

RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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May 2021

ON-SITE SERVICES SUNDAY 8:30 A.M. AND 10:30 A.M.

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

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 840 4574 4421

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May 2, 2021 8:30 and 10:30 AM May 9, 2021 8:30 and 10:30 AM May 16, 2021 8:30 and 10:30 AM May 23, 2021 8:30 and 10:30 AM May 30, 2021 8:30 and 10:30 AM



We will celebrate Communion on Sunday, May 2, and Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021



THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MAY 31, 2021 IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY

HAPPY Thesis DAY-May 9, 2021

MAY NEWSLETTERS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE Session Meeting May 20, 2021 7:00 pm

PASTOR'S NOTES



BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

A few days ago I pulled into the church parking lot and sat for a few moments, watching the yard as it was systematically assaulted. Shovels and rakes and cutting machines were removing swaths of turf and creating trenches on all sides of the property, while other workers were placing shrubs and bushes in strategic spots. As I watched, and took a few pictures, an odd sentiment came to mind: there is no such thing as an ugly bride. Well, that made me stop – if I am watching landscapers and think of weddings, the Holy Spirit is obviously working overtime.

I have officiated more than sixty weddings, and attended quite a few as well, which may allow me to express such an opinion, and I have yet to be proved wrong. There have been some awkward sessions of pre-marital counseling and uncomfortable conversations with bridesmaids, parents, musicians, caterers, florists, and others; I have witnessed jitters and laughter and last-minute alterations and whispered confessions, yet every bride that I have ever witnessed has exuded an ethereal, transcendent glory. All brides are beautiful, without a doubt, but I really had to stop and wonder why that truth jumped up while watching a landscape installation.

When construction was finished and we hauled everything into this building a year ago, the yard was an expanse of green, tucked up against the brick and flowing to every curb and corner. We cobbled together some portable sprinklers and quite a few rolls of hoses and diverters to keep the grass growing (and a few weeds too). For a few short days last June we had some delicate wildflowers in our large field, but only a few people witnessed them.

Watching the transformation of our various plots of lawn into flowerbeds, seeing the mulch around trees, and noticing all the small plastic flags marked for sprinkler heads has been a real treat over the last ten days or so, and the project is nearly complete as I write this article. These landscaping and irrigation projects have been guided by John Little, Katrina Little, Tom Sisolak, and Mim Fertig, and their collective wisdom and fervor has done quite a bit to beautify our outdoor spaces.

After a bit of reflection on these changes to the greenspace of Ridglea, both above and below the surface, it occurred to me that every church I have seen – of all denominations and sizes – every one of them exhibit something akin to a brides' beauty. There may be some awkward angles or jumbled undergrowth, on close examination, but when approaching for the first time, every place of worship, I believe, radiates an ethereal, transcendent glory. Our outdoor space was already pleasant, but we are about to welcome a beautiful bride in our midst. To God be the glory!

Peace,

Logs

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 2021Class of 2022Class of 2023Jean HadleyChris HendersonJim GodfreyKen 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

RPC FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Class of 2021Class of 2022Class of 2023Class of 2024DesigneeThylis ChamblessMicky SeversonWill StallworthSteve StaplesShiryl Thompson Gillaspie

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Roger Harwerth, Pastor roger@ridgleapres.org
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Dale Bench, Organist dalepipeorgan@sbcglobal.net
Thomas Rodriguez, Church Custodian building

Church Office #817.732.3388

RPC Financials as of 03/31/21

<u>March:</u> <u>Revenues</u> <u>Expenses</u> \$38,729* \$40,218 Year-to-Date: \$115,512 \$100,780

*March Revenues include:

| Pledge Giving | \$ 3 | 34,193 |
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| Non-Pledge Giving | \$ | 3,926 |
| Special Gifts | \$ | 100 |
| Other | \$ | 510 |

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase." Martin Luther King, Jr.



