



RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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March, 2023

Join Zoom Meeting (US and Canada)

Topic: Ridglea Worship for March 2023

Time: March 5, 2023

10:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Sun, until March 26, 2023,
4 occurrence(s)

March 5, 2023 10:30 AM

March 12, 2023 10:30 AM

March 19, 2023 10:30 AM

March 26, 2023 10:30 AM

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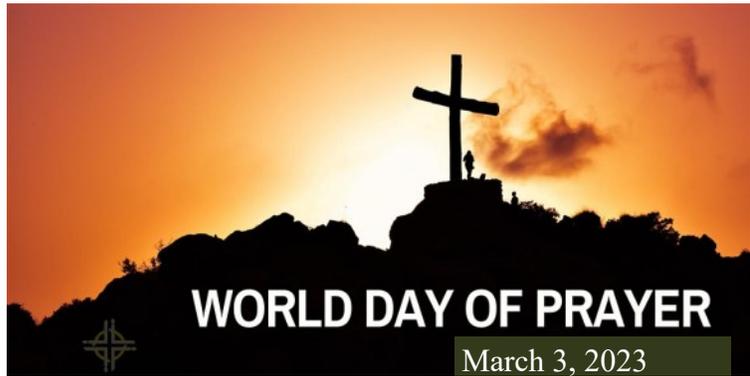
We will celebrate the sacrament of Communion on Sunday, March 5, 2023




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SPECIAL OFFERINGS
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— ISAIAH 58

February 22—April 9, 2023



1st Sunday in Lent—February 26, 2023



LENT

ECLECTIC CAFÉ SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Eclectic Café Sunday School
Zoom code is 661 636 9082.
No password required;
Attendees will be admitted from the waiting room.

Lesson: The EC is doing a series on Christian Nationalism. Discussions of our Founding Fathers' Christian beliefs and subsequent separation of church and state, featuring some questionnaires regarding modern thoughts on Christian Nationalism, definitions and components, and some history of this concept. We'll end with a recent opinion from PC(USA).

SESSION MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON
MARCH 16, 2023 At 7:00 P.M.

MARCH NEWSLETTERS
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE



PASTOR'S NOTES

It's a Beautiful Day

My seminary classmate, ministry colleague, and friend, Vince, tells me that there is a small plaque in an upstairs room; the location was chosen intentionally, in the educational portion of the church. The plaque could have been larger, and could have been at the main entrance, but the honoree preferred the location where students would be found, in the hallways of Sixth Presbyterian Church in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania (where the Rev. Dr. Vince Kolb is the pastor). Even before entering Pittsburg Theological Seminary and graduating in 1962, the honoree had spent more than a handful of years helping to develop children's programming, and after being ordained "to minister to children and their families through television," in 1963, helped to create a series for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, before returning to Pittsburg in 1968 to write, produce, and host Mister Rogers' Neighborhood.

Maybe you already know that quite a few of the characters in the Neighborhood of Make-Believe are named after members of Fred Rogers' family and co-workers, such as Lady Elaine (his sister), Mr. McFeely (his mother's maiden name), Queen Sara (his wife), and Daniel Tiger (WQED's station manager, Dorothy Daniel). Maybe you already know that Fred Rogers swam laps nearly every day of his adult life and strove to maintain his weight of 143 pounds. Maybe you have seen the video of his speech to the U.S. Senate in 1969 that secured \$22 million funding for the Public Broadcasting System and brought tears to Senator John Pastore of Rhode Island. Maybe you have also seen the video of Mister Rogers and Officer Clemons (an African American, the opera singer Francois Clemons) sharing the cooling waters of a wading pool in 1969, breaking a well-known color barrier of those days. Maybe you already know that his mother, Nancy (McFeely) Rogers created the cardigans worn throughout the decades of Mister Rogers' Neighborhood.

What you may not know is that the number 143 was quite special to Fred Rogers; it was not only his weight, but also a reminder of the simple phrase "I love you" (1 letter, 4 letters, 3 letters). After his death in 2003, the state of Pennsylvania honored Fred Rogers by declaring May 23rd as "143" day, to both commemorate his legacy and remind its citizens of the importance of neighborliness that Mister Rogers taught over five decades (May 23 is the 143rd day of the year).

