



# RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September, 2022

## Join Zoom Meeting (US and Canada)

Topic: Ridglea Worship Sept 2022

Time: Sep 4, 2022 10:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Sun, until Sep 25, 2022,  
4 occurrence(s)

Sep 4, 2022 10:30 AM

Sep 11, 2022 10:30 AM

Sep 18, 2022 10:30 AM

Sep 25, 2022 10:30 AM

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**We will celebrate the  
sacrament of Communion on  
Sunday, September 4**

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

SEPTEMBER 4—OCTOBER 2, 2022



The church office  
will be closed  
September 5, 2022  
in observance of  
Labor Day.

## 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.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTERS  
ARE AVAILABLE  
IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

SESSION MEETING  
WILL BE HELD ON  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2022 At 7:00 P.M.



## PASTOR'S NOTES

### Small Pieces, Big Peace

Throughout high school and into college I would work with Dad in his shop, which he and a partner had founded in the early 1970's: Har-Noy Metal Fabricators. This meant my afternoons and most Saturdays were busy with a lot of cutting, shaping, punching, drilling, and making big pieces of sheet stock and pipe into smaller pieces, which Dad would then turn into industrial parts of all kinds. It was obvious to me, all those decades ago, that God blessed my Dad with metal-fabricating skills, but I was a long way from proficient (there's good reason for the aphorism "measure twice, cut once"). A couple of weeks ago I was back in that same shop, with my brother Randy now in charge of the business, and it was almost as if the years melted away, for just a day, standing there amongst the brake, the shear, the tube-bender, welders, and other machinery. Randy had mentioned that orders were stacked up and I had offered to help (being on vacation and all), and there I was amongst the familiar (and a few new things too).

Mainly what I helped with was loading long lengths of angle iron into the drop saw so that they could be cut, then long lengths of pipe, then long lengths of flat stock. A hundred lengths of angle iron became three hundred smaller lengths, then we did that two more times (creating nine hundred ready-to-weld custom pieces!) before moving on to the pipe and flat stock. Are you thinking "wow, that sounds interesting" and wondering if all pastors do such amazing things on their vacations?

Late in the day Randy was showing me some new equipment, a CNC machine, and tucked back in a corner were some large pieces of granite – a couple of them had been cut and polished into soft triangular shapes, nearly five foot on each side, and they looked like massive guitar picks. Randy said the granite slabs would eventually be turned into tables, but he wanted to create unique designs for the legs and base units. Hearing him talk about the challenges between design and function, and spending the day in the shop, I understood that, like our dad, Randy was in the right place at Har-Noy, and I am at the right place at Ridglea Presbyterian. It was a great day with my brother (and his two other employees), and a vacation bonus.

On one of those long-ago days at Har-Noy, getting ready to go back to college, Dad shared the story of learning to weld while he was in the Marine Corps, and feeling that he could do metal work as a career. He paused, then said maybe I should think about what I'd like to do for the next fifty years or so; if it was working at Har-Noy, he would be happy with that, but if it was working in churches, or anything else that challenged and fulfilled me, that's what I ought to move toward. I realize that such advice might not be what everybody needs, but it helped me discern and decide, and move toward ministry. I am always glad to be able to help my brother, even if it is only a few hours here and there; I am even more glad to be in the midst of ministry with all of you every week.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Randy", 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](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 2023

Miriam Gallagher  
Gayle Johnson  
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  
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Ruth Ann Rinewalt—Hospital Care Coordinator  
Dean Phillips – Hospital Care Coordinator  
Jean Godfrey – Funeral Reception Coordinator  
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Glenna Cleworth

## RPC FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Class of 2022

Micky Severson

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Steve Staples

### Class of 2025

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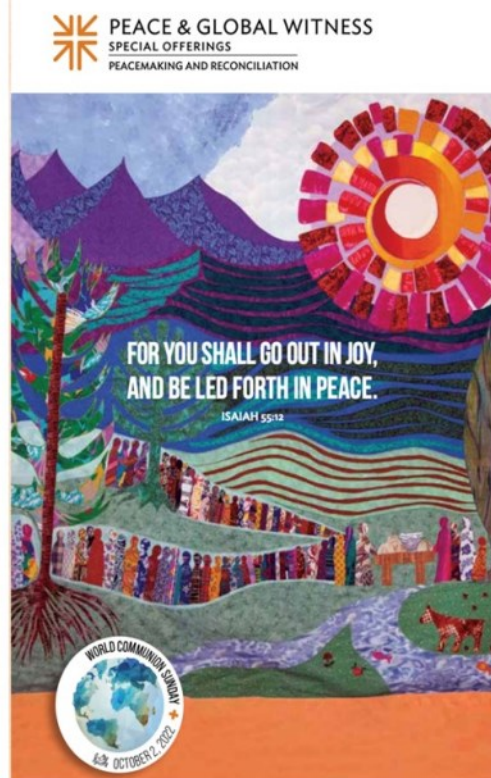
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September 4 - October 2, 2022

THE PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world.