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



Many of us know the blessings of having fellow church members pray for us and others.

Prayer Request items are distributed to a list maintained by PWR. Anyone who would like to be added to this distribution list should call the Church office.

Anyone who has a prayer request can send the information to Ruth Ann Rinewalt at r.rinewalt@att.net.



Just Bring It - May 2021- Safe Haven

Just Bring It items for May: sponges, dish towels, bathroom cleaner

RPC is proud to support SafeHaven in its mission to end domestic violence through safety, support, prevention and social change. SafeHaven provides 24-hour care at two emergency shelters and transitional housing to families seeking their first taste of independence. Clients under the care of SafeHaven receive counseling, legal services, case management and so much more. Domestic violence victims have to leave everything behind in order to seek safety. The majority of the victims and their children enter the shelter with just the clothes on their back. When they leave shelter they have to start over purchasing everyday necessities, which can become very costly, so Safe Haven tries to give all families a basket with cleaning and basic home supplies to ease the burden as they build their new life outside of shelter. SO LET'S HELP FILL THOSE BASKETS DURING MAY with sponges, dish towels, and bathroom cleaner!



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



REVITALIZING NEIGHBORHOODS

Grab a brush and join us!

Saturday, October 2nd 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

- Painting Homes and Serving Families—a Fort Worth tradition since 1991.
- Brighten up neighborhoods and help lowerincome families, many of whom are elderly residents on fixed incomes no longer able to do this work on their own.
- Fill a whole house with a team of 15 or we'll combine your smaller team with others. Larger groups can paint multiple houses.
- Volunteers must be 12 or older.
- Ladders, water, and lunch/snacks are your responsibility. We provide all other supplies.
- Space is limited. After sponsors, team slots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

TEAM CAPTAINS' MEETING

Tuesday, September 28 at 6:00 p.m. Trinity Habitat for Humanity 9333 N. Normandale St. Fort Worth, Texas 76116

Team Captains receive instructions, their house address, and paint day supplies at this required meeting.

Learn more and register your team at TrinityHabitat.org/BrushUp

QUESTIONS?

Jacquelyn Wall Sponsor Relations Manager

Jacquelyn.Wall@TrinityHabitat.org 817.926.9219 x132 817.437.7005 (mobile)



REGISTER YOUR TEAM ONLINE TrinityHabitat.org/BrushUp

An Adult (18+) or Youth Liability Waiver is required for all participants. These can be downloaded at the link above and turned in at the Team Captains' Meeting.



BECOME A SPONSOR

Support Trinity Habitat's Preserve a Home program and help cover the expense of supplies.

Sponsorship is not required, but quarantees participation for your team.

- \$1,250 Name Printed on Event T-Shirt Guaranteed Participation: 1 Team
- \$2,500 Small Logo on Event T-Shirt Guaranteed Participation: Up to 2 Teams
- \$5,000 Large Logo on Event T-Shirt Guaranteed Participation: Up to 4 Teams

Commitment Deadline: August 20 All Funds & T-Shirt Sizes Due By: September 3

Register at TrinityHabitat.org/BrushUp





Reminder:

Sign up for Habitat workdays

Our Presbyterian house at 5104 Libby starts May 7. Sign up at trinityhabitat.org or

http://vhub.at/presbyterians



The Jam Sessions for May will be on Monday, May 3rd and 17th, 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!



Presbyterian Women

Spring brings Easter, daffodils, sunshine and Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering. Started in the southern church in 1922, it has funded more than 200 mission projects that have improved the lives of women and children. Each year, a panel chooses three or four worthy projects to sponsor.

