



# RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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January 2022



**We will celebrate Communion  
on Sunday, February 6, 2022**

## **10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

### **Join Zoom Meeting**

Every week on Sun, until January 30, 2022

5 occurrence(s)

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

January 2, 2022 10:30 a.m.  
January 9, 2022 10:30 a.m.  
January 16, 2022 10:30 a.m.  
January 23, 2022 10:30 a.m.  
January 30, 2022 10:30 a.m.

### **Join Zoom Meeting**

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January 30, 2022  
Congregational Meeting  
Election of Officers and  
voting on Pastoral  
Terms of Call

SESSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON  
JANUARY 20, 2022 At 7:00 P.M.

JANUARY NEWSLETTERS ARE  
AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE



## PASTOR'S NOTES

### Here We Go

A little over a month ago I read about work that the Barna Research Group had undertaken; the subject was the increasing number of clergy who have considered leaving ministry, and those who have actually departed from ministry, in the previous year. Between January and October that number had grown to 38% of clergy considering, or having left ministry – an increase of nine percent in only ten months. That is the “headline” of the study, and there are quite a few details that provide deeper insights, such as age, gender, years of service, and denominational affiliation. For instance, those who have been in ministry longer than twenty years, but in their current position for less than seven make up a full third of the thirty-eight percent who are considering leaving; pastors from mainline denominations are more likely to consider resigning, as are more females than males; and more pastors under the age of forty-five are considering leaving ministry than those over forty-five.

I shared this information with the session in November, but also shared my reflections of this report. My first reaction to the research is that sixty-two percent of clergy are not considering leaving ministry, and after 18-plus months of pandemic I am still firmly in that group of sixty-two percent. I could make a joke of staying and say that I don't know how to do anything else, but that humor would be at the expense of many of my colleagues who have left ministry with the same skill-set I possess and share. For me, understanding that I have a supportive family, starting with Brenda, and the on-going relationships with my colleagues, particularly the STM group, and experiencing the support of this congregation is why I am a part of the sixty-two percent who are not considering leaving ministry.

The staff, the session, the deacons, the committees, the volunteers; the energy that reverberates through Ridglea continues to amaze and challenge the what and how and where of ministry for me, and I can hardly wait to experience what 2022 brings. Here we go!

Peace,

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On January 2<sup>nd</sup> we will celebrate Epiphany Sunday and will have “Star Words” available. This is a spiritual/prayer practice that utilizes an intention or guiding word, for the coming year. If you would like a star word but are unable to pick one out during the service, let us know and we will help you with the process.