 God of Peace,  
we embrace your joy and go forth  
to connect with others in building a world  
where all can find compassion,  
peace and justice.  
AMEN.

Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we connect with each other to confront systems of injustice and promote reconciliation in places around the world — and right here at home.

**25%** of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

**25%** of this Offering goes to our mid council and joins with other congregation gifts to support peacemaking work in our region.

**50%** of this Offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

Please give what you can.

**IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.**

*Thank you!*

 PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

 MATTHEW 23

Our Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world.

Thank you for your participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

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 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
Presbyterian Mission

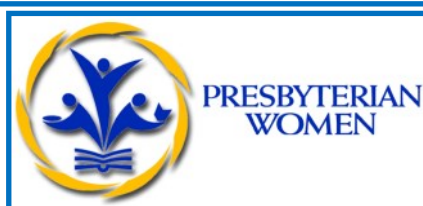
The Peace & Global Witness Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.

**WAYS TO GIVE**

Through your congregation

Donate by credit card online at [pcusa.org/peace-global](https://pcusa.org/peace-global)

Text PCUSAPEACE to 41444 or visit [pcusa.org/peace-global](https://pcusa.org/peace-global) for more information.

## SEPTEMBER "JUST BRING IT"

DRC-Solutions, Community Solutions to End Homelessness. DRC-Solutions helps chronically homeless people to find permanent housing. Please bring full size shampoo, bar soap, deodorant and toothpaste for the recently housed residents of the Palm Tree and Quail Trail Apartments.

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PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

September, 2022

## BIBLE STUDY - MISSION - FELLOWSHIP

All Women, Always Welcomed

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Yes, a new year for Presbyterian Women as we welcome new and returning members to bible study, mission, and fellowship. Installation of officers will take place on September 18, with a luncheon to follow worship. All women are invited!

About twenty women attended the workshop at First Presbyterian to hear Carol Bechtel, the author of our new study Celebrating Sabbath. This charming lady led us through the lessons. She wants us to realize that Sabbath is more than going to church on Sunday. Sabbath is calming, healing, trusting God will provide. She hoped that through this study we would “begin to write your own Sabbath story.” Good company and a delicious lunch completed the morning.

Now Circles will begin their work.

Circle One	September 13	at church (fish class)	10:30 a.m.
Circle Two	September 13	at church	10:00 a.m.
Circle Three	September 6	at church	6:30 p.m.

Several months ago, Katrina Little shared a devotion from the writings of Reverend Walter Schoedal. It touched us all with its insights. Here are his “Seven Ups” for a new beginning:

1. Wake Up  
begin each day with the Lord
2. Dress Up  
Put on a smile
3. Shut Up  
Watch your tongue; learn to listen
4. Stand Up  
Do good
5. Look Up  
Open your eyes to the Lord
6. Reach UP  
Spend time in prayer
7. Lift Up  
Be supporting and share

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# 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.

<b>June 5</b>	Fort Worth Nature Center Hike- 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.



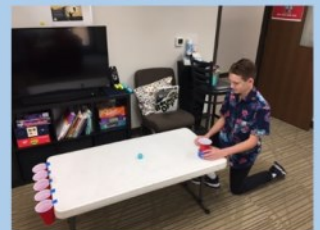
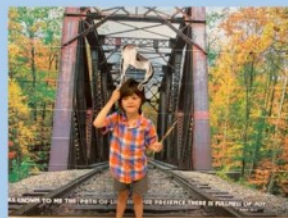


Dear Members of RPC,  
Thank you so much for the generous donation of 1,824 granola bars, 1,024 packs of fruit snacks, and 2,470 lunch sacks. These items will be included in meals for students participating in extra-curricular activities at Western Hills High School. We appreciate your continued support these past 5 years.

~~Cougar Pride Alliance



## RALLY DAY AND BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS—RPC 2022





## RPC Kitchen Use Policy – Effective 1 Aug 2022

Now that we are open again to live events we are publishing this RPC Kitchen Use Policy to ensure the safety and health of everyone who uses the RPC Kitchen.

