



# RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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April, 2022

## 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

### Join Zoom Meeting

Every week on Sun, until April 24, 2022

4 occurrence(s)

10:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

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

April 3, 2022 10:30 AM

April 10, 2022 10:30 AM

April 17, 2022 10:30 AM

April 24, 2022 10:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

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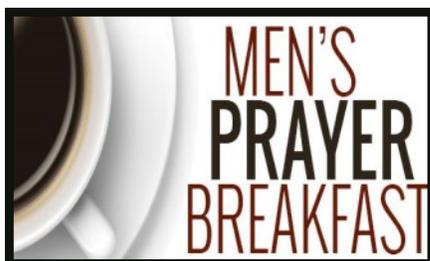
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**We will celebrate the sacrament of Communion on Sunday, April 3, Maundy Thursday, April 14, and Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022**



**One Great Hour of Sharing - Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. The OGHS envelopes are in the seat pockets. We will receive this offering April 10th and 17<sup>th</sup>.**



**Wednesday mornings at 8:00 a.m.  
Sanctuary**

**SESSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON  
APRIL 21, 2022 At 7:00 P.M.**

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



**Sunday, April 17, 9:15 a.m., Easter Egg Hunt Celebration in the backyard for toddlers through 1st grade. Youth (ages 10+) will be held in the front yard at 10:00 a.m.**

## PASTOR'S NOTES

### Glazed Over



When we lived up in the panhandle of Texas, we had an extended-cab pickup truck, and I put lots of miles on that vehicle, including trips to Angel Fire and Taos, New Mexico for skiing. By the time that 1997 truck went to our son Chris, in the spring of 2005, it had over 150,000 miles on it. There were a lot of memories in that truck.

One weekend I was coming back from an overnight meeting, and there was a stiff crosswind, which brought out a fair supply of tumbleweeds being released from their barbed-wire homesteads to make their way across highway lanes and medians to the next few strands of opportunity. One of the many attributes of the Texas panhandle is that the wide-open spaces afford lots of time to see tumbleweeds coming and going, and to gauge one's speed as tumbleweeds approach. On this particular day most of the tumbleweeds were of the small, nimble, fast variety, with only a few larger than one of the truck's tires. Then, I saw a tumbleweed coming from the other side of the highway. I noticed it at least a half-mile away, because it was huge. I watched it slowly lumbering across the southbound lanes, dipping into and out of the median, and I was trying to gauge its travel and adjust my speed because in just the few seconds that it took to cross the median I saw that the stalk of this Texas-sized tumbleweed was as big as my wrist. I let off the accelerator and the tumbleweed slowed, so I punched the pedal and the tumbleweed seemed to be timing its journey with my truck and bam! it smacked me right at the window, easily taller than the truck, and practically exploded and then was gone. But in that instant I heard the scrape of dry wood on black paint and I groaned. When I stopped and examined the side of the truck it looked like ... well, like a giant tumbleweed had tried to jump into the pickup and failed.

I went to a local body shop and when the gentleman looked at it, he just shook his head and said, "boy, that musta' been a big one," and gave me a little bit of magic potion to rub on the side of the truck. So, I washed the truck and rubbed on that elixir (okay, it was a glaze, which was noted as "number three" on the bottle) and those scratches were practically gone!

The family came out and they were amazed – where did the scratches go? Well, I knew where they were, and if I looked really hard, I could still see the traces of some of the larger ones. Maybe other people couldn't see them, but I knew where they'd been. Some of them had been buffed over, some were still faintly visible, but I could see them with my eyes closed. Oh, I was glad that those scratches could hardly be seen, and "#3 glaze" was so cool that I treated the whole truck to it; the truck looked so smooth and shiny, almost like new.

We all make mistakes, suffer lapses of judgement, goof things up, and in church language, commit sins. Sometimes these are like scratches on a paint job, and other times they are more like fender-benders. Some of them are as plain as day, and we wonder how many people are seeing our imperfections. And often we think that if we can simply "glaze over" these mistakes and errors and sins, the rest of the world will think we are fine. But we know, don't we, where each of those flaws are located.

As I was reflecting on the tendency, even the desire to hide our flaws from others and from ourselves, I got to thinking about Easter, and the significance of Jesus dying on the cross and rising from the tomb. I got to thinking about redemption, and God's grace, and those scratches on that long-ago truck. Whether our sins, our mistakes, our imperfections are visible for the whole world to see, or whether we think they are glazed over, there are two things that I think are important to remember: our faults are known by and redeemed by God, and they neither hinder nor help our journey of faith. Our faults, our sins identify the difficulty of the journey, but they are not the journey itself.

My current truck now has over 200,000 miles on it, and some weeks it looks better than others – and the same could be said for any of our lives. But God doesn't love the way we appear; God loves the way we love.

