



# RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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August 2021

## WORSHIP SERVICES SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.

Please note we will continue to stream  
our service of worship on Facebook and  
Zoom (see below for Zoom info)



We will celebrate Communion on  
Sunday, August 4, 2021

## 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89513766640?  
pwd=a1JWM1NpWjU2ZDd5cis3cEpFUWl  
MQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89513766640?pwd=a1JWM1NpWjU2ZDd5cis3cEpFUWlMQT09)

Meeting ID: 895 1376 6640  
Passcode: 298955

August 1, 2021 10:30 AM  
August 8, 2021 10:30 AM  
August 15, 2021 10:30 AM  
August 22, 2021 10:30 AM  
August 29, 2021 10:30 AM

AUGUST NEWSLETTERS ARE  
AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

SESSION MEETING WILL BE  
HELD ON AUGUST 19, 2021  
At 7:00 P.M.



AUGUST 22, 2021  
SEE INSIDE, PAGE 10,  
FOR MORE INFORMATION





## PASTOR'S NOTES

### Always Capitalized

In just a few weeks we will have our annual “Rally Day” and celebrate the start of our fall/winter/spring programs; there is more information about Rally Day – August 22<sup>nd</sup>!! – in this newsletter. That got me to thinking about some of my memories of Westport Presbyterian Church (in Kansas City, Missouri), particularly Sunday School and Youth Group (in my head both are always capitalized).

Being three years older, Randy was almost always in a different Sunday School class, until I got to 7<sup>th</sup> grade, when the Junior High students became part of Youth Group – more than a dozen of us who hung out in an oversized room that had bean bag chairs and lots of pillows and brightly-colored walls. On one of the walls was a poster of a forlorn little boy in front of a pile of litter, and the words, “God made me, and God doesn’t make junk.”

Our sister Lori, a year younger than me, joined Youth Group the following year. Every one of us had siblings in the Youth Group, and we also had parents at the other end of the building, in the PresbyWed class. Yep, the PresbyWeds, as in “married people with children.” Mom and Dad had been going to that class since we were babies, and it never occurred to me to ask if there was a class for people who were divorced or widowed or single or childless or grandparents. Those questions didn’t occur to me because, well, I was just a kid (to start) and because my parents were not in any of those categories.

There was at least one option for unmarried people who came to Westport: they could be Youth Group leaders, just like Greg was and then, a year later, Sharon too! With a group our size they were not the only adults, but for the six years I was in Youth Group Greg and Sharon were mainstays. I think it was while I was in college that Greg and Sharon became engaged, then married, and I remember thinking to myself “Oh, now they can go to the PresbyWed class with Mom and Dad!” It was, in my still-a-teenager-mind, like Greg and Sharon received a promotion, and could be like all of the other married people at Westport Presbyterian Church.

For the longest time I figured that the way it was done at Westport was the way it was done at every other Presbyterian Church, with married parents in one class and something else for all of those other adults in other categories. It took a few years of ministry and more than a few conversations with clergy colleagues for me to realize that my experiences and recollections of Youth Group and the PresbyWed class were like 8-track tapes and Tinker Toys: the world had changed (and is still changing) and there are a lot more experiences and categories than what I had known (and presumed) growing up. I learned a lot in those early years, and Westport helped nurture me toward hearing, understanding, and moving toward ministry, from Youth Group, to ordination as an Elder, into seminary, and into ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament.

And in the decades since, one of the lessons of Westport has been to ask, and listen, and converse with a world of people whose experiences are far greater than mine.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Randy", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

# 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)

## RPC SESSION

### Class of 2022

Delaine Godwin  
Katrina Little  
George Tischler  
Reeve Van Nostrand

### Class of 2023

Miriam Gallagher  
Gayle Johnson  
Nancy Staples  
Nick Thoni

### Class of 2024

Susan Everts  
Marji Raunikar  
Mike Strange  
Dale Wagner

*Clerk of Session: Karen Landon*

## RPC TRUSTEES

### Class of 2021

Jean Hadley  
Ken Kibler

### Class of 2022

Chris Henderson  
Susan Maxwell

### Class of 2023

Jim Godfrey

## 2021 RPC DEACONS

\*Betsy Kibler - Moderator

Michelle Birdwell - Home Member Care Coordinator

Jane Johnson—Home Member Care Coordinator

Kit Van Nostrand—Home Member Care Coordinator

Lynne Payne—Hospital Care Coordinator

Ruth Ann Rinewalt—Hospital Care Coordinator

Dean Phillips – Hospital Care Coordinator

Jean Godfrey – Funeral Reception Coordinator

\*Not active Deacon

## RPC FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Class of 2021

Thylis Chambless

### Class of 2022

Micky Severson

### Class of 2023

Will Stallworth

### Class of 2024

Steve Staples

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Shiryl Thompson Gillaspie

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## **AUGUST JBI: School Clothing for Luella Merrett Elementary students**

Luella Merrett Elementary is a high-needs school only 1.5 miles from RPC. 95% of students are from low-income families, and 49% of students are learning English.