# 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

### Class of 2023

Jim Godfrey

## 2021 RPC DEACONS

Lynne Payne - Moderator

Jane Johnson—Home Member Care Coordinator

Kit Van Nostrand—Home Member Care Coordinator

Ruth Ann Rinewalt—Hospital Care Coordinator

Dean Phillips – Hospital Care Coordinator

Jean Godfrey – Funeral Reception Coordinator

## 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

### Designee

Shiryl Thompson Gillaspie

## Staff

**Roger Harwerth, Pastor**

**Patricia Taber, Office Manager**

**John Sauvey, Director of Music Ministries**

**Dale Bench, Organist**

**Kate Morrell, Youth and Children's Ministry Coordinator**

**Thomas Rodriguez, Church Custodian**

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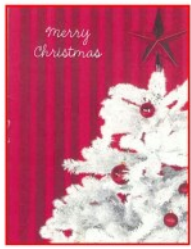
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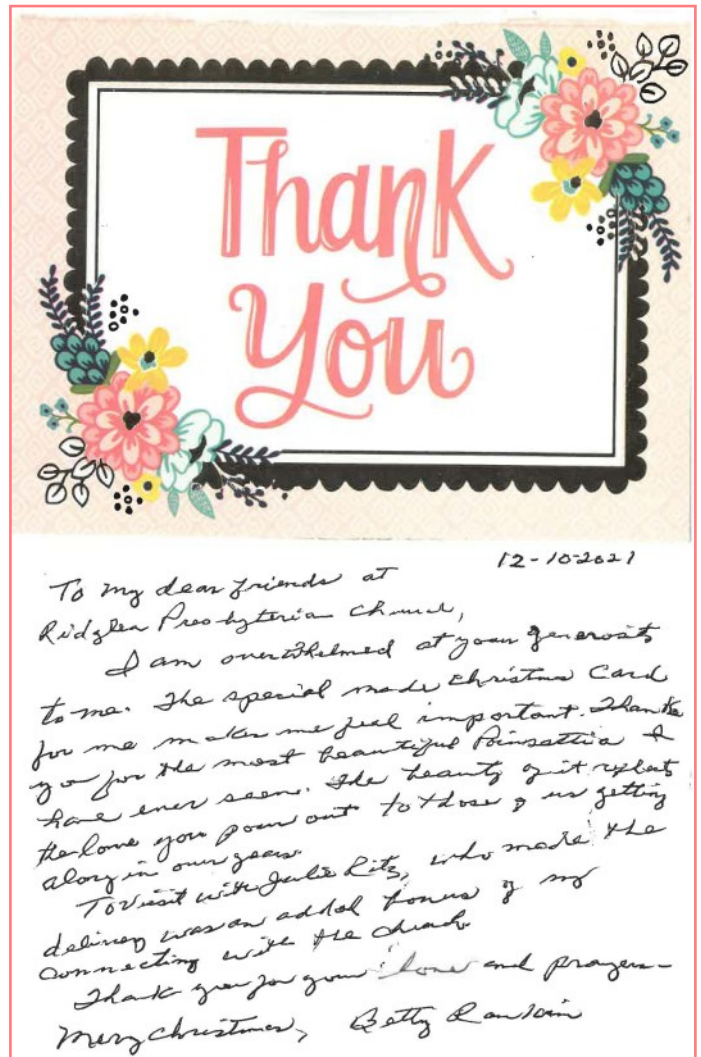
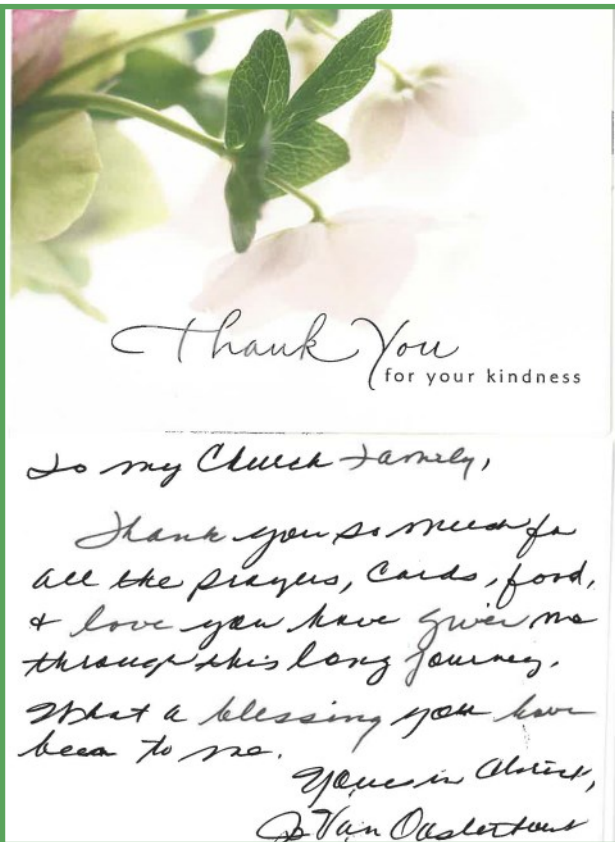


I am beside myself over such a beautiful gift. ...with all the trimmings!  
— I miss seeing you each Sunday but you live in my heart and never leave me! Thank you so much!  
Thank you to everyone! Much love and merry Christmas!  
Jennie Hager



The Eubanks family would like to say a big "THANK YOU" for all the cards and flowers from their RPC family. They miss everyone and feel blessed to be remembered by all.