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](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 2022

Micky Severson

### Class of 2023

Will Stallworth

### Class of 2024

Steve Staples

### Class of 2025

Ken Kibler

### Designee

Shiryl Thompson Gillaspie

## Staff

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## **April Just Bring It:**

### **Patriot House Transitional Housing for Veterans**

*Pantry items that are non-perishable, single serving food items such as individual and foil packets of tuna, microwavable cups of noodles or soups, crackers, cookies, etc.*



*Additionally, single day bus passes are always needed for doctor appointments, interviews and work.*

A program of the Presbyterian Night Shelter, Patriot House provides semiprivate facilities for veterans, allowing them to prepare their own meals and have separate recreation, as well as access to showers, laundry services and a computer lab.

They work with Veterans Affairs to secure and retain employment for homeless veteran clients, move them into permanent housing and eliminate or minimize barriers to continued self-sufficiency. Paul Duncan is spearheading this opportunity for service for RPC, and would be happy to provide further information as needed.



# Presbyterian Women

April, 2022

How do you make the dreary winter pass quickly? Stay busy! PWR was certainly busy this winter. David Hares spoke to us at a general meeting in January. A local photographer and author, he shared beautiful pictures of some of his favorite spots in national parks. We were swept away with the beauty of the giant sequoias, the Arches of Utah, the quiet dignity of the Gettysburg Cemetery and Vietnam Memorial. Plus adorable shots of eagles, black bear, wild horses and curious turtles.

In February, a small band of willing hands gathered after church to pack 20 “thank you” baskets of fruit and snacks for our first responders and local school staff. Westaid received a gift of the overflow. Thanks to Kit Van Nostrand for coordinating.

Two enthusiastic young ladies, Vanessa and Wendy, from the Welman Project, came to show us how to use our imagination to help save the environment. Their business is open for teachers, day care workers, etc. to browse and take free of charge any of the goods they may need. Our throw away items can be someone else’s treasure. To prove their point, they then brought out trays of donated items (papers, cloth squares, buttons, picture wire) and guided us through the art of creating flowers. We hope to use these to decorate the cross for Easter. If you would like to help them ”fill a classroom, not a landfill”, you can drop off items at their store on Vickery, Wednesday thru Friday, 12:00—6:00 p.m.

### Circle News:

Circle One	April 12	Church	10:30 a.m.	Fish Classroom
Circle Two	April 12	Church	10:30 a.m.	
Circle Three	April 5	Zooming	7:00 p.m.	

### Coming This Spring

- Women’s Retreat            April 22—23
- Birthday Offering
- Conclusion of Study    “Grandmothers of Jesus”

### Just Bring It

Patriot House needs pantry items:  
Tuna packets, cups of noodles or soup, crackers, cookies, etc.

BIBLE STUDY - MISSION - FELLOWSHIP  
All Women, Always Welcomed



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

*Putting faith in action is what we do!*

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

## RIDGLEA KIDS

### APRIL: THE GOOD NEWS EDITION!

#### The Teachers' Note

Happy Spring Pre K- K families!  
 What glorious weather we have been having these last few days! It has made my flower admiring , bird watching, tea drinking, book reading afternoons so pleasant! Can you believe it? Easter is right around the corner! In April, in Sunday School, we will of course be learning all about the Easter story and on Easter Sunday the kids will be spending the Sunday School hour outside ( weather permitting) with the rest of the congregation eating breakfast, flowering the cross and hunting Easter eggs! We are hoping to have some neighborhood families come and join us as well. What fun!! The rest of April will be spent on learning about how Jesus taught and healed people and how he teaches and heals us too. I do hope your spring break was fun and restorative and you all are ready to finish up the school year with a bang! My, how time has flown! Take care, rest well and enjoy this beautiful weather! Miss Jean and I hope to see you all soon!

Ms. Susan & Ms. Jean

#### KIDS WHO SERVE: ACTS OF KINDESS

This month we invite our kiddos to perform acts of kindness!  
 How can we be a blessing to others? Why is that important?  
 We want to hear about ways you found to be kind at Sunday School each week! Need a suggestion of how you can be a blessing to others? Check out our calendar below!

## KIDS CALENDAR

Sunday, April 3 Sunday School @ 9:15

Sunday, April 10 Palm Sunday Sunday School @ 9:15

Sunday April 17, Easter Sunday Celebration @ 9:15 in the backyard

Sunday, April 24 Sunday School @ 9:15



### EASTER CELEBRATION!

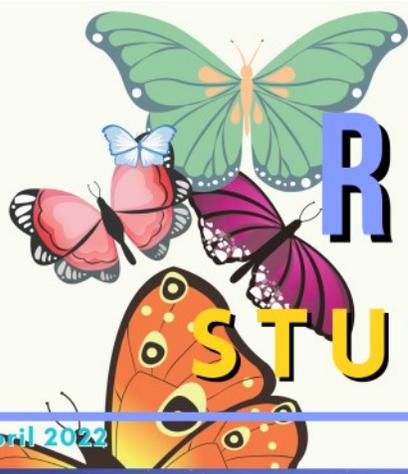
Flowering The Cross  
 Community Easter Egg Hunt  
 Craft & Coloring Station  
 Light Refreshments

# APRIL *calendar* KINDNESS

"Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth."