**Cleanliness** – Our overall policy for using the kitchen is to leave it cleaner than you found it. Pots / pans / dishes and utensils need to be washed dried and put away. Our dishwasher works great, it is acceptable to load it and run it when shutting down the kitchen post use, but someone from the using group needs to come back and empty and put away the washed items at some point prior to the next calendar Sunday.

**Two Person Rule for Cooking In RPC Kitchen** – Use / cooking on the stove or oven requires following the two person rule meaning there must be two persons present at all times from starting to cook / cooking / cleaning and double verification ALL OFF prior to closing the kitchen.

**Food Storage** – In general please try to only bring the amount of food / beverages that is needed for your event. Our refrigerator is not big enough to do bulk purchases and long term storage. If you do put items in the refrigerator or freezer please use the masking tape and Sharpies in the drawer right to the main kitchen sink and date and mark what group the food item belongs to. We are monitoring the fridge much more now and unmarked items *will be disposed of*. If you are leaving an item such as a jug of tea for anyone to use or partake of still mark it with the date and then title “FREE FOR ALL”.

**Kitchen Cloth Towels** – We are blessed to have an abundant supply of clean cloth kitchen towels to us to prepare and serve food with. They are in a marked drawer on the right side of the kitchen sink. Use what you need to keep us operating in a safe / clean manner. When done for whatever event you use the cloth kitchen towels for, someone from the event needs to take the cloth kitchen towels home and wash them and return them to the church in the next week. **Do Not Leave Them Hanging In the Kitchen for Someone Else to Deal With.** Pull and use from the left, restock to the right in the drawer. This will keep us in sync.

**Stove top / Tables / Sinks / Counters** – All tables / sinks / counters and transport devices used need to be wiped clean with either a Clorox Spray Wipe and or an Anti –Bacterial type Spray wipe to close out use.

### KITCHEN USE GENERAL CHECKLIST:

- Pots / Pans / Dishes / Utensils washed dried and put away
- Counters sanitized
- Tables and Servers sanitized
- Stove Tables / Sinks / sanitized
- Coffee emptied / pot cleaned
- Leftovers are put in fridge, food marked with appropriate markings
- Tables / Mobile servers and counters sanitized
- Floor Swept and or Swiffered
- Cloth Kitchen towels taken home to be washed and brought back
- Trash taken out and clean bag installed
- Close serving rollup door if used

### WOMEN OF RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (2022-2023 PWR/Horizon's Bible Study)

Reverend Dr. Carol Bechtel, author

“Celebrating Sabbath:

Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight”

was the featured speaker on Tuesday August 16th at First Presbyterian Fort Worth







Wednesday mornings  
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.



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).



We need ushers, communion servers, and liturgists for the remaining Sundays during the 2022 year of worship. Please volunteer to help with the Sunday morning worship service.

Also, if you signed up for a particular Sunday and something comes up, please contact Durinda Walker at 817-229-9880 in order to fill those positions.

"What's wrong with this picture?"



**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).



Please join us for a Fellowship Luncheon on September 25, 2022, immediately following the Sunday Worship Service.



**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.



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## Remember Our Home Members



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 September will be on Monday, the 12th and the 26th 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**

**September 13, 2022**

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

**2nd Wednesday of the Month**

**September 14, 2022**

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

**1st Tuesday of the Month**

**September 6, 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**

**September 7, 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**

**September 13, 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.

**Ministry Teams meeting**

**2nd Wednesday of the Month**

**September 14, 2022**

- **Building & Equipment** *(as needed)*  
*Dale Wagner, Chair*

**1st Thursday of the Month**

**September 1, 2022**

- **Personnel** *(as needed)*  
*Nick Thoni, Chair*

**Clerk of Session**

*Karen Landon*



# September, 2022 Birth- days



Becky Fisher	9	1
Michael Birdwell	9	4
Josh Wyatt	9	4
Laura Saxton	9	5
Cort Rea	9	5
Jean Godfrey	9	5
Rachael Smith	9	6
Shiryl Gillaspie	9	12
Steven Staples	9	12
Steve Cowden	9	12
Michelle Birdwell	9	14
Linda Wilson	9	16
Kevin Hand	9	19
Butch Saxton	9	19
Jeremy Martin	9	20
Melinda Keating	9	21
Jill Birdwell	9	23
Autumn Thoni	9	25
Julie Ritz	9	26
Blythe Lee	9	28
Zim Zimmerman	9	29

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The next  
newsletter  
deadline  
will be

September 15,  
2022 at noon.