibility of the Prayer Chain. If you have a prayer request, you may contact either the church office or Ruth Ann to have your request added to the Prayer Chain.

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)
February 1, 2021
Ministry Teams meetings

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

3rd Wednesday of the Month February 17, 2021

• Commitment Focus on Guests
Katrina Little, Chair
(as needed)

1st Tuesday of the Month
February 2, 2021
Ministry Team meeting at 10:30 a.m.

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

1st Wednesday of the month February 3, 2021

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 February 9, 2021 Ministry Teams meeting

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

3rd Tuesday of the week Session Meeting week Ministry Team meeting

• Finance & Budget, Ken Kibler (5:30 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

February 11, 2021

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 February 18, 2021 7:00 pm

The next newsletter deadline will be Februay 18, 2021 at noon.



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