John 3:18

1 Compliment someone	2 Pick up some litter	3 Help set the table	4 Offer to do a job for someone	5 Thank your parent for dinner	6 Help clean up	7 Tell your friend why you like them
8 Open the door for someone	9 Be an active listener to show respect	10 Tell a joke to brighten someone's day	11 Stop to assist someone who may need it	12 Write a thank you note to your mail carrier	13 Smile at someone who looks sad	14 Donate gently used clothes or toys
15 Tell your teacher one thing you value about them	16 Be on time, it shows respect	17 Forgive someone who has wronged you	18 Do chores for a family member	19 Give a friend a book	20 Don't forget yourself! Self care and self kindness is important too!	21 Do an act of service
22 Leave a positive review	23 Contribute used books to the library	24 Offer to mow the lawn for an elderly neighbor	25 Call wait staff by their first names	26 Show love to your pets by taking extra care of them	27 Give eye contact to someone who is speaking to you	28 Let someone cut in front of you in line



# RIDGLEA STUDENT NEWS

April 2022

Monthly Issue, No. 7



## FELLOWSHIP

Join us for fun FREE fellowship the first Sunday of each month! This month we are headed to go Roller Skating! Lunch will be provided (11:45-12:15) at RPC. Then we will bus over to the rink for some fellowship! Concessions available at cost. RPC parent pick up is 3 PM

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Third Sunday, April Lectionary:

TBD

## COLLEGE PREP

Thinking about college and your kiddo? We will be offering resources to be of assistance in your family's next steps! Office hours for personal assistance are available! Call Kate to schedule..

## Youth Calendar

Sunday, April 3 Sunday School @ 9:15

**Youth Fellowship: Roller Skating**  
Lunch provided by the Cleworth Family

Sunday, April 10  
**Palm Sunday**  
Sunday School @ 9:15

Sunday April 17,  
**Easter Sunday Celebration @ 9:15 in the backyard**

Sunday, April 24  
Sunday School @ 9:15

## LOCAL MISSION DAY

This month our Youth will be serving the Church body for Easter Sunday by helping facilitate our Easter Celebration! We have invited the Ridglea Neighborhood next to us to join in the fun, so our students will be ambassadors of our church body as they help with decorations, Flowering the cross, Craft station, Easter Egg Hunt, and lots of other fun things we are doing to make the day joyful!

## Bonus Mission

**How are you practicing kindness?**

Kindness is an action item that we are encouraged to practice in our thoughts, words, and our actions towards ourselves and others. This month's **Bonus Challenge** is to practice kindness every day! On the back of the newsletter is a Kindness Calendar to help with inspiration! These are suggestions for how you can be kind each day of the month of April and hopefully each day after as well! We want to hear how you have used your kindness too! Tell your Sunday School teacher how you were able to practice kindness or a special treat!

# For the Beauty of the Earth

**RPC WOMEN'S RETREAT  
APRIL 22-23, 2022  
FEE: \$50/PERSON  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 3**

**Scholarships available for RPC members  
and neighborhood friends.**

Think about ways you help protect the environment, and share your ideas during the retreat! Ex. Recycling ideas? Re-use vs. disposables? Energy-saving options? Gardening?



**Friday evening - 6:00-9:00pm**

**Saturday - 9:15am-2:00pm**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**We will be serving dinner Friday, breakfast snacks and lunch on Saturday. When will you be with us?**

- Friday evening and Saturday
- Friday evening only
- Saturday only

Please describe any dietary restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you need assistance with transportation?**

- Friday evening
- Saturday

**Will you need child care at the Church?**

- Friday evening
- Saturday

To pay registration fee online, visit <http://tiny.cc/d7mouz> or scan the QR code to the right. Please select "PWR Retreat" for the fund name.

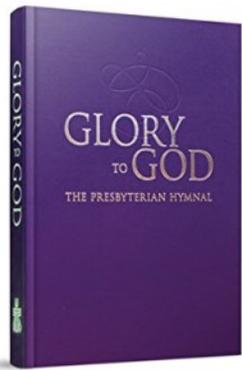


To pay registration fee by check, please put "Women's Retreat" in the memo section.



