



RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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July, 2022

10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Join Zoom Meeting (US and Canada)

Every week on Sun, until Jul 31, 2022,
5 occurrence(s)

Jul 3, 2022 10:30 AM

Jul 10, 2022 10:30 AM

Jul 17, 2022 10:30 AM

Jul 24, 2022 10:30 AM

Jul 31, 2022 10:30 AM

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**We will celebrate the
sacrament of Communion on
Sunday, July 3.
AND
Sunday, August 7**



ECLECTIC CAFÉ SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Eclectic Café Sunday School class will start a 6-8 week series called Pre-Christianity. They will look at the Greek creation story, Homer's Iliad and Greek tragedies, and Virgil's Aeneid.

Zoom code is 661 636 9082

No password required; Jean Hadley will admit from the waiting room.

The church office will be closed on Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

JULY NEWSLETTERS
ARE AVAILABLE
IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

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



PASTOR'S NOTES

Dating Myself

Nearly every year I have thought about writing a reflection on my favorite day. And nearly every year, I have also thought about writing a reflection on my least favorite day. I have tried to create monthly newsletter articles since late 1994, but over all those years the favorite/least-favorite day reflections have been set aside as other topics or moments have bubbled to the forefront.

As that favorite day approached this year, it occurred to me that perhaps I was in need of a cultural reference, something that would help people to grasp an affinity for certain dates on a calendar, and what came to mind was a quote from the movie "Miss Congeniality." Maybe you remember that in one of the scenes, the beauty-pageant character of Miss Rhode Island was asked to describe her "perfect date," and after a moment came the reply: "I'd have to say April 25th, because it's not too hot, not too cold ... all you need is a light jacket." It's a funny little moment, and that day also happens to be really close to our wedding anniversary (April 26), so maybe that would be a good way to introduce a "favorite day" reflection. Wanting to make sure the quote was accurate, I did a quick search, which led to a realization that the movie is over 22 years old already! Would a 22-year old reference be meaningful? Then I remembered that "May the Fourth be with you," a tongue-in-cheek appropriation of the Star Wars movies, goes back to 1977, so Miss Congeniality would probably be alright.

The summer solstice has long been one of my favorite days, because the maximum amount of daylight invigorates and infuses my sense of connection with creation. Even in a year such as this, when the 100-degree-plus temperature of the afternoon was still in the upper-90's as the sun set on the horizon of Fort Worth; even as I was enjoying air-conditioned comfort inside our home, just knowing that there had been more than 14 hours of daylight renewed my spirit on June 21st. The 22nd and 23rd of June were just as hot, and nearly as long; by the time this piece is published, however, we will have lost a couple of bright, shiny minutes to the quickening twilight. By the winter solstice daylight will be down to little more than 10 hours, and I will be longing for sunshine even as we celebrate the natal star resting over Bethlehem.

In my head I understand that the solstice is related to the tilt of the earth's axis and its elliptical orbit, but the rest of me – heart and soul – yearns for sunshine, even as it plays havoc with sinuses and skin cells and climate concerns ("the rest of me" also remembers that for two years we were in the Seattle area, where the summer-to-winter sunshine ratio drops nearly 7 ½ hours, and dusk seemed to come about fifteen minutes after lunch). My head also knows that there are plenty of other wonderful days of the calendar, but the rest of me relishes the spring-into-summer extravaganza of daylight, even as I worry about drought and melting glaciers and power grids (we have bumped our thermostat up, again, to ease some of that burden).

The pathways of discipleship can be experienced like the growth and diminishment of daylight, abounding and abating through seasons and experiences that are both regular and unexpected. We can look forward to the brightness of celebrations and milestones; we can put in extra effort to learn and share; we can cultivate hope. When sorrow comes knocking, when grief is underfoot, when doubt lingers like the ear-worm of a melancholy melody, it may seem as if darkness will languish everlasting. The pathways of discipleship, thankfully, are traveled with others who remind us of the light, who remind us that darkness is fleeting, who help carry our burdens.

Each June the summer solstice fills me with joy, and each December the winter solstice fills me with hope. And the years are filled with faithful companions, thanks be to God.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Roger", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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 2023

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Nancy Staples
Nick Thoni

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Marji Raunikar
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Dale Wagner

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Ruth Ann Rinewalt—Hospital Care Coordinator
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GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

PAUL DUNCAN



Paul recently retired from Lockheed Martin Aeronautics as F-16 Production Engineering Senior Manager for F-16 Blk 70 new build in Greenville SC. Prior roles included Supervisor of Avionics Test in F-22 Flightline Production Operations in Marietta, GA, Associate Manager of F-22 Flightline Operations, F-35 Manufacturing Test Engineering Manager and Senior Manager F-35 Production Engineering. In 2019 Paul served as the program coordinator for the F-35 Production Engineering Professional (PEP) Program and was Certified a PEP as part of the original class in June of 2019.

