



RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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February 2022

10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Join Zoom Meeting

Every week on Sun, until February 27, 2022
4 occurrence(s)

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

February 6, 2022 10:30 a.m.
February 13, 2022 10:30 a.m.
February 20, 2022 10:30 a.m.
February 27, 2022 10:30 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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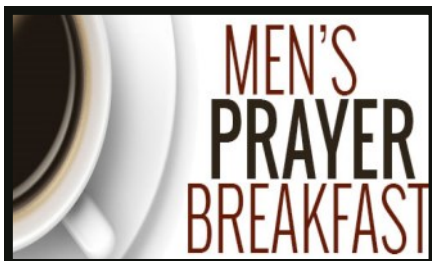


**We will celebrate Communion
on Sunday, February 6, 2022**



Scout Sunday

Sunday, February 6,
2022, Troop 326 will be
assisting in Worship leadership,
as we recognize Scout Sunday.



Wednesday mornings at 8:00 a.m.
Sanctuary

SESSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
FEBRUARY 17, 2022 At 7:00 P.M.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTERS ARE
AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE





PASTOR'S NOTES

A Little Tug

A couple of weeks ago I brought a small bag of plastic pieces to the time for children during the Service of Worship. The pieces were for a Lego toy, but it was hard to figure out what those pieces might become, just jumbled in the bag. I then showed the children the instruction manual that would show how those pieces could be put together into a race car. From there I talked about the Bible being similar to a Lego manual as we build lives of kindness and love. At the end of our time together I told the children that I would put the pieces together and show them next week how it turned out.

A few days later I put together Lego model #4584, which the box calls the “Hot Scorch” and it has a “Pull-Back Motor” which works just like its name: place the car on the floor, pull back 6-8 inches, let go and watch it zip along. Cool! The model went together easily, and I gave it a few test runs in the office, and the next Sunday brought it to show the children the results of following instruction. I put the car down, pulled back, let go, and...no zip, no motion, nothing. As soon as I picked it up the wheels spun, releasing their energy, but the congregation could not see that. I moved to another spot in the sanctuary, then another, with identical results: nothing. I could feel the spring-loaded tension as I pulled the car back, but when I let go there was no response, no motion. It was fairly comical in the moment, and I made some remarks about pastors and humility and plans going awry, and then continued with the next part of the service.

Whether we are dealing with a Lego manual or a cooking recipe or scripture, we often think that if we “just follow directions” then things will work, whether those things are toys, pies, or relationships. And most of the time things do work out, run smooth and taste great, don’t they? Yet there are times of surprise, and failure, and mystery, times when the instruction manual points us in a direction, or shows us a picture, while skipping a few details, like humor, grief, obstinance, or weariness. Sometimes we put the pieces together, set things down, pull back, and whatever we expected just doesn’t happen.

There are usually all sorts of reasons for these unexpected moments, and there are often ways of adapting to find new solutions or choices. Scripture is filled with examples of relationships going cross-wise and then coming back to a new form of wholeness – the book of Genesis starts this understanding as it tells about God and humanity and how that relationship goes wonky and then keeps going and going.

When the service was over and I picked up the Lego car to return to my office, I was still wondering why it wouldn’t zip forward, so instead of pulling it back, it gently pushed it forward, and that’s when I noticed that the front tires were bound up – they had been squeezed onto the axles and didn’t spin freely. A little tug on each front wheel, set it down, pull it back and that car really zipped across the floor. What was needed was a bit of patience, observation, and a little tug to the side, and things were working smoothly. Seems like a little metaphor for life, to me.

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

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

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Thanking the Helpers



The Presbyterian Women would like to acknowledge some of the helpers (fire station, police station, healthcare facilities) in our neighborhood and deliver treats. If you would like to participate, please bring fresh fruit—bags of apples, oranges, tangerines; snacks—individually packaged nuts, chips, popcorn, pretzels; sweets—individually packaged cookies, candies, brownies. Please share information with your circle members to help with donations, assembling and delivering the baskets. Goodie baskets will be assembled February 13th following the service. Please bring donations to the church office during the week of February 6th or to church on February 13th. Goodie Baskets will be delivered on /February 13 and 14.

If you have any questions, please contact Kit Van Nostrand at Kitvn@aol.com or (281) 797-6574.