Thank you, with love,  
Edie, Karen, and Barbara



The Board of Deacons 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!

RPC Board of Deacons

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2021  
What a beautiful service.



Wednesday mornings at 8:00 a.m.  
Sanctuary



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).



Please note that the City of Fort Worth has begun working on Valhalla Street at the entrance to our parking lot; entry and exit may need to be from Wycliff Street. Please be aware of the placement of the cones.

*Save the Date*

RPC WOMEN'S RETREAT  
APRIL 22-23, 2022

*"For the Beauty of the Earth"*  
We'll meet at the church Friday evening and on Saturday until mid-afternoon. More info to come!



**"Just Bring It" - November 2021**

Last year our Christmas stockings were the favorite gifts for the youth in the homes! Once again our PW women are providing special treats as well as useful items in stockings for individual children at PCHS.



Thank you to all who helped the December Just Bring It a total success by providing toiletries for the Presbyterian Night Shelter and Westaid.



The Jam Sessions for January will be on Monday, the 10th and 24th 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

January, 2022

Circle members met together after bible study for a time of Christmas celebration. Brown bag lunches, good conversation, lots of smiles and even a white elephant gift exchange. It was good to be together again.

As we head into a new year, hear the words of Kathleen Keefer, our new Vice Moderator of Presbyterian Women Churchwide. At her installation, she encouraged us all:

“We must listen to understand, not just to respond. We are Presbyterian Women. We have along history of listening deeply to recognize problems in the world, then create solutions and work together to improve lives. ”And she then quoted Vilmarie Cintron-Olivieri, Co-Moderator of 223rd General Assembly”:

Presbyterian Women must be bold and bodacious.”

So we move forward in our study, “What my Grandmother’s Taught Me” as we learn more about the women in Jesus’ geneology.

## Circle News:

Circle One	January 11, 2022	Church	10:30 a.m.
Circle Two	January 11, 2022	Church	10:30 a.m.
Circle Three	January 5, 2022	Zoom	7:00 p.m.

## Save the Dates

April 22-23—PW Spring Retreat at RPC

May—PW Spring Workshops—Presbytery

May 14 First Presbyterian in Tyler

May 21 First Presbyterian in Belton

July 21—23 Synod Gathering of PW—St Charles Ave. Presbyterian in New Orleans

October 22— PW Fall Gathering—Presbytery at P.C.H.A.S. Itasca, Texas

Just Bring It January, 2022: New toddler board books and pre-school paperbacks for children served by the Center for Transforming Lives. See list on page 10.



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

BIBLE STUDY - MISSION - FELLOWSHIP  
All Women, Always Welcomed

## Nominees for Elder

### **Mick Stuart**

I am retired from the US Army after 22 years of service. I have been in the Police and security field for 35 years. I became a member of the Ridglea Presbyterian Church in 2007 where Renee and I were married. I have two children and 6 grandchildren. I'll be retiring at the end of January 2022. I'm deeply honored just to be nominated.

### **John Little**

When Katrina and I joined the church over twenty years ago, I knew we had found a special place. I have been honored to serve on Session and a number of committees, including Worship, Building & Equipment, and Congregational Care. The many Outreach programs at RPC have been an outlet for a personal need to serve. RPC has a long history of serving God by serving others. I am looking forward to continuing that tradition of service.

### **Durinda Walker**

Glen and I joined John Knox Presbyterian in 1993 and I became very active serving as a wedding coordinator, Sunday School Teacher for the first grade, bells and choir and I also during my time at John Knox became an Elder. Glen and I joined Ridglea Presbyterian in the early part of 2019. I am very active in community activities. I belong to an organization that contributes to Shriners Hospitals for children to be used for the medical care and rehabilitation of children. I also belong to a Prayer Shaw Ministry that knits or crochets shaws {a wearable hug from God} crafted with love and special prayers for the recipient from the maker.