What you also may not know is that Fred Rogers' birthday is March 20th, and the Presbyterian Church (USA) encourages its congregations to celebrate the ministry of the Rev. Fred Rogers on the closest Sunday, which will be on March 19th, and we will be doing that in a number of ways. We encourage folks to wear cardigans and comfortable shoes to the church on March 19th, and during worship we will share the hymn "Jesus, Teach Us to be Neighbors" written in 2022; the tune is named, appropriately, "McFeely" and written by Presbyterian clergy. We are hoping that the weather might be just chilly enough for cardigans (we are pretty sure that May 23rd will be way too warm for sweaters), and we hope you will be able to celebrate with us on our first of what will hopefully be many celebrations of Mister Rogers and the ministry he shepherded, reminding children of all ages that each of us is enough, just the way we are, and so are all of our neighbors.

Peace,

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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

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Nick Thoni		Mary Fisher
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Kit Van Nostrand—Home Member Care Coordinator
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Dean Phillips – Hospital Care Coordinator
Jean Godfrey – Funeral Reception Coordinator
Jo VanOosterhout
Glenna Cleworth

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COME JOIN US!
March 4, 2023
Dinner With Friends
1st Saturday of the month

We have changed the name of "Dinner for Eight" to "Dinner With Friends". On the first Saturday of each month, small groups gather for "Dinner with Friends" to enjoy a meal and fellowship at a local restaurant or the home of an RPC host. This month we expanded this event to include a group who meet for lunch instead of dinner.

Our next "Dinner with Friends" will be March 4th. Please register in Realm or see a member of the Fellowship team in the Narthex on Sunday mornings to get registered.

DON'T FORGET TO TAKE PICTURES OF YOUR GROUPS FOR THE NEWSLETTER



Howdy Painters!

We have the opportunity to make a positive difference for someone in our community by painting their home on Saturday, April 1.

Many of you have participated in this worthy cause in the past and understand the need for this project while seeing the genuine and thankful smiles from the homeowners that we serve.

We plan to paint a home that has been scraped and primed by Habitat for Humanity and the City of Fort Worth on Saturday, April 1st from 8:00 till noon.

All we need to do is paint!

Please consider helping RPC's outreach mission on this Saturday morning effort for a few short hours. I'll have the address of the home by March 29 and will pass that and other information as soon as it becomes available.

Thanks,
Walt



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

Our RPC Confirmation youth volunteered at WestAid for Martin Luther King Day of Service.



PRAYER BEAR DEDICATION

February 26, 2023

(We collected 160+ bears. A big THANK YOU to our RPC congregation.)



DINNER WITH FRIENDS

FEBRUARY 4, 2023





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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.

This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

WAYS TO GIVE —

- ✦ Through your congregation
- ✦ Donate by credit card online at pcusa.org/give-oghs
- ✦ Text OGH5 to 91999 to give



-or-
You can help sustain the important ministries and programs that are supported by One Great Hour of Sharing Offering by making an online gift at any time throughout the year. Checks may be sent Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.



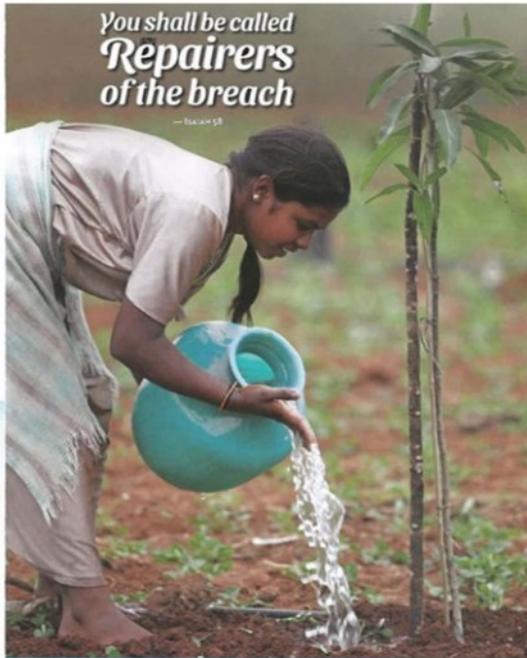
Thanks to your heartfelt gifts, One Great Hour of Sharing currently supports projects in over 100 countries.