Paul previously served 22 years in the United States Air Force. While involved in F-16 Operations for 22 years highlight assignments include 3 years with The United States Air Force "Thunderbirds" (Crew Chief on Thunderbird #1 1987), 5 years working in the F-16 System Program Office as the F-16 Avionics Field Support Manager, one Gulf tour in Saudi Arabia in Support of Operation "DENY FLIGHT" and 2 and ½ years as a member of Headquarters Air Combat Command Staff as F-16 Liaison Officer to Lockheed Martin Aeronautics in Fort Worth.

Paul's degree is in Avionics Technology and Aviation Management from the Community College of the Air Force. Additionally he holds Program Management Certification from in residence attendance of the Defense Systems Management College. He is married to his wife Beth and they have a son Daniel (26) and daughter Sarah (22).

We asked Paul some questions and here are his replies:

What marriage advice did you give Sarah before her wedding?

None, I was so proud of her and Steven and so confident in their decision. I knew he would be perfect in the "Team Duncan" family. Sarah told me the best advice I ever gave her was that I led by example and that's what meant most to her.

What is your favorite memory of RPC?

Daniel was in the Cherub Choir when we first got to RPC and he was very hesitant about getting up and singing. Kaki (Foster) was the Cherub Choir director at that time. We had a pep talk and when he got up to sing and he looked right at me and I gave him thumbs up and he gave me a thumbs up and did it.

Of all your travels which is your favorite place?

Peking China - I was able to see the Great Wall and the Forbidden City when it was still closed.

Tell us about your watch collection.

Over 90 watches and growing - I appreciate fine things, electronic and mechanical. Growing up Mom and Dad took great care of us and gave us all we needed but I saw people with REALLY nice watches. In 1999 I was on a Classified Program in a Classified Place and I found a Black Citizen's Navihawk Chronograph watch for \$99.00 and bought it. That got me started. I am left handed so I wore it on my left wrist and at every meeting everyone noticed it. It was very impressive. I love anything mechanical and electronic - ties into my engineering heritage with Lockheed these past 19 years.

Any advice for youth?

Yes, learn the art of goal setting - figure out what you want and go after it - write this down - "If it is to be, it is up to me!"

We are so lucky to have Paul and Beth Duncan!!!



July, 2022
What's new under the sun?
Plenty!!

Presbyterian Women have planned some summer activities which we hope will peak your interest.

Mah Jongg

Lynne Payne and company have started about four groups eager to learn. Tuesday morning from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Stop by, watch, or join in. All are welcomed.

Crafts

Ruth Ann Rinewalt led a card making workshop. Six of us cut, pasted, colored and stamped cheery messages. Then ooohhhd and aaahhhd at the results. Ruth Ann will mail these to shut-ins, home bound, etc. this summer.

If you have a craft you would like to teach, call Chris Shahan at 817-675-5040.

Circle Two is continuing to meet over the summer on the second Tuesday. They are working on fleece blankets for Presbyterian Children's Home residents and would welcome your helping hands.

Pickleball Group is starting up. For information, call Melissa Burkhead at 817-565-0776.

Lunch Bunch - after Mah Jongg, players meet from 11:30 to 12:30 to munch and chat.

Happy Birthday!!!

On July 31, 1988, the United Presbyterian Women (North) and Women of the Church (South) joined to form one organization, Presbyterian Women, U.S.A. Thirty four years later, we are still devoted to bible study, supporting the mission of the church and building an inclusive community of fellowship.

Just Bring It – July, 2022– We will be collecting peanut butter and jelly, and mac 'n cheese, for Westaid.

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.....

RPC YOUTH SUMMER EVENTS

Is your family looking forward to a happy, fun summer? The RPC Christian Ed team has been working on a schedule of events to help provide that!

The first event is Sunday, June 5 - hiking at the Fort Worth Nature Center. We will meet at the church at 9:00 and return by noon. Snacks and water will be provided. **Please let us know as soon as you can if your youth will join us.** Friends and family are also invited, just make sure we have all paperwork for them before the event day.

It has been proposed that the youth have a car wash. It is planned for **Saturday, July 16 from 10:00 am to noon** in the church parking lot. **Please let us know if that is something your kiddos would be interested in supporting.**

This is our tentative plan for the summer.

June 5	Fort Worth Nature Center Hike- during SS and worship
June 19	Donuts for Dads - during SS
July 3	no event planned
July 16	Youth Car Wash - Saturday
Aug 7	Arcade
Aug 21	Sunday School Rally Day
Sept 4	swimming at Little's
Sept 18	Opal's Farm

Contact Julie Ritz – 817-480-6002 or julieritz@sbcglobal.net to sign-up or with questions.