### **Mary Fisher,**

I have been a church member for 37 years and was ordained as an elder in 2001. I have been married to my husband, Andy, for 49 years, and we raised 3 children, Becky, John, and Kevin in the church. They have blessed us with 6 grandsons. Being a teacher has inspired me to work with the children at times during the summer. When our children were young, I worked in the nursery later working with elementary children on Adventures Wednesdays, Later during the summers I took both the middle school and senior high students to Mo Ranch. Even though I am a retired teacher, I still enjoying teaching and have been a substitute teacher for the Eclectic Sunday School Class and teaching several lessons in both Circle 1 and Circle 3. I enjoy reading, horseback riding, playing games with my group, learning to play 42, and playing tennis. I am looking forward to serving my church again.

## Nominees for Deacon

### **Jo VanOosterhout**

I grew up in Okla. and attended the University of Oklahoma. I moved to Fort Worth in 1958 and joined RPC In the 60's. I worked as a manager of a lady's dress shop for 15 years. Retired in 1999 and started traveling. I have served as a Deacon previously. I also was Circle 2 leader for several years.

### **Glenna Cleworth**

I have been a member of RPC since 1985. My husband, Jim, and I were married at Ridglea in June of 1985. We have two beautiful children. Martin and Allison have given us two precious grandchildren, Adrian and Aspen. Catherine has given us a granddog, Mozzie. I have served as a Sunday school teacher and a deacon. I am also a member of Circle 3. I teach first grade at Tanglewood Elementary, working with children continues to be my passion even after 38 years. I enjoy spending time with my family, working in my yard, crafts, sewing and playing with my new puppy, Abe. I am looking forward to serving at RPC!

## Nominees for Trustee

Tom Sisolak was born and raised in Waukegan, Illinois. He graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1963 where he was a member of the NCAA Championship golf team. After a six month stint in the US Army Reserve, he moved to Fort Worth where he met and married his wife, Jane. They had one child, Mary Beth. He was employed at Shady Oaks C.C. as Assistant Golf Professional for five years and for three years thereafter competed on the PGA Golf Tour. Tom and his wife, Jane, joined RPC in 1977 where he has served on Session for twelve years. Tom has served on numerous committees including B&E, Worship, Finance and Budget and Personnel.

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

## RIDGLEA KIDS JANUARY NEWS

# 2022



### KIDS WHO SERVE

This month our kiddos will be finishing up decorating busy bags for our guests! They will be filled with quiet activities to assist busy little hands during our service.



### KIDS CALENDAR

Sunday January 2nd-  
Sunday School @ 9:15  
(Youth Room)

Sunday, January 9th-  
Sunday School @ 9:15  
(Youth Room)

Sunday January 16th-  
Sunday School @ 9:15  
(Youth Room)

Sunday, January 23th-  
Sunday School @ 9:15  
(Youth Room)

Sunday, January 30th-  
Sunday School @ 9:15  
(Youth Room)



### CHERUB CHOIR

OUR KIDDOS WILL CONTINUE TO MEET IN 2022, IN THE PRESCHOOL ROOM WITH MS. MARY FOR CHILDREN'S MUSIC AFTER, "A TIME FOR CHILDREN," CONCLUDES DURING THE SERVICE.

### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE!

THE C.E. COMMITTEE IS PLANNING A PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE! WE WANT YOUR FEED BACK ABOUT CURRICULUM, YOUR CHILD'S NEEDS, WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE OUT OF OUR PROGRAMMING!

PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR BEST AVAILABILITY FOR AN EVENING ALL TOGETHER OR IF THAT'S TOO CHALLENGING YOU CAN SCHEDULE A ONE ON TWO WITH KATE & JULIE

### The Teachers' Note

Happy New Year Preschool families!

We had an exciting month in December working our way to Christmas, anticipating and preparing for the birth of Jesus! In January we will be focusing on how Jesus called the first disciples to become "fishers of men". We will also be learning about how Jesus especially loved and welcomed children and not only loved and welcomed them, but blessed them as well. The mission project will be making pine cone and peanut butter bird feeders for our bird friends in this (hopefully) cold part of the year. ( If anyone has a peanut allergy, be sure and let us know!!!) We will be emphasizing how God loves and cares for all creatures great and small and how it is a blessing that we do as well.