- 1) Garden Gate Ranch, Inc., Des Moines, Iowa
 Offering housing and other services to women who have been sexually exploited and their children. The grant will build and fund a much needed education center for activities and services.
- 2) <u>Memorial Drive Ministries, Inc., Stone Mountain, Georgia</u>
 This is a partnership between the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta and six local churches to provide services to this diverse community. The grant will replace the roof of a leaky gymnasium where sports and other activities take place.
- 3) Nkhoma Mission Hospital in Malawi
 This hospital in S.E. Africa offers affordable, accessible healthcare services for all. The grant will build a much needed obstetrics-gynecology-specific operating room. Expanding their surgical services will help reduce maternal deaths.

Since Circles aren't meeting in person for May, please make your checks payable to RPC and put your Birthday Offering in the collection plate at church or mail to the church office. Write on envelope or check "PW Birthday Offering". Thank you for helping!

<u>Circle News:</u> Circles meet in May to finish this year's study.

Circle One and Two May 11 10:30 a.m. Zoom Circle Three May 4 7:00 p.m. Zoom

Our May <u>Just Bring It</u>: During May, we will be helping our friends at <u>Safe Haven</u>. They need sponges, dish towels and bathroom cleaner.

BIBLE STUDY - MISSION - FELLOWSHIP All Women, Always Welcomed



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

Putting faith in action is what we do!

Sign up for Covid Vaccine

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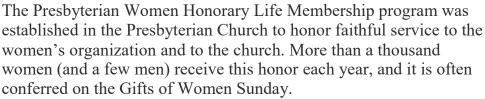


FLOWERING OF THE CROSS FOR EASTER SUNDAY





CONGRATULATIONS!!





Last Sunday, the Presbyterian Women of Ridglea presented Jo Ann Van Oosterhout and Karen Landon with Presbyterian Women

Honorary Life Memberships. Jo has been a member of RPC since 1990. She is an ordained Deacon, and served on the RPC Board of Deacons from 2011 to 2014. Jo served as the Presbyterian Women of Ridglea Moderator from 2014 to 2015, and she is currently the Chair for PWR Circle 2 and is a member of the Outreach Committee. Karen has been a member of RPC since 2009. She is an ordained Elder and Deacon. She served on the RPC Board of Deacons from 2011 to 2014, and is currently in her fourth year as the Clerk of Session. Karen is a member of Circle 1, and serves on the RPC Outreach and Care Committees.



FROM THE COMMITMENT TEAM **OUR FIRST VISITOR!!!**



WE HAD OUR FIRST VISITOR THIS PAST SUNDAY. YOU MIGHT SAY HE FLEW INTO THE 8:30 SERVICE AND HE QUITE LITERALLY DID. OUR VISITOR WAS A BEAUTIFUL COLORFUL CREATURE FROM GOD: A HUMMINGBIRD. HE FLEW INTO THE NARTHEX AND FRANTICALLY FLEW AROUND, LOOKING THE HOLY SPIRIT NECTAR, THINKING THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS OFFERED SUCH SUSTANCE. JUDY GROULX REALIZED THAT IF OUR VISITOR WAS NOT FED SOON, THEY WOULD COLLASPE FROM BURNING SO MUCH ENERGY FLYING AROUND. JUDY WENT AND PURCHASED A HUMMINGBIRD FEEDER ADDED SUGAR NECTAR. ROGER PUT UP THE TALL LADDER AFTER SERVICES, PLACING THE FEEDER ON THE TOP STEP, HOPING THAT OUR VISITOR WOULD SEE THE RED AND FLY DOWN TO THE FEEDER.

AFTER YOUTH FELLOWSHIP WAS OVER, WE WENT THROUGH THE NARTHEX INTO THE KITCHEN AND DICSCOVERED THE HUMMINGBIRD WAS LAYING ON THE NARTHEXFLOOR, EXHAUSTED AND NEAR DEATH. KEVIN HAND, ONE OF OUR YOUTH, GENTLY CARED FOR THE BIRD, PUTTING IT'S BEAK IN THE NECTAR AND NURSED IT BACK TO DRINKING. WE ARE HAPPY TO REPORT THAT AFTER SEVERAL MINUTES OF DRINKING THE NECTAR AND RESTING, THE HUMMINGBIRD FLEW OUT, AND WE ARE QUITE SURE IT FLEW OFF TO SHARE THE GOSPEL AFTER LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD FROM PASTOR ROGER. HOPEFULLY, OUR VISITOR WILL RETURN AND BRING MORE GUESTS.



