



# RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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August, 2022

## Join Zoom Meeting (US and Canada)

Topic: Ridglea Worship for August 2022

Time: Aug 7, 2022 10:30 AM Central Time  
(US and Canada)

Every week on Sun, until Aug 28, 2022,

4 occurrence(s)

Aug 7, 2022 10:30 AM

Aug 14, 2022 10:30 AM

Aug 21, 2022 10:30 AM

Aug 28, 2022 10:30 AM

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We will celebrate the  
sacrament of Communion on  
Sunday, August 7



Calling all Youth to help  
celebrate a new season of  
learning at RPC!  
Activities for all ages –  
infant to adult.

## ECLECTIC CAFÉ SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Eclectic Café Sunday School class has started 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.

AUGUST NEWSLETTERS  
ARE AVAILABLE  
IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

SESSION MEETING  
WILL BE HELD ON  
AUGUST 18, 2022 At 7:00 P.M.



## PASTOR'S NOTES

### Lord, Teach Us to Pray

When we were in Borger, Texas we would include a small collection of prayers in the August newsletter – some of them just a few lines long, and others more than a dozen lines long. This practice began after a conversation about prayer, when a church member mentioned that they carried a magazine clipping of an “all purpose prayer” in their wallet, just in case anyone (like me) ever asked them to open a meeting in prayer. When we left Borger in 2005 that practice of printing prayers stayed behind, but it came to mind a couple of weeks ago when working on a sermon centered on Luke’s version of the Lord’s Prayer (Luke 11:1-5). Luke tells us that the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, and Jesus shared five short sentences, starting with addressing God (Father, hallowed (or holy) is your name), then acknowledging the divine reign (your kingdom come), followed by supplication for strength (daily bread) and for forgiveness received and shared (forgive our sins as we forgive those indebted to us), and concluding with intercession against difficulties (times of trial or tribulation). The disciples remembered that prayer and shared it with others, and it has been passed around and remembered ever since.

Back in Borger there were just a couple of books on my shelves from which those newsletter selections came, but when remembering those annual articles, just a few weeks ago, came the realization that there are now nearly a dozen volumes that are collections of prayers. That’s a whole lot of prayers, and almost none of them are memorized. But a few have a “mood” that lie close to the heart, and even if the words falter, the tone rings clear. For instance, there is a prayer of hope from the Sarum Primer which goes like this:

*God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at my end, and at my departing.*

Even if the words escape me, the hopefulness remains. And, when a moment or a day is difficult, there is this prayer of strength, attributed to Teresa of Lisieux, which often comes to mind:

*Just for today, what does it matter, O Lord, if the future is dark?  
To pray now for tomorrow I am not able.  
Keep my heart only for today, grant me your light –  
just for today.*

When the disciples asked Jesus for a lesson on prayer, they wanted a way to be identified, to be connected, to be closer to Jesus, and the divine presence he embodied. A lesson, and a tradition, we continue and share.

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)

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### Class of 2023

Miriam Gallagher  
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Nancy Staples  
Nick Thoni

### Class of 2024

Susan Everts  
Marji Raunikar  
Mike Strange  
Dale Wagner

### Class of 2025

Mick Stuart  
John Little  
Durinda Walker  
Mary Fisher

*Clerk of Session: Karen Landon*

## RPC TRUSTEES

### Class of 2022

Chris Henderson

### Class of 2023

Jim Godfrey

### Class of 2024

Tom Sisolak

## 2022-2023 RPC DEACONS

Lynne Payne - Moderator  
Kit Van Nostrand—Home Member Care Coordinator  
Ruth Ann Rinewalt—Hospital Care Coordinator  
Dean Phillips – Hospital Care Coordinator  
Jean Godfrey – Funeral Reception Coordinator  
Jo VanOosterhout  
Glenna Cleworth

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# Getting to Know Robyn Reid

Robyn hails from San Dimas, California. She has a Bachelor's degree in History with a minor in Music from UC Santa Barbara, a Master's degree in Education from AZUSA Pacific University, and a Master's degree in Library and Informational Science from San Jose State University. She started out thinking she would be a teacher, but ended up being a librarian. This was in part due to the influence of her mother (also a librarian), and having a wonderful job as a library assistant for six years at Point Loma Nazarene University.

## How did Robyn end up here?

After finishing her library classes in 2009, she was offered a position at TCU as Social Sciences Librarian. She supports many different social sciences that include Anthropology, Communication Studies, Criminal Justice, Education, History, and many others.

## Why did she choose to become a member of Ridglea Presbyterian Church?

Robyn wanted a church where she could make social connections outside of just the weekly services. She also liked our music program at the church.