It is our fondest hope that this new year will bring serenity, good luck and joy to all. May you breeze through the spring semester with ease!

With love always,

Ms. Susan and Ms. Jean

# RIDGLEA

## STUDENT NEWS

NEW YEAR EDITION

January 2022
HAPPY
Monthly Issue, No. 4

# New Year

### MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP

Happy New Year Families! Our Sunday Fellowship for January will be a trip to a local arcade. We will head out to Free Play after the service at 12:00 and have lunch there. We will be taking the bus from the church at noon and returning by 3 pm. We look forward to seeing your kiddos there!

PLEASE RSVP

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are still seeking volunteers to read the liturgy for, February, March, and April of 2022. Let us know if you or your child are interested!

Third Sunday, January Lectionary:  
Johnny Haenes-Sauvey

### SHYC

There were no takers for SHYC 2022, so our youth will not be in attendance of that event in January.

### PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE

The C.E. Committee is planning a Parent/Teacher conference! We want your feedback about curriculum, your child's needs, what you would like to see out of our programming! Please let us know your best availability for an evening all together as we put this into motion. We would like to see everyone there!

### Youth Calendar

Sunday January 2nd-  
Sunday School @ 9:15  
(Youth Room)  
Arcade Fellowship  
(Noon-3) Lunch Provided

Sunday, January 9th-  
Sunday School @ 9:15  
(Youth Room)

Sunday January 16th-  
Sunday School @ 9:15  
(Youth Room)  
West Aid Service Day  
(Noon-3)

Sunday, January 23rd-  
Sunday School @ 9:15  
(Youth Room)

Sunday, January 30th-  
Sunday School @ 9:15  
(Youth Room)

### LOCAL MISSION DAY

Sunday, January 16th we will be serving at West Aid Fort Worth! Join us after the service in the youth room for a quick bite at noon before we bus over to serve. Parent pick up at RPC at 3 PM. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Session Meeting Notes for December 16, 2021

- The Ridglea Presbyterian Church regular stated session meeting took place on Thursday, December 16, 2021, in RPC Room 207. The Reverend Roger Harwerth moderated the meeting. RPC Clerk Karen Landon took the minutes of the meeting. Also in attendance was John Sauvey, Director of Music.
- The minutes of the November 18, 2021, stated session meeting and the November budgeted financial statement were approved.
- The RPC Child and Youth Protection Policy and the List of RPC Sunday School Teachers and Leaders were approved with no changes.
- The session is required to annually review the Roll of Active Members. No action was taken on removing or deleting active members from the rolls during this period of ongoing pandemic.
- The annual review of insurance policies was completed by the Building & Equipment Committee.
- Annual reviews with all RPC employees will be completed by the end of December. Pastoral terms of call were also reviewed and changes to those terms will be recommended to the congregation for review and vote at its annual meeting.
- The session approved the 2022 Budget.
- The next RPC stated session meeting will be Thursday, January 20, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.
- The annual meeting of the congregation will be January 30, 2022 following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.



## JANUARY JUST BRING IT!

Our January “Just Bring It” will be for new toddler board books and pre-school paperbacks for children served by the Center for Transforming Lives. For 114 years, this organization (formerly known as the Fort Worth YWCA™) has provided anti-poverty programs for women and children in Tarrant County. The first YWCA™ in Texas, it opened in 1907 as a boarding house for poor women, expanded over the years to include child care and other social services, and in 2015 changed its name to the Center for Transforming Lives. The organization serves over 3,500 women, children and families annually, breaking the cycle of poverty through:

Homeless Services – an on-site homeless shelter for women and off-site homes for families.

Early Childhood Education – providing free or subsidized early childhood education to impoverished and homeless families.

Economic Mobility – individual financial coaching and other programs to promote financial self-sufficiency.

To participate in this month’s JBI, you may buy a book, or if you’d prefer, you can make a donation marked “JBI/Books” and our librarian friends will shop for you. They especially need books in Spanish.