Would like to say thank you to everyone for prayers, cards and phone calls to check up on me. Said it before I will always say we are so Blessed to be a part of the best church family. Will be seeing everyone real soon. BLESSINGS and love to all.
Thomas Rodriguez

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Kayla & Jared Hoaldrige



Kayla & Jared joined us on Jan 9th and at the same time baptized their son, Walker. We are thrilled to welcome them to RPC. They met in 2017 thru mutual friends and have been together ever since. Jared attended RPC first and Kayla started to go with him soon after they met. They were in church together when the Fish Class celebrated their 40th anniversary. Kayla read in the bulletin that they were asking for teachers. She turned to Jared and said she wanted them to do this. From that day, they started teaching the Fish Class. "Here I am Lord" moment has turned into 3 years of participating with the class and getting to know the most wonderful people and now their son Walker gets to participate too!

Kayla works with children with Autism providing behavioral therapy and Jared works in sales. Jared is a huge UT fan and loves everything about Texas- they even picked Texas Independence Day to be Walker's birthday. They enjoy spending time cooking together, traveling and taking Walker to the zoo. They are thrilled to officially be part of RPC. And we are too!



Presbyterian Women

February, 2022

A “Thank You” letter arrived in the mail last week from PW, Inc., the national organization. It was a response to the \$390.00 Thank Offering we sent. We give to missions in faith knowing it will be used to help our neighbors. Sometimes we are surprised just who are our neighbors! Our PW magazine, Horizons, often gives us a glimpse. In 2020, a grant from the Birthday Offering (which is coming this Spring) was given to the Orthodox Church of the Vladimir Icon of the Mother of God in Davydovo, Russia. It helped construct two buildings for their Center for Social Assistance to the Disabled, Family and Children. This assisted living facility includes a house for adults with special needs and their tutor. They are learning self-care skills, including cooking and cleaning. The second building, the Medical and Cultural Center is used for community gatherings and will soon include a medical clinic and a dental clinic. As one resident was quoted, “We do not want to be treated as a crystal vase or as a dying person, but as an ordinary person”. Father Vladimir was overjoyed that Presbyterian Women would help them fill their needs. He remarked, “Many thanks from your sisters and brothers in Russia!”

Circle News:

Circle One	February 8, 2022	Church	10:30 a.m.
Circle Two	February 8, 2022	Church	10:30 a.m.
Circle Three	February 1, 2022	Zoom	7:00 p.m.

Circle Two is working on a mission project of “tie” blankets for the children at P.C.H.A.S. If you would like to help, please join them on February 8 at the church around 11:15 a.m.

Just Bring It February, 2022: We will once again be collecting our beloved Prayer Bears for Cook’s Children Hospital. Most years, Cook’s will give out about 15,000 bears. That’s a lot of love! Remember, it must be a bear, new between 8” and 20” with the tags still on.

BIBLE STUDY - MISSION - FELLOWSHIP
All Women, Always Welcomed



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

RIDGLEA STUDENT NEWS

February 2022

Monthly Issue, No. 5



FELLOWSHIP

Due to the current rise in Covid cases, we will be exercising an abundance of caution and canceling fellowship for this month

LOCAL MISSION DAY

In partnership with Presbyterian Women, and as a Covid-safe option, we will be **Showing Some Love** to first responders all over the city in appreciation of all they do! Please Make 1-3 "valentine" cards expressing gratitude for their service and either bring them up to the church or photograph them and send them to Kate via text/email. Due Sunday, Feb. 13th

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Third Sunday, January Lectionary:
Hayden Haenes-Sauvey

T3 PARTNERSHIP

Thinking about college and your kiddo? Tarrant To & Through is an amazing organization that partners with EVERY local college and university to prepare your student and help them with scholarships! We will be offering resources through their organization beginning in March

PARENT/TEACHER MEETING

The C.E. Committee is planning a Parent/Teacher Night! Given the recent rise in Covid-19 cases, this event will be moved to Zoom! Date and time are TBD. Look for updates in your email!