### **Just Bring It for August:**

- Navy blue collared polo-style shirts,
- Navy blue shorts
- Undergarments/socks



*Sizes: student 4-14 (not by age, by clothing size)*

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- Reading volunteers – especially from 2:15-3:00 with pre-K children whose classes end earlier than their older siblings.
- Campus beautification
- Assistance with Family Nights and other special school activities

**IMPORTANT!!!** Please bring your school supplies that you committed to buy for foster children at Presbyterian Children's Home and Services as soon as possible -- deadline is 8/2/21, and anything we do not have turned in by then we will buy with funds that were donated.



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](mailto:r.rinewalt@att.net).



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



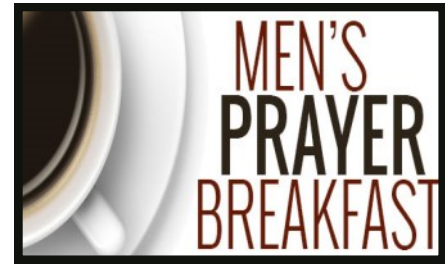


**PRESBYTERIAN NIGHT SHELTER**  
of Tarrant County

*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**



**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 lower-income 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](http://TrinityHabitat.org/BrushUp)

**QUESTIONS?**

Jacquelyn Wall  
Sponsor Relations Manager

[Jacquelyn.Wall@TrinityHabitat.org](mailto:Jacquelyn.Wall@TrinityHabitat.org)  
817.926.9219 x132  
817.437.7005 (mobile)



**REGISTER YOUR TEAM ONLINE**  
[TrinityHabitat.org/BrushUp](http://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 guarantees 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](http://TrinityHabitat.org/BrushUp)



**The Jam Sessions for August will be on Monday, August 2nd, 16th and 30th 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

August, 2021

Since the very first quilt was stitched or meal delivered to someone in need, Presbyterian Women have been involved in mission. Susan Doud's article in Horizon Magazine continues the countdown.

1. In 1888, Elizabeth Clokey asked women to give a "Thank Offering".
2. In 1922, the Birthday Offering began. Hallie Winsborough asked each woman in the Auxiliary to give "a penny for every year you have lived and if that is a secret, bring a dollar".
3. During a peacemaking trip in 1956, Shanti Solomon envisioned the idea of Fellowship of Least Coin.
4. In 1938, the first national gathering of women leaders began creating a national organization.
5. In 1946, Presbyterian Women in the U.S. helped found Church Women United.
6. In 1979, the northern and southern women's groups produced the first joint Bible Study.
7. In 1988, they celebrated their reunion at the first Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women.

Meanwhile, back in 2021, we are preparing again for the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women. Postponed from 2020 because of the pandemic, it was still decided to be too dangerous to meet in person. It will be livestreamed on PW's Facebook page on August 5 at 3:00—5:00 p.m. (our time). Worship and guest speaker will lead a time of rejoicing and renewal. A wonderful opportunity to see what happens on the national level of P.W.

Circle News: Circles are still meeting for fellowship in August:

Circle One and Two	August 10	11:00 a.m.	Church
Circle Three	August 3	7:00 p.m.	Zoom

All women are always welcomed; all circles or no circle. Come being a sandwich and join the conversation.

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- ♦ We Welcome
  - ♦ We Witness
  - ♦ We Work (and play!)
- Putting faith in action is what we do!***

BIBLE STUDY - MISSION - FELLOWSHIP  
All Women, Always Welcomed

You are my Sunshine, my only Sunshine.....



RPC is so lucky to have Helen Lockett, aka Sunshine, as our spotlight this month! Helen is 97 years young and such a blessing to us all. She grew up in Mineral Wells but was actually born at All Saints Hospital here in Fort Worth because Mineral Wells did not have a hospital.

Helen was married to Ed Lockett for 55 years, 5 months and 4 days when he died in 2004. She has 2 sons, Edward and James, who both graduated from West Point and each has had and continue to have very successful careers. She has six grandchildren and three great grandchildren and she says "I DO MEAN great".

Helen is an eighth generation Presbyterian. She is an amateur genealogist, and knows that she is descended from the Rev. James Fontaine who left France in 1685 because Protestants were no longer permitted to live there. We have a small toddler to thank, at First Presbyterian, Fort Worth, who in 1953 stomped on young Edward's foot when the family was visiting the congregation. Helen was so upset she said she would never go back there and the family visited and then joined Ridglea Presbyterian.

Helen taught Sunday school for elementary and pre-school for 23 years before beginning teaching the Fish Class which she is still doing today. She has served on almost every committee at RPC. She has been an elder and a trustee. She served as Vice President, President and Secretary of Presbyterian Women of Ridglea and in 2003 received an Honorary Life Membership. In 2011 was nominated by Session for "Unsung servant" competition sponsored by "Presbyterian Today" magazine.

