



RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September 2021

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

Every week on Sun, until Sep 26, 2021,
4 occurrence(s)

September 5, 2021 10:30 AM
September 12, 2021 10:30 AM
September 19, 2021 10:30 AM
September 26, 2021 10:30 AM

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83432782017?pwd=aFA3dDF6U1laM0NnWWF6eE02aVZ6Zz09>

Meeting ID: 834 3278 2017
Passcode: 725711



**We will celebrate Communion on
Sunday, September 5, 2021**



**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL
BE CLOSED
MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 6 IN
OBSERVANCE OF
LABOR DAY**

**SESSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 23, 2021
At 7:00 P.M.**

**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTERS ARE
AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE**



PASTOR'S NOTES

Opportunities to Try Again

About a week ago another project was started. There are a few pieces of alabaster, all a bit larger than a cantaloupe, that have been setting in the garage, so one of them was plucked up and taken to the back patio. Along with the chunk of alabaster went the worktable, gloves, apron and eye protection, along with assorted files, a small power tool and diamond-coated blades and bits. After about an hour of creating rock dust with a large farrier's file and some smaller riffler files, the first project picture was taken, with more pictures at the end of each day – along with a LOT more dust. About 25 to 30 hours have gone into this project, which is about halfway to completion. When it is finished, it will join the dozen or so earlier stone projects that set upon various shelves.

Since 2004 about a dozen clergy colleagues gather each autumn to explore the intersections of creativity and theology, and have taken up the challenges of various endeavors, from copper-smithing to print-making, plus wood carving, acrylic painting, forging, stone carving, song writing, poetry, and more. There have been plenty of mistakes and a few triumphs along the way, but the processes of creativity keep us fascinated. It is more than an autumn exploration, though – building guitars, writing poetry, baking bread, decorative knot-tying, photography, pottery, song-writing, and a few more pursuits are constantly being practiced by these colleagues.

Even though these are hobbies for us, they are also reminders of our larger explorations of faith and ministry, which are likewise meant to be opportunities to learn, to fail, and to try again. From Sunday school to youth group, into college and then seminary, I was encouraged to think of faith being a process, an adventure, a tapestry of exploration that becomes interwoven with each other and with the Divine.

When the gloves, apron, and files are put away and the figures have been sanded, polished, sealed, and set on a shelf, the stone presents its character and limitations, as well as hints of possibilities that became dust. And, once a sculpture is finished, what we have learned will encourage us toward the next endeavor. And the next!

Peace,

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

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

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

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GET TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS (better)

MARY HANSON

Mary is one of our longest tenure members, but not in age. She practically grew up in the church and spent most of her life in Fort Worth except for a detour to Lubbock when she was a small child. She truly has a servant heart with all she does for Ridglea Presbyterian Church. We have been so fortunate that she has shared with us her musical talents from singing in the Choir to playing Hand bells and leading our precious Children's Choir. She started young getting involved at RPC. At 13 years old, she volunteered in the nursery and was Assistant to the Children's Choir Director. She met her best friend in the youth group at RPC- Phyliss Schmidt. She and Phyliss made Bob & Marsha West who were the Youth Sponsors at the time regret being Youth sponsors with all their pranks. Mary is presently employed with Meals on Wheels and is on the RPC staff as Children's Music Coordinator, but her favorite job is being a top notched grandmother to Adrian & Aspen Cleworth & Lauren and Amelia Keating. All of her family are members at RPC- Allison & Martin Cleworth & Melinda and Ryan Keating. She even changed her Son-in-Law's diaper when he was in the nursery at RPC. Little did she know at the time, he would become her Son-in-Law years later!

Favorite Song to Sing: The Lord's Prayer

Favorite Memory at Youth Events: Being baptized at the outdoor Chapel at Camp Argyle

Favorite Performers: All over the place from Michael Buble to Barbara Streisand to Disney Music, Country & Broadway



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.



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



Beginning in September, we will be needing ushers, communion servers and liturgists for the rest of this calendar year. An email will be sent out to you next week from "Sign Up Genius" asking you to register. **PLEASE VOLUNTEER** to help with the Sunday morning worship service.



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



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



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.

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 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

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)



The 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.



The Jam Sessions for September will be on Monday, September 13th and 27th 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

September 2021

September is the “back to” month. Back to school, back to work from vacations, back to meetings. For PW ladies, it’s back to Circle Bible Study. That’s a good thing! This year we’re reading What My Grandmother Taught Me by Merryl Blair. That’s a very good thing! Our hearts are wrung out from lamenting in 2020. Merryl is taking us back in time to get a new look at the women in Jesus’ genealogy that we read in Matthew 1, Tamar, Rehab, Ruth, Bathsheba. On zoom, during the National Gathering of PW this summer, Merryl commented that Jesus was shaped by the stories of his grandmother. She challenged us “to see ourselves in these women who struggled and had to find their way in a man’s world.” What can they teach us? Com join us! Who can resist a good story?