Youth Calendar

Sunday Feb 6-
Sunday School @ 9:15
ZOOM Meeting
Fellowship (Canceled)
At Home Service-
Show Some Love, 1st
Responder Cards

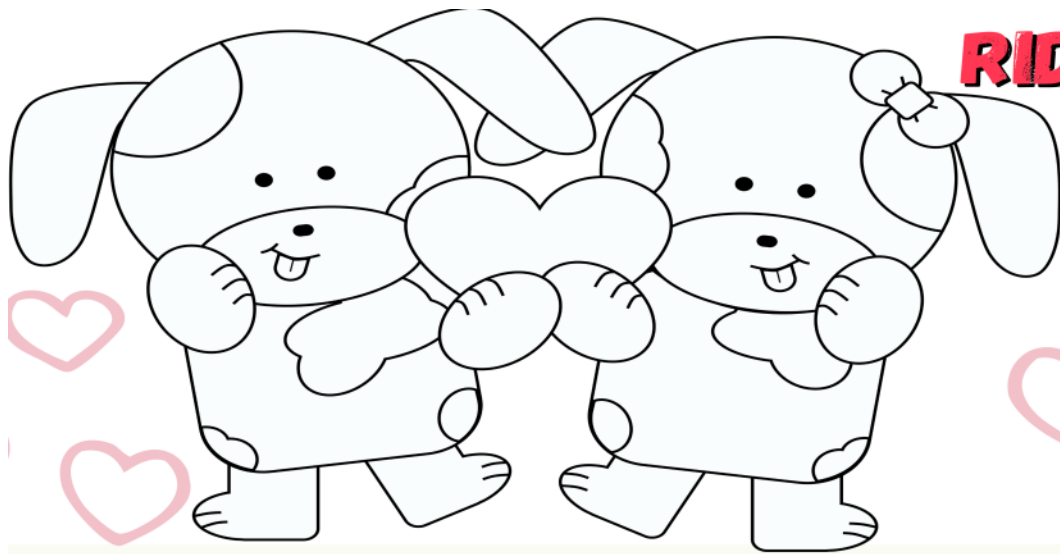
Sunday, February 13-
Sunday School @ 9:15
(TBD)

Sunday February 20-
Sunday School @ 9:15
(TBD)

Sunday, February 27-
Sunday School @ 9:15
(TBD)

Bonus Mission

How are you showing love to your parents? With classmates? With siblings? Chances are you may be at home a lot more these days, so my challenge to you is to show someone around you that you love them and then tell us about it during Sunday School each week this month!



RIDGLEA KIDS

FEBRUARY NEWS

Color
Me!

KIDS WHO SERVE: SHOW SOME LOVE!

This month our kiddos will be making Valentines for police officers, nurses, firefighters, and other first responders in our community! We will be sending them with PWR on Sunday, February 13th. So please have them to Ms. Susan or Ms. Jean

CHERUB CHOIR

Due to Covid spiking, Cherub Choir will Not be held the first week of February, and is TBD for the remainder of the month. Thank you for your understanding!

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE!

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KIDS CALENDAR

Sunday Feb 6-
Sunday School @ 9:15
ZOOM Meeting
Show Some Love, 1st Responder
Cards

Sunday, February 13-
Sunday School @ 9:15
(TBD) Show Some Love, 1st
Responder Cards

Sunday February 20-
Sunday School @ 9:15
(TBD) Show Some Love, 1st
Responder Cards

Sunday, February 27-
Sunday School @ 9:15
(TBD)

The Teachers' Note

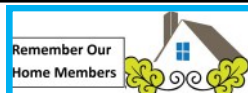
Dear ever resilient Pre K-K families!

I am hoping by the time you read this everyone is feeling much better and getting on a more even keel. What a wild ride January was for many of you! As you know, we have managed to have only one Sunday school class since Christmas. February will probably come with challenges as well. Miss Jean and I are planning to make up lesson packets and will be delivering them to you for the Sundays of January

30th and February 6th. After that, we will reassess how everyone is doing and if we need to continue with zooming or will be back to Sunday school in person. Never fear though, Bible stories will be heard and fun will be had, whatever the venue!

You all take care, stay well, and know your babies are loved!

Ms. Susan & Ms. Jean



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

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.



The Jam Sessions for February will be on Monday, the 7th and 12st 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!

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!



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.