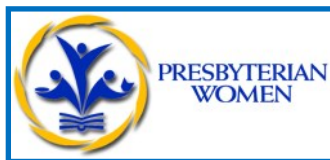
Robyn is a talented musician and plays guitar, cello, piano, recorder, and ukulele. She is in the Praise Band and Chancel Choir at Ridglea, and also has organized and put on several music programs for PWR. She composes music and has a band called Sideshow Symphony. On Saturdays she teaches private music lessons.

## What are some of Robyn's hobbies?

She loves to swim and has been on swim team, taught swimming lessons, and been a lifeguard. She likes to travel and recently returned from a family trip to Hawaii. She has a chocolate Lab named Mooney and enjoys his company.

Robyn is a VERY BUSY LADY! We are very fortunate to have her in our church family!

## AUGUST "JUST BRING IT"



Cougar Pride Alliance is a nonprofit organization started by alumni of Western Hills High School. The mission of CPA is to improve the quality of life for students in the Western Hills High School pyramid (including feeder middle and elementary schools), many of whom live in the Las Vegas Trail area of Fort Worth. Cougar Pride Alliance operates a food pantry and clothing closet in a portable on the WHHS campus. For our August "Just Bring It," we are asking members to donate regular-sized paper lunch sacks, Quaker Oats Chewy granola bars, and Fruit Snacks. These items will be used for sack lunches that are provided to students participating in after-school extra-curricular activities (athletics, band, choir, JROTC, etc.).





August, 2022

Did you know?

- PW NewsBytes connects you with the latest “news” from Presbyterian Women churchwide. Just visit [presbyterianwomen.org](http://presbyterianwomen.org) to stay in touch.
- Presbyterian Publishing Corporation has a children’s book branch called Flyaway Books. They “embrace diversity, compassion, care for each other and care for our world.”
- PC(USA) has a ministry at the United Nations. Since the UN’s founding, our ministry has held a consultative status as does PW, Inc. We can make our concerns known and attend conferences on behalf of PC(USA).
- A new bible study beginning in September, Celebrating Sabbath, by Carol Bechtel, leads us through Old and New Testament scripture to consider Sabbath as:
  - a celebration
  - a special day of the week
  - a time to surrender busyness
  - a reminder that life is precious

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BIBLE STUDY - MISSION - FELLOWSHIP

All Women, Always Welcomed



# 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.

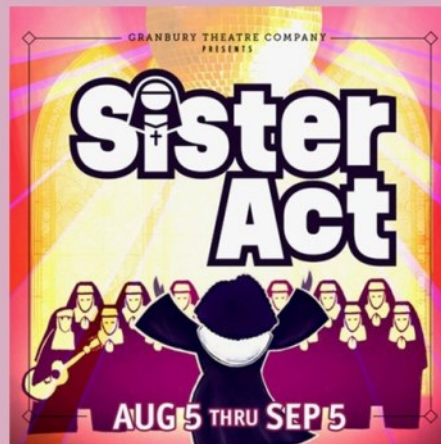
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| <b>June 5</b>  | Fort Worth Nature Center Hike-<br>during SS and worship |
| <b>June 19</b> | Donuts for Dads - during SS                             |
| <b>July 3</b>  | no event planned  |
| <b>July 16</b> | Youth Car Wash - Saturday          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

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Contact Julie Ritz – 817-480-6002 or [julieritz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:julieritz@sbcglobal.net)  
to sign-up or with questions.

## Session Meeting Notes for July 21, 2022

- The Ridglea Presbyterian Church regular stated session meeting took place on Thursday, July 21, 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 June 23, 2022, stated session meeting and the June Budgeted Financial Statement were approved.
- Dale Wagner reported that he and George Tischler attended a conference about church security in June. The session authorized the formation of an ad hoc committee to begin the process of creating a church safety and security plan.
- The Building and Equipment Committee has drafted a new kitchen policy. It will be posted in the kitchen.
- Rev. Harwerth shared that Cook Children's Hospital is in dire need of more Prayer Bears. The hospital goes through approximately 300 bears a week. Members are encouraged to visit the Cook Children's Hospital website for more information.
- The next stated meeting of Grace Presbytery will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 22, 2022, at First Presbyterian Church in Richardson. It will be offered in a hybrid format.
- The next RPC stated session meeting will be Thursday, August 18, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.