For more information on Circles, contact a circle leader:

- Mac Zimmerman
- Kit Van Nostrand
- Thylis Chambless

Tentative circle plans:

Circle One	September 14	Church	10:30 a.m.
Circle Two	September 14	Church	10:30 a.m.
Circle Three	September 7	Zoom	7:00 p.m.

Just Bring It—September

WestAid needs to start gathering items for holiday baskets: canned vegetables, stuffing, gravy mix, etc. Of course, they always need large brown bags.

Here we come September!

BIBLE STUDY - MISSION - FELLOWSHIP
All Women, Always Welcomed



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



Women of Ridglea

Join the women of the church for a catered salad luncheon after services on Sunday, September 12, to celebrate the beginning of a new year of activities sponsored by Presbyterian Women of Ridglea.

Please see Chris Shahan in the Narthex after worship on Sunday, September 5 to sign up if you wish to attend.

Hope to see you there.



September JBI: stuffing, gravy mix, canned veggies for WestAid



It may seem early, but WestAid is beginning collection of items for family holiday baskets. So the next time you're at the grocery store, pick up some of these items to help create a joyous celebration for food insecure families in our area.

WestAid was started by a coalition of west side churches under the umbrella of Catholic Charities over 35 years ago, and its original home was in the basement of Ridglea Presbyterian Church (in our former facility on Camp Bowie). In spite of the difficulties posed by the pandemic, WestAid staff and volunteers continue to be a valuable resource. If you have some extra time and need a volunteer activity, this may be the place for you. One critical need is help with the "truck crew", which picks up over 12,000 pounds of food each week from the food bank and special grocery orders. Keeping WestAid's doors open depends upon volunteers and donations—and RPC is proud to help with both!

LANDSCAPING COMPLETE

AFTER MANY MONTHS OF PLANNING, WAITING, WEEDING, THE LANDSCAPING IS FINISHED. THE LAST PROJECT WAS INSTALLING THE GREEN BENCH FROM THE CAMP BOWIE LOCATION IN THE BED BY THE OFFICE. THIS LANDSCAPING PROJECT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN DONE WITHOUT THE GENEROUS DONATION FROM MIM FERTIG FOR THE SPRINKLER SYSTEM, THE ANONYMOUS DONATION FOR THE PLANTS/FLOWERS, AND THE WONDERFUL DONATION OF 7 TREES BY THE RIDGLEA HILLS ADDITION NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. WE HOPE ALL WILL ENJOY IT AND ARE PLEASED WITH THE BEAUTY IT ADDS TO THE BUILDING.






**Thank You
RPC!**

Dear Members of Ridglea
Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for the
generous scholarship awarded by
the RPC Foundation. I greatly
appreciate your financial support
towards my higher education at
UTA. Go Mavs!

Sincerely,
Bailey Martin



Dear Friends,
Thank you for your prayers
and thoughtfulness during my
recent illness. What a warm
feeling to know of your
concern. I am doing well
and am strong once again,
and you are a part of that
healing. Truly,
(Kerri's mom) Jean Cedrus



Dear Members of Ridglea Presbyterian Church,
Many thanks for your “Just Bring It” donations to
the Western Hills Cougar Pride Foundation. Your
members collected 4,100 lunch bags, 12,080 napkins,
2,570 granola bars, 900 baggies, and \$650 cash. What a
blessing to have this community support!

Patty Pressley
Executive Director
WHHS Cougar Pride Foundation

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

2021 PRAYER GUIDE RPC Student Ministries

"Pray for God to open a door for our message, that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ..."
Colossians 4:3

AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<p><u>SUNDAY 8 2021</u> Thank God for Fellowship & New Friends</p> <p><u>SUNDAY 15 2021</u> Pray for Teachers</p> <p><u>SUNDAY 22 2021</u> Pray for effective ministry in our Schools!</p> <p><u>SUNDAY 29 2021</u> Pray for Classmates</p>	<p><u>SUNDAY 5 2021</u> Pray for your Neighborhood</p> <p><u>SUNDAY 12 2021</u> Pray for your City</p> <p><u>SUNDAY 19 2021</u> Pray for effective ministry with West Aid!</p> <p><u>SUNDAY 26 2021</u> Pray for Texas</p>	<p><u>SUNDAY 3 2021</u> Pray for the Homeless of Fort Worth</p> <p><u>SUNDAY 10 2021</u> Pray for Indigenous People</p> <p><u>SUNDAY 17 2021</u> Pray for effective ministry in our Fall Festival!</p> <p><u>SUNDAY 31 2021</u> Pray for safe fellowship and effective outreach in community</p>	<p><u>SUNDAY 7 2021</u> Pray for our Nation and its' leaders</p> <p><u>SUNDAY 14 2021</u> Pray for our Service People & Veterans</p> <p><u>SUNDAY 21 2021</u> Pray for effective ministry in our Thanksgiving Mission</p> <p><u>SUNDAY 28 2021</u> Pray for our Families</p>	<p><u>SUNDAY 5 2021</u> Pray for effective ministry in our Christmas Mission</p> <p><u>SUNDAY 12 2021</u> Pray for Peace in Jerusalem</p> <p><u>SUNDAY 19 2021</u> Pray for effective ministry in our Christmas Mission</p> <p><u>SUNDAY 26 2021</u> Pray for impoverished people in our community</p>