I want to give thanks for Ridglea Presbyterian church and I want to thank you all for your prayers, phone calls, and cards during difficult times this past year. My husband Bob Ballard had brain surgery last summer, which was a complete success - no cancer and he also had two surgeries this year for some nerve damage. My Mother, Wanda Raunikar, suffered strokes last summer and had to move out of her home to a skilled nursing center in Texas. Mother passed away peacefully on April 1, 2021, Maundy Thursday, at the age of 94. I know that God walked with us during these events and our church family supported us. Again, I want to thank you all.

With love in Christ, Marji Raunikar

CookChildren's.

March 19, 2021

Ridglea Presbyterian Church Attn: Mrs. Nancy Marchant 2208 Ashland Fort Worth, TX 76107

Dear Nancy and Friends,

Thank you so much for the recent donation to the "PrayerBear" Ministry here at Cook Children's Medical Center. As you know, Pastoral Care nurtures the spirits of hospitalized children, their anxious families and the dedicated staff who work here. It is wonderful to place a "PrayerBear" in the arms of newly admitted children and tell them they have friends they have never met who are praying for them. The children love the teddy bears, but the parents get teary eyed at the reminder that they are not alone on a bleak day. The words may come from our mouths, but it is faithfulness and generosity that makes them true.

In 2019, we passed out over 17,000 "PrayerBears"! And, in all the craziness of 2020 we were still able to pass out over 11,000 bears! Each day children receive a loving message of prayer and caring because people like you give of your time, energy and money to make a difference in their lives. Again, thank you for thinking of us and thank you for your continued friendship, support and prayers!

Blessings,

Patsy McDaniel "PrayerBear" Ministry Pastoral Care Specialist 682-885-7218

Patsy.McDaniel@cookchildrens.org

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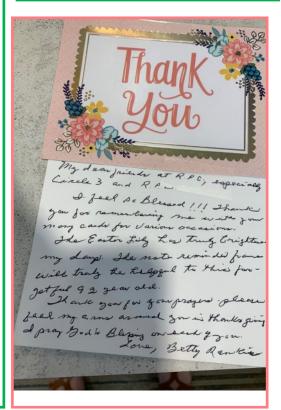
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the gift fithing and being so great to work

with during such a bury time of year!

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Pastoral Care 801 7th Street, Suite 1255 Fort Worth, TX 76104 682-885-4030 phone 682-885-7969 fax cookchildrens.org

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

Ridglea Presbyterian Church CHILDREN AND YOUTH 2021 SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR



May 2

Pre-school - K 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 1st -12th grade 4:00 p.m. Sunday School

"Over the Wall" the story of Paul's escape in a basket

May 9

Pre-school - K 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 1st -12th grade No Sunday School

"Mother's Day Craft"

1st -12th grade May 16

Pre-school -K - No Sunday school

1st -12th grade 4:00 p.m. Sunday School

May 23

Pre-school - K 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

1st -12th grade 4:00 p.m. Sunday School

May 30 (Memorial Day Weekend)

Pre-school - K
1st -12th grade
No Sunday School
No Sunday School

"The Shipwreck" the story of Paul's rescue at sea

ZOOM links are provided by your teacher.



Dear Presbyterian Women,

The angel made from an old hymn book is the cleverest recycle I've ever seen. I love it, sitting on my dresser.... the first thing I see when I enter my bedroom! I also appreciate the little memo frame.... no more little notes to myself on pieces of paper. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness.