**The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear (Child's Play Library)**

by Audrey Wood, Don Wood (Board book) |



**Fix It! (Helping Hands)**

by George Birkett (Paperback) | Offered by Amazon.com.



**Quiero a mi papa Porque (I Love My Daddy Because English / Spanish edition)**

by Laurel Porter Gaylord, Ashley Wolff (Board book) | Offered by Amazon.com.



**S Is for School! (Sesame Street): A Lift-the-Flap Board Book**

by Andrea Posner-Sanchez, Tom Brannon (Board book) | Offered by Amazon.com.



**Friends at the Firehouse: Double Booked: 35 lift-the-flaps inside! (Firefighter Board Books; Fire Toddlers)**

by Kayla Stark (Hardcover) | Offered by Amazon.com.



**Citizen Baby: My Vote**

by Megan E. Bryant, Daniel Prosterman (Board book) | Offered by Amazon.com.



**Prince & Knight**

by Daniel Haack, Stevie Lewis (Hardcover) | Offered by Amazon.com.



**Nita's Day (2) (Little Hands Signing)**

by Kathy MacMillan, Sara Brezzi (Board book) | Offered by Amazon.com.



**The Kids on the Bus: A Spin-the-Wheel Book of Emotions (School Bus book, Interactive Board Wheels on the Bus)**

by Kirsten Hall, Melissa Crowton (Novelty Book) | Offered by Amazon.com.



**Bravo! (Bilingual board book - Spanish edition): Poems About Amazing Hispanics / Poemas sobre Extraordinarios**

by Margarita Engle, Rafael López (Board book) | Offered by Amazon.com.



**Who Loves Books?: A Flip-Flap Book (Interactive Board Book for Toddlers, Mix and Match Animals)**

by Lizi Boyd (Board book) | Offered by Amazon.com.



**Bookish Cats Board Book**

by Mudpuppy, Angie Rozelaar (Board book) | Offered by Amazon.com.



**Little Learner Board Book Set**

by Mudpuppy, The Indigo Bunting (Board book) | Offered by Amazon.com.



**Llama Llama Hide & Seek: A Lift-the-Flap Book**

by Anna Dewdney (Board book) | Offered by Amazon.com.



**Five Little Monsters Jumping on the Bed: A Fresh Take On The Classic Counting Book! (Don't P)**

by Bill Cotter (Board book) | Offered by Amazon.com.

### 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)*

**January 3, 2022**

**Ministry Teams meetings**

**1st Tuesday of the Month**

**January 4, 2022**

- **Outreach Team: Focus on Mission**

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

**2nd Wednesday of the Month**

**January 12, 2022**

- **Commitment Focus on Guests**

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

**1st Tuesday of the Month**

**January 4, 2022**

**Ministry Team meeting at 10:00 a.m.**

- **Board of Deacons: Focus on Members**

*Betsy Kibler, Chair; Jane Johnson* *(as needed)*

**1st Wednesday of the month**

**January 5, 2022**

- **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**

**January 11, 2022**

**Ministry Teams meeting**

- **Christian Education: Julie Ritz, Chair**

*(6:15 pm)*

- **Fellowship Team: Gayle Johnson, Chair; Butch**

**Saxton, Vice Chair** *(as needed)*

**2nd Thursday week prior to**

**Session Meeting week**

**Ministry Team meeting**

- **Finance & Budget, Reeve Van Nostrand**  
*(6:00 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**

**January 12, 2022**

**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*

# January 2022 Birth- days



Adrian Cleworth	1	1
Joy Key	1	2
Amber Birdwell	1	2
Michael Bo Birdwell	1	4
Karen O'Dell	1	7
Nancy Marchant	1	12
Bob Brennand	1	15
Betsy Kibler	1	18
Marsha West	1	21
Jared Welch	1	21
Dean Phillips	1	25
Kaiti Severson	1	28
Charletta G Long	1	28
Rita Margarida Ferreira	1	28
Reagan Henderson	1	31

The next  
newsletter  
deadline  
will be  
January 20, 2022  
at noon.

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