2021 FALL SCHEDULE RPC YOUTH

AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<p><u>SUNDAY 8 2021</u> POOL PARTY @ The Little's House 4209 Selkirk Drive West, Fort Worth, TX 76109 12:00 - 2:30</p> <p><u>SUNDAY 15 2021</u> No Meeting</p> <p><u>SUNDAY 22 2021</u> Fellowship after service @ 11:45</p> <p>Local Mission Day! RALLY DAY Edition Youth Room @ 12</p> <p><u>SUNDAY 29 2021</u> Sunday School @ 9:00</p>	<p><u>SUNDAY 5 2021</u> Sunday School @ 9 AM Fellowship after service @ 11:45</p> <p><u>SUNDAY 12 2021</u> Sunday School @ 9 AM</p> <p><u>SUNDAY 19 2021</u> Sunday School @ 9 AM</p> <p>Local Mission Day! West Aid Edition Youth Room @ 12</p> <p><u>SUNDAY 26 2021</u> Sunday School @ 9 AM</p>	<p><u>SUNDAY 3 2021</u> Sunday School @ 9 AM Fellowship after service @ 11:45</p> <p><u>SUNDAY 10 2021</u> Sunday School @ 9 AM</p> <p><u>SUNDAY 17 2021</u> Local Mission Day! Fall Festival Edition Youth Room @ 12</p> <p><u>SUNDAY 31 2021</u> FALL FESTIVAL @ RPC</p>	<p><u>SUNDAY 7 2021</u> Sunday School @ 9 AM Fellowship after service @ 11:45 - 2 PM</p> <p><u>SUNDAY 14 2021</u> Sunday School @ 9 AM</p> <p><u>SUNDAY 21 2021</u> Sunday School @ 9 AM</p> <p>Local Mission Day! Thanksgiving Edition Youth Room @ 12</p> <p><u>SUNDAY 28 2021</u> No Meeting</p>	<p><u>SUNDAY 5 2021</u> Sunday School @ 9 AM</p> <p>Local Mission Day! Christmas Edition Youth Room @ 12</p> <p><u>SUNDAY 12 2021</u> Sunday School @ 9 AM</p> <p><u>SUNDAY 19 2021</u> Sunday School @ 9 AM</p> <p>Local Mission Day! Christmas Edition: Part 2 Youth Room @ 12</p> <p><u>SUNDAY 26 2021</u> No Meeting</p>



Ridglea Presbyterian Church

Building Dedication

5000 Southwest Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas 76116

Sunday, September 19, at 4:00 p.m.

To join Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89472916152?pwd=Mitmdm9wV3NHQ2huYWxOd0p4R1o5QT09>

Meeting ID: 894 7291 6152

Passcode: 371533



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 6, 2021

Ministry Teams meetings

1st Tuesday of the Month

September 7, 2021

- Outreach Team: Focus on Mission

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

2nd Wednesday of the Month

September 8, 2021

- Commitment Focus on Guests

Katrina Little, Chair (as needed)

1st Tuesday of the Month

September 7, 2021

Ministry Team meeting at 10:30 a.m.

- Care Team: Focus on Members

Betsy Kibler, Chair; Jane Johnson (as needed)

1st Wednesday of the month

September 1, 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

September 14, 2021

Ministry Teams meeting

- Christian Education: *Julie Ritz, Chair*

(6:15 pm)

- Fellowship Team: *Gayle Johnson, 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

September 8, 2021

Ministry Teams meeting

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

September 2021 Birthdays



Becky Fisher	9	1
Michael Birdwell	9	4
Josh Wyatt	9	4
Laura Saxton	9	5
Cort Rea	9	5
Jean Godfrey	9	5
Rachael Smith	9	6
Ann Shelton	9	7
Warner Bailey	9	7
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
Blyrthe Lee	9	28
Zim Zimmerman	9	29

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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The next newsletter deadline will be September 16, 2021 at noon.