Bobbie Damon

The 2021 Flower Calendar is now posted in the Gathering Room

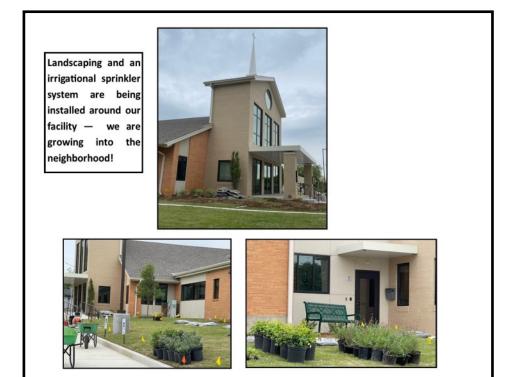
Sign up to provide the floral arrangement used in both worship services. You can honor or remember a loved one, celebrate a special occasion, or just provide some beauty for our new worship space.

Arrangements are normally \$50.00. You may take the flowers with you after the 10:30 service.

If you have any questions, contact Patricia at the church office 817-732-3388.

Session Meeting Notes for April 22, 2021

- The Ridglea Presbyterian Church regular stated session meeting took place on Thursday, April 22, 2021, using the Zoom video conferencing application. The Reverend Roger Harwerth moderated the meeting from his RPC office. RPC Clerk Karen Landon took the minutes of the meeting. Members of the Session remotely accessed the meeting.
- The minutes of the March 18, 2021 Stated Session meeting and the March 2021 Financial Statement were approved.
- The Personnel Committee is continuing efforts in the search to fill the position of Director of Youth Ministries. Interviews with potential candidates have been scheduled.
- The Session approved the request from the Boy Scouts to begin meeting in the building in May. COVID social distancing precautions will be taken.
- The Session approved a contract with Andy Rose Organ Service to provide upgrades to the sanctuary organ. These upgrades will be completed during the summer and will take approximately 8 weeks to finish.
- The Session approved the request from the Eclectic Cafe Sunday School Class to begin meeting in person in the building beginning May 2nd. Participants will need to make a Realm reservation online. COVID social distancing precautions will be taken.
- The Session approved the request from the Christian Education Committee to allow the Youth to resume meeting in the building. COVID social distancing precautions will be taken.
- The next stated meeting of Grace Presbytery will take place virtually on Saturday, May 1, 2021. Two RPC elders were elected as commissioners to attend the meeting.
- The next RPC stated session meeting will be Thursday, May 20, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at the church. The meeting will be a hybrid of in-person and virtual. The examination of new elders will take place at 6:30 p.m., followed by the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.



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)
May 3, 2021
Ministry Teams meetings

1st Tuesday of the Month May 4, 2021

 Outreach Team: Focus on Mission Miriam Gallagher, Chair (6:00 p.m.)

3rd Wednesday of the Month May 19, 2021

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

1st Tuesday of the Month
May 4, 2021
Ministry Team meeting at 10:30 a.m.

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

1st Wednesday of the month May 5, 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 May 11, 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, Reeve Van Nostrand (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 Wednesday of the Month

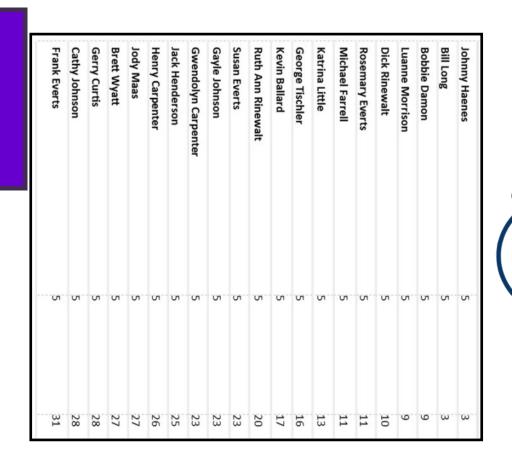
May 12, 2021

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 May 20, 2021 7:00 pm

deadline will be May 20, 2021 at newsletter The next



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Birthdays