Helen has also been active in Boy Scouts of America. She has served at the Unit, District, Council, Regional and National levels. She received the Silver Beaver award in 2017 which is one of the highest BSA's awards. She has many other awards and recognitions (too many to name all of them) and still remains on the Board of Directors today.

Helen is a great mother, fabulous friend, wonderful volunteer and a perfect example of a loyal servant to the Lord. She always says she does not know why she is still here on earth but that God must have a plan for her – and we thank God for this!



## PWR FELLOWSHIP OUTING



Ridglea women attended a candle-making workshop at The Candle Studio located inside The Worthy Co. We enjoyed the social time and the opportunity to support survivors of trafficking. The Worthy Co. is a social enterprise of The Net, a non-profit based in Fort Worth, TX, that has served over 1,000 survivors of trafficking and sexual exploitation since 2012. The mission of The Worthy Co. is to help fill the need for these women to find jobs so that they can support themselves and their families. The job training and enrichment program The Worthy Company helps women earn an income, build work history, and experience healing and empowerment.



<b>Sarah Duncan</b>	8	3
<b>Jan Henckell</b>	8	3
<b>Bill Warner</b>	8	3
<b>Edward Good</b>	8	4
<b>John Haenes</b>	8	5
<b>Mary Ann Guly</b>	8	10
<b>Steven Ritz</b>	8	11
<b>Anna Lockhart</b>	8	12
<b>Bob West</b>	8	13
<b>Anne Carlson</b>	8	14
<b>Katie Marchant</b>	8	15
<b>Daniel Duncan</b>	8	15
<b>Bettye Boone</b>	8	16
<b>Allison Dearman</b>	8	16
<b>Aspen Cleworth</b>	8	21
<b>Ali Sajedi</b>	8	22
<b>Dawn Wyatt</b>	8	22
<b>Hayden Haenes</b>	8	23
<b>Clay Roberts</b>	8	25
<b>Johnnie Grant</b>	8	30
<b>Sarah Wagner</b>	8	30
<b>Allan Lockhart</b>	8	31



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



**PLEASE NOTE, WE NOW HAVE CHILDCARE AND SECURITY FOR CHILDREN INFANT TO AGE 7 DURING THE 10:30 A.M. SERVICE.**



The 2021 Flower Calendar is now posted in the Narthex

Sign up to provide the floral arrangement in the worship service. 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 worship service.

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

THANK  
YOU

Dear RPC,

I just wanted to say a big thank you for the scholarship. It means a great deal to me, and it will certainly help with my tuition. I am very grateful to have received it, and it will definitely be put to good use.

- Mandy Bradley



SCHOLARSHIP  
THANK YOU



Thank You

Dear PWR,

Thank you so much for the scholarship! I am thankful for all the opportunities Ridglea gives me. I will be a junior at Jackson State in the Fall continuing my road to be a teacher!

♥ Madelyn Register



Dear members of Ridglea Presbyterian Church,

I would like to send my deepest gratitude and thanks for awarding me with one of your scholarships. I am very blessed and honored to receive this award. I know it is a very high honor and I am grateful that you all found me fit. As I move forward in pursuing my career goals I want you to know that this scholarship will be used to help fulfill that and will be put to good use and will help me move one step closer to achieving my career goals but also my personal goals.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Abigail Taber

Thank  
You

To whom it may concern,

I want to express my sincere gratitude for my receiving such a generous scholarship from RPC this year. I truly was not expecting such a generous amount, and it is such a blessing that it will cover almost the entire cost of my Kodály certification this summer. This course will give me resources and lesson plans that will set me up for success as I start my teaching career. This scholarship will allow me to focus more on learning and teaching, without worrying about the financial side of the course. I hope this message can reach whomever is responsible for funding my scholarship so that I can express my appreciation.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Duncan



Dear Ridglea Presbyterian Church,  
Thank you for awarding me the Dorothy and Ed Chandler Memorial Scholarship! It means a lot that my church family is supporting my academic endeavors. I am so glad to be back for the summer and all everyone! Thank you again.

Sincerely, Amber Birdwell



Rally Day, Sunday, August 22, 2021

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Meet in the Gathering Room

blessing  
OF THE  
backpacks



Sunday, August 22, 2021

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Bring your school bag and

Pastor Roger will say a blessing for the coming school year.

### 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*)

**August 2 , 2021**

**Ministry Teams meetings**

**1st Tuesday of the Month**

**August 3, 2021**

- **Outreach Team: Focus on Mission**

*Miriam Gallagher, Chair* (*6:00 p.m.*)

**2nd Wednesday of the Month**

**August 11, 2021**

- **Commitment Focus on Guests**

*Katrina Little, Chair* (*as needed*)

**1st Tuesday of the Month**

**August 3, 2021**

**Ministry Team meeting at 10:30 a.m.**

- **Care Team: Focus on Members**

*Betsy Kibler, Chair* (*as needed*)

**1st Wednesday of the month**

**August 4, 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**

**August 10 , 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**

**August 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*



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The next  
newsletter  
deadline  
will be  
August 19, 2021  
at noon.