Session Meeting Notes for January 20, 2021

- The Ridglea Presbyterian Church regular stated session meeting took place on Thursday, January 20, 2022, in the RPC Sanctuary. The Reverend Roger Harwerth moderated the meeting. RPC Clerk Karen Landon took the minutes of the meeting. All elders were present. Also in attendance were John Sauvey, Director of Music, and Lynne Payne, Moderator of the Deacons.
- The minutes of the December 16, 2021, stated session meeting and the December budgeted financial statement were approved.
- The 2021 End-of-Year Reports from committees and congregational groups were received and approved by the Session.
- An update was given regarding RPC member Emily Everts, who is an Inquirer in the Presbyterian Church. Emily will graduate from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary with a Masters of Divinity degree on May 15, 2022. Emily will soon meet with the Committee of Preparation for Ministry for the next steps to become a Candidate for Ordination.
- The Worship Committee is beginning the process of buying 100 new hymnals (*Glory to God, 2013*). *The Session approved congregation donations of \$20.00 per hymnal. Donors have the option of including an in-house sticker printed and placed on the inside front cover designating the hymnal in honor or in memory of someone.*
- The session approved the RPC Foundation election of Ken Kibler to the Foundation Board of Directors for a 3-year term.
- Stated session meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The session voted to change the June session meeting from June 16, 2022 to June 23, 2022, and the September meeting from September 15, 2022 to September 22, 2022. This will give committees time to meet and prepare reports prior to the session meetings.
- The next RPC stated session meeting will be Thursday, February 17, 2022, 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.
- The stated meeting of Grace Presbytery will take place Saturday, February 12, 2022, at Trinity Presbyterian Church in McKinney. This meeting will be offered in a hybrid format with members attending in-person or virtually.

February Just Bring It

It's Prayer Bear time again! The chaplains at Cook Children's pass out over 15,000 prayer bears most year, all donated by congregations and caring friends. As a reminder, here are the guidelines for Prayer Bears:

1. **All bears MUST be new with tags still on them.**
2. **They cannot sing, talk, dance, pray or have a scent.**
3. **Size preferred: approximately 8 inches to 20 inches.**
4. **The bears should not have scriptures written on them.**
5. **Bears only, please, no other type of stuffed animals.**



GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS



George Sloan has been a faithful member of Ridglea Presbyterian Church since the early 1990s. He came to Fort Worth by way of the Air Force. George grew up in the great state of Michigan and upon graduation from high school joined the Air Force. His career spanned 28 years and took he and his family many places around the world. Most of his assignments were in aviation and he especially remembers his work of a B52 member. Upon retiring from the Air Force he settled in Fort Worth where his last duty assignment was stationed. From there George entered the field of aviation at General Dynamics/Lockheed Martin.

George married his high school sweetheart and they have been married for 64 years.

They were blessed with three children -Christopher, Scott, Regan. From that venture there happen to be three grandchildren-Jennifer, Erin and Jason. Much to his dismay they are located at distances where they don't get to see them too often-Louisiana, Colorado and Wisconsin. He also happens to have 2 great grandchildren- Adaline and Nathaniel.

George has served as an elder and has also served on the Building and Equipment and Christian Education committees.

His hobbies include gardening and especially tending to his roses. Talking to George has been most enlightening and learning about a gentleman that has been with us for so many years.

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 7, 2022

Ministry Teams meetings

1st Tuesday of the Month

February 1, 2022

- **Outreach Team: Focus on Mission**

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

2nd Wednesday of the Month

February 9, 2022

- **Commitment Focus on Guests**

Katrina Little, Chair (*as needed*)

1st Tuesday of the Month

February 1, 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

February 2, 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

February 8, 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

February 9, 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

February, 2022 Birthdays



Michelle Gillaspie	2	4
Frank Turrella	2	4
Reeve Van Nostrand	2	6
Barbara Eubanks	2	6
Dale Wagner	2	8
Michaela Register	2	9
Megan Register	2	9
Kelly Register	2	10
Morgan Register	2	15
Kaki Rottler	2	15
Robyn Reid	2	16
Ryan Thomas	2	17
Allan Howeth	2	19
Colton Morrison	2	19
Janice Stubbeman	2	20

Kathy Severson	2	22
Jo VanOosterhout	2	24
Kay Davis	2	25
Preston Lee	2	27
Durinda Walker	2	28
Shonda Kaempf	2	28

The next newsletter deadline will be February 17, 2022 at noon.

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