### Join us for a Theater Outing

**WHAT:** Live production of "Sister Act" followed by dinner

**WHEN:** Saturday, August 20th  
Show at 2pm and dinner immediately after the show

**WHERE:** Show at the Granbury Opera House on the square (133 E Pearl Street)  
Dinner at Ketzler's Schnitzel Haus and Biergarten (201 E Pearl St Suite 108-C)

**COST:** Theater Tickets: \$30 each  
Dinner: Dutch Treat (restaurant will accommodate separate checks)

**PAYMENT:** Please pay for your tickets by check made out to RPC with "Theater Outing" on the memo line or use the online giving in Realm to pay and designate the Fund: "Fellowship Activities"

**TRANSPORTATION:** If enough people are interested, we will take the church bus to Granbury and back. We will depart the church parking lot at 1pm and return after dinner. Please let Beth Duncan know if you want to reserve a seat on the bus.

**QUESTIONS?:** Contact Beth Duncan, [bethduncan08@gmail.com](mailto:bethduncan08@gmail.com), (817)739-2661



**We continue to enjoy Terrific Tuesdays at Ridglea Presbyterian beginning at 10 a.m., 9 a.m. for Mexican Train and/or 42. You can hear the merry clack of Mah Jongg tiles and dominos as those games are being played.**

**On Tuesday, August 2, you are also invited to make cards for our home members. Ruth Ann Rinewalt has plenty of supplies for this activity. Just come and enjoy cutting and pasting while you make something beautiful for some of our members.**

**Don't forget! Many of us also bring a sack lunch so that we can eat together and visit from 12-12:30 p.m.**



## Mah Jongg



While the Benbrook Senior Center is undergoing remodeling, we are also hosting Mah Jongg games at RPC. The invitation is open to all, just come to the church any Thursday at 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information, contact Lynne Payne at 915 248-9789 or [lpayne4621@yahoo.com](mailto:lpayne4621@yahoo.com).





August 7  
Youth Event  
Free Play Arcade

All the arcade  
games for one  
price!

For more information, contact Julie Ritz at  
817-480-6002 or [julieritz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:julieritz@sbcglobal.net).



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).



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.



**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 2023 FLOWER CALENDAR IS POSTED IN THE NARTHEX FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES IN RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL DATES, OCCASIONS OR LOVED ONES YOU WOULD LIKE TO CELEBRATE IN THE UPCOMING YEAR.



We are asking for you to send any of our treasured home members a card. Please call Kit Van Nostrand at 281-797-6574 to get names and addresses. Let them know that you are thinking about them.



The Jam Sessions for August will be on Monday, the 8th and the 22nd 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)*

No meeting

Ministry Teams meetings

2nd Tuesday of the Month

August 9, 2022

- Outreach Team: Focus on Mission  
*Marji Raunika, Chair (6:00 p.m.)*

2nd Wednesday of the Month

August 10, 2022

- Commitment Focus on Guests  
*Mike Strange, Chair (as needed)*

1st Tuesday of the Month

August 2, 2022

Ministry Team meeting at 10:00 a.m.

- Board of Deacons: Focus on Members  
*Kit Van Nostrand (as needed)*

1st Wednesday of the Month

August 3, 2022

- Worship Team: *Durinda Walker, 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

August 9, 2022

Ministry Teams meeting

- Christian Education: *Susan Everts, Chair (6:15 pm)*
- Fellowship Team: *Gayle Johnson, 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

August 10, 2022

Ministry Teams meeting

- Building & Equipment *(as needed)*  
*Dale Wagner, Chair*
- Personnel *(as needed)*  
*Nick Thoni, Chair*
- Clerk of Session  
*Karen Landon*

# August, 2022 Birthdays



|                 |   |    |
|-----------------|---|----|
| Sarah Mayo      | 8 | 3  |
| Edward Good     | 8 | 4  |
| John Haenes     | 8 | 5  |
| Mary Ann Guly   | 8 | 10 |
| Steven Ritz     | 8 | 11 |
| Anna Lockhart   | 8 | 12 |
| Bob West        | 8 | 13 |
| Anne Carlson    | 8 | 14 |
| Katie Marchant  | 8 | 15 |
| Daniel Duncan   | 8 | 15 |
| Allison Dearman | 8 | 16 |
| Aspen Cleworth  | 8 | 21 |
| Ali Sajedi      | 8 | 22 |
| Dawn Wyatt      | 8 | 22 |
| Hayden Haenes   | 8 | 23 |
| Clay Roberts    | 8 | 25 |
| Johnnie Grant   | 8 | 30 |
| Sarah Wagner    | 8 | 30 |
| Allan Lockhart  | 8 | 31 |

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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The next  
newsletter  
deadline  
will be August  
18, 2022 at  
noon.