**PER RIDGLEA SESSION, MARCH, 2022  
MASKS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE WORN IN RPC BUILDING  
DURING ALL EVENTS.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR MASKS.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.**



The Worship Committee would like to introduce the hymnal “Glory to God” during the summer months. At this time, we are seeking congregational donations to purchase 100+ hymnals, which are \$20 apiece. Dedicatory markers can be included in donated hymnals (in memory of... etcetera). If you’d like additional information, please contact Delaine Godwin or John Sauvey.



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).

## Session Meeting Notes for March 17, 2021

- The Ridgela Presbyterian Church regular stated session meeting took place on Thursday, March 17, 2022, in the RPC Sanctuary. The Reverend Roger Harwerth moderated the meeting, and RPC Clerk Karen Landon took the minutes. Lynne Payne, Moderator of the Deacons, was also in attendance.
- The minutes of the February 17, 2022, stated session meeting were approved.
- The Clerk shared information about the PC(USA) response to the crisis in Ukraine, and provided a document with information on how to donate to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering and designate the offering for Ukraine refugee relief.
- The session approved a request from the PWR Council to use RPC Foundation funds for the April 22-23 PWR Women’s Retreat. The approved request will be submitted to the Foundation Board of Directors.
- The session approved the request from the Worship Committee to allow Emily Everts to serve communion at the PWR Women’s Retreat on April 22-23, 2022.
- The Worship committee chair reported that there will now be 2 greeters at the front door on Sunday mornings. This is in addition to the 2 ushers.
- The session approved a change in the wording of the RPC mask policy to now read: “Masks are encouraged when in the building.”
- During the next few months, the Commitment committee will begin reviewing the RPC membership rolls.
- The Building & Equipment committee chair reported that there is a new recycling bin located near the copier. This will be used for paper only.
- RPC New Officer Training (Elders & Deacons) will take place on April 2, April 16, April 30, and May 7, 2022.
- The session approved a request from the F&B Committee to approve the release of \$11,000 from the RPC Foundation to be used for 2022 RPC Scholarships. The approved request will be submitted to the Foundation Board of Directors.
- The next stated meeting of Grace Presbytery will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church (3901 North Star Road, Richardson 75082). It will be offered in a hybrid format.
- The next RPC stated session meeting will be Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

## GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS



My name is Delaine Godwin. Born and raised in Fort Worth, Texas. My best friend and sidekick is John Godwin. We have been married for 56 years and 10 months. We have four successful children, eight grandchildren and 2 great grandsons. My life has been centered around my church, my family, and my friends. I have served as an Elder, Treasurer, Worship Chairperson, Bible Study Leader, and Choir Member.

I love the outdoors, lake life, getting my fingers in the dirt, and watching my grandkids participating in their sport events. In my working years, I helped design and furnish the 2 towers at UTSW Medical Center in Dallas. I was also the bookkeeper for my Manufacturers Rep Company. I do love "numbers" and now work at home doing the books for my daughter's salon, Thairapie Salon, with 38 employees.

I love Bible Studies and digging into scripture. I have a passion to sing "Gospels" to glorify my Lord. I sing mainly at home these days. I am a beginner at bridge but love to play. Also recently learned to knit—just a beginner at this.

God has blessed me with great family and a great life. I wouldn't change a thing.

**Remember Our  
Home Members**



We are asking for you to send any of our treasured home members a card. Please call Jane Johnson at 817-307-9776 to get names and addresses. Let them know that you are thinking about them.



The Jam Sessions for April will be on Monday, the 4th and 18th 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!

## 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)*

April 4, 2022

Ministry Teams meetings

1st Tuesday of the Month

April 5, 2022

- Outreach Team: Focus on Mission

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

2nd Wednesday of the Month

April 13, 2022

- Commitment Focus on Guests

*Katrina Little, Chair (as needed)*

1st Tuesday of the Month

April 5, 2022

Ministry Team meeting at 10:00 a.m.

- Board of Deacons: Focus on Members

*Jane Johnson (as needed)*

1st Wednesday of the Month

April 6, 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

April 12, 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

April 13, 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*

# April, 2022 Birthdays



John Bacon	4	6
Judy Groulx	4	8
Jennie Paget	4	8
Sonny McCutcheon	4	9
Jan Renfro	4	9
Martin Cleworth	4	12
Lindsey Staples	4	13
Ken Kibler	4	15
Debbie Odom	4	15
Shirley Baxter	4	16
Sonja Conway	4	17
Marge Stubeman	4	18
Adam Carpenter	4	18
John Godwin	4	19
Thomas Carter	4	19
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Gary Guly	4	20
Mary Hanson	4	21
Mike Strange	4	23
Tom Jenkins	4	24
Jared Hoaldridge	4	24
Carla Rodriguez	4	28
Gordon Ramsey	4	28
Lilia Briseno	4	28

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 deadline  
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