Margaret Marchant	7	1
Jackie Moad	7	2
Ronny Delulio	7	3
Madelyn Register	7	5
Kayla Hoaldrige	7	6
Gayle Hanneman	7	7
Renee Stuart	7	7
Delaine Godwin	7	8
Nancy Ritts	7	9
Tom Sisolak	7	14
Zoe Martin	7	14
Tommie Quintero	7	16
Jadyn Martin	7	16
Richard Kaempf	7	16
Angel Rodriguez	7	20
Rachel Pena	7	22
Stella Rodriguez	7	23
Andi Ferreira	7	25
Edie Eubanks	7	26
Arlo Dueease	7	26
Chris Shahan	7	28



Terrific Tuesdays! Tuesdays, all summer. The Mah Jongg lessons that we have begun teaching on Terrific Tuesdays are going great! Many participants are well on their way to becoming Mah Jongg players. If you would like to learn Mah Jongg, it's not too late. Just come to the church on any Tuesday at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Lynne Payne at 915 248-9789 or lpayne4621@yahoo.com.

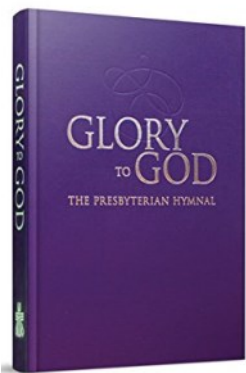
Also, beginning at 9 a.m., you are welcome to gather to play dominoes. We hope to have both Mexican Train and 42 so you can take your choice. For more information, contact Steve Cowden at 817 798-8847.



Mah Jongg



Beginning July 21, we will host Mah Jongg games while the Benbrook Senior Center undergoes remodeling. Open to all, just come to the church any Thursday at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Lynne Payne at 915 248-9789 or lpayne4621@yahoo.com.



The Worship Committee would like to say thank you to everyone who has contributed to our hymnal-donation process! We are looking for a few people with “cursive skills” to help with the dedicatory book-plates; please contact the church office to help with this small project.



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.



Wednesday mornings at 8:00 a.m.
Sanctuary

The men's prayer breakfast has been a vital part of Ridglea's mission and ministry for decades.

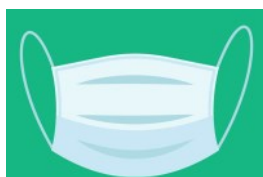
We enjoy a home-cooked breakfast (just \$4.00) and pray for people and events throughout the world.



July “Just Bring It” - WestAid

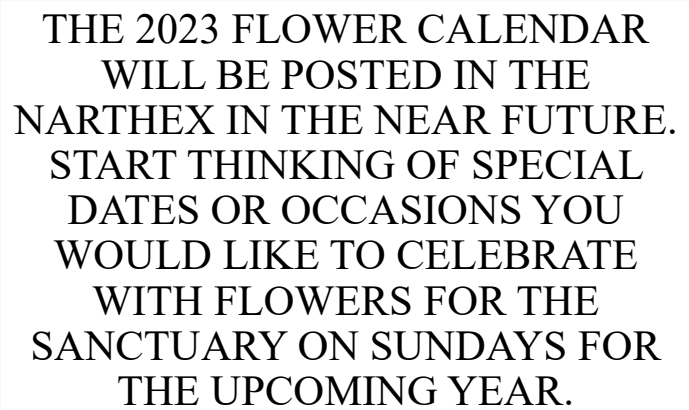


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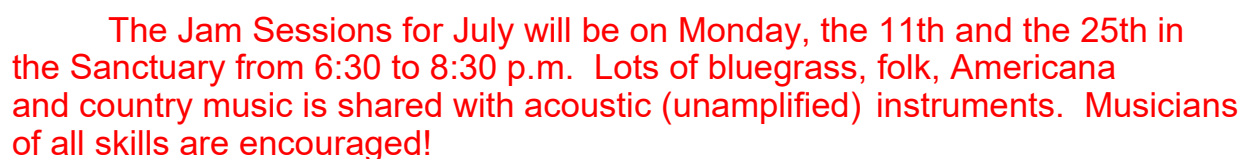


PER RIDGLEA SESSION, MARCH, 2022
MASKS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE WORN IN RPC BUILDING
DURING ALL EVENTS.

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



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.



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)*

No meeting

Ministry Teams meetings

2nd Tuesday of the Month

July 12, 2022

- **Outreach Team: Focus on Mission**

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

2nd Wednesday of the Month

July 13, 2022

- **Commitment Focus on Guests**

Katrina Little, Chair *(as needed)*

1st Tuesday of the Month

July 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

July 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

July 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

July 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



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The next
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deadline
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