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

To learn more about how your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference, visit pcusa.org/oghs



One Great Hour of Sharing is one of four annual special offerings. The four churchwide 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 generosity, learning, and witness and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.



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PROVIDING RELIEF FROM NATURAL DISASTERS, FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY, AND SUPPORT FOR THE POOR AND OPPRESSED.



ALLIANCE FOR FAIR FOOD

During Lent, we celebrate that God connects with us through Jesus' resurrection, and connects us with "those who have least." One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together to work for a better world by advancing the causes of justice, resilience, and sustainability.

I WAS HUNGRY
AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD.
I WAS THIRSTY
AND YOU GAVE ME
SOMETHING TO DRINK.
I WAS A STRANGER
AND YOU WELCOMED ME.
I WAS NAKED AND
YOU GAVE ME CLOTHING.
I WAS SICK AND
YOU TOOK CARE OF ME.
I WAS IN PRISON
AND YOU VISITED ME.

— MATTHEW 25:31-46

We Are There

In this Season of Lent, we follow Jesus' example; walking alongside the most vulnerable to partner in repairing harms inflicted upon them. We are the Church, Together; and we are there with those who need us.

Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable through three life-saving programs —



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE**

Restore Streets
to Live In



**PRESBYTERIAN
HUNGER
PROGRAM**

Share Bread with
the Hungry



**SELF-
DEVELOPMENT
OF PEOPLE**

Loose the Bonds
of Injustice

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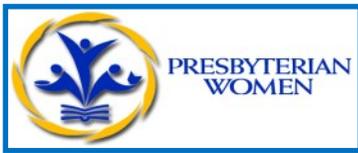
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FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON FEBRUARY 19, 2023



Daylight Saving Time Begins

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on March 12, 2023.



March, 2023

We were happy to welcome Kristin Stansell to our January general meeting. She is the administrator for Pythian Home, Inc. in Weatherford. The “Castle on the Hill”, founded in 1909, houses and cares for children whose families are going through some type of hardship. Licensed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, it can accommodate sixty two children. While living there, the families remain a part of their lives while the family works to have the children return home. Children attend Weatherford schools and take part in many activities: soccer, football, band, Scouts, etc. Kristin’s family has been involved with the school for generations. Her love and pride for Pythian Home was quite evident.

Circles meet in March

One	March 14	At church (Fish Classroom)	10:30 a.m.
Two	March 14	At church (Eclectic Café Classroom)	10:30 a.m.
Three	March 7	At church (Eclectic Café Classroom)	6:15 p.m.

(Bring a bag supper; dessert is provided)

Retreat—March 23-24

Look for special articles in the Newsletter.

A Look Ahead

The Presbyterian Children’s Home and Services celebrate 120 years of serving children and families in need. Their annual fund raiser luncheon is May 2nd at Ridglea Country Club. Reservations can be made by calling Maria Shupe at 303-718-9619.

Just Bring It: March, 2023.

RPC will be collecting chewy granola bars, gummies, and Rice Krispy treats for the Western Hills High School Boosters.

All Women, Always Welcomed
BIBLE STUDY - MISSION - FELLOWSHIP



Members and friends of RPC attended “The Antidote”, a movie focused on reconciliation and community building.



Congratulations Nick, Alicia and Autumn Thoni on the arrival of Sutton Reece. Sutton was born on February 13, 2023.



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.



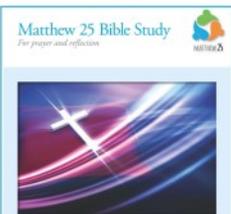
Many of us know the blessings of having fellow church members pray for us and others. Prayer Request items are distributed to a list maintained by PWR. Anyone who would like to be added to this distribution list should call the Church office. Anyone who has a prayer request can send the information to Ruth Ann Rinewalt at r.rinewalt@att.net.



We need ushers, communion servers, and liturgists for Sundays during the 2023 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.

Sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d49a4ae2ea3f85-ushers1>

Matthew 25 Book Club Spring 2023



Our book club is open to all. We ask you to join as we read and study books that may push us out of our comfort zone. Join us on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6 pm with your own sack supper. The study will begin at 6:30 and go to about 8 pm.

Below is the list of the upcoming date, books, and leaders. You don't have to have read the book to attend.

March 28 Because of the Women's Retreat we will skip this date.

April 25 WE ARE NOT LIKE THEM by Christine Pride & Jo Piazz.
Becky Williamson is the Leader.

May 28 THE OTHER WES MOORE by Wes Moore. Leader Chris Shahan.

We hope you will be able to join us.
The Matthew 25 Study Group

PWR - JUST BRING IT - MARCH, 2023



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SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH



The RPC Women are collecting quarters in the Narthex after service every second Sunday of the month to assist Westaid in providing laundry services and supplies to those in need.



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.

Remember Our
Home Members



On the first and second Sunday of each month, beautiful note cards will be available for RPC members to send to our “at home” members. Following worship service, these cards will be in white baskets in the Narthex on a first come basis. For the month of March, St. Patrick Day cards will be available.



The Jam Sessions for March will be on Monday, the 13th and 27th 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!



PWR - JUST BRING IT - JANUARY, 2023

The Center for Transforming Lives.

A very generous collection of diapers, pull-ups and baby wipes was received from our RPC congregation.



**YOUR SESSION INVITES YOU TO
FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS:**

- 1. FIND YOUR PASSION**
- 2. FIND YOUR TEAM/COMMITTEE**
- 3. IDENTIFY YOUR MEETING NIGHT**
- 4. GET INVOLVED!**

1st Tuesday of the Month
March 7, 2023 10:00 a.m.
Board of Deacons: Focus on Members
Kit Van Nostrand, Moderator

2nd Tuesday of the Month
March 14, 2023 6:15 p.m.
Christian Education: Focus on Learning and Growing
Susan Everts, Chair

1st Tuesday of the Month
March 7, 2023 7:00 p.m. & Zoom
Fellowship Team: Focus on Social Gatherings
Gayle Johnson, Chair

2nd Wednesday of the Month
March 8, 2023 5:00 p.m.
Commitment Team: Focus on Guests
Mary Fisher, Chair

1st Wednesday of the Month
March 1, 2023 5:30 p.m.
Worship Team:
Focus on Sunday & Special Services
Durinda Walker, Chair

2nd Wednesday of the Month
March 8, 2023 6:00 p.m.
Building & Equipment :
Focus on Physical Structures
Dale Wagner, Chair

1st Thursday of the Month
March 2, 2023 6:00 p.m.
Personnel: Focus on Staff Support
Nick Thoni, Chair

2nd Thursday
(week prior to Session Meeting)
6:00 p.m. - Zoom
Finance & Budget: Focus on Stewardship
Reeve Van Nostrand, Chair

2nd Tuesday of the Month
March 14, 2023 6:00 p.m.
Outreach Team: Focus on Mission
Marji Raunikar, Chair

3rd Thursday of the Month
March 16, 2023
7:00 p.m.—RPC Sanctuary & Zoom
Session Meeting
Pastor Roger Harwerth, Moderator

Clerk of Session
Karen Landon



March, 2023 Birthdays

Walker Hoaldridge	3	2
Mandy Godfrey	3	3
Amanda Camille Hand	3	4
Lisa Staples	3	6
Maj. Byron Luckett, III	3	6
Karen Landon	3	7
Patricia Baxter	3	8
Marley Duesease	3	11
Lily Kate Bacon	3	13
Lynne Payne	3	13
John Sauvey	3	20
Brenda Harwerth	3	22
Estela Rodriguez	3	23
Glenna Cleworth	3	24
Moira Sills	3	25
Paige Bacon	3	25
Scott Landon	3	28
Don Ford	3	31
Nicholas Thoni	3	31

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