



# RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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June, 2023

## Join Zoom Meeting (US and Canada)

Topic: Ridglea Worship Service

Time: Jun 4, 2023 10:30 AM Central Time

**Every week on Sun, until Jul 21, 2024**

60 occurrence(s)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 875 7535 3065

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**We will celebrate the  
sacrament of Communion on  
Sunday, June 4, 2023 and  
Sunday, July 2, 2023**



**The church office will be closed on  
Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July  
4th, in observance of Independence  
Day.**

## 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.

SESSION MEETING FOR JUNE  
WILL BE HELD ON THE  
15TH At 7:00 P.M.

SESSION MEETING FOR JULY  
WILL BE HELD ON  
THE 20TH AT 7:00 P.M.

JUNE NEWSLETTERS  
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

**THERE WILL BE NO JULY NEWSLETTER**



# PASTOR'S NOTES

## It Might Be Helpful

It was a starter package, and it was on sale, and it came home with joy and expectation and promise and possibility. This was just a few years into a new millennium, about the time Yahoo was overtaking Netscape, way before YouTube and on-line video lessons, so a few books were pored over as well. After months of intermittent noodling, a basic “root and fifth” progression on the bass guitar had grown to include the box pattern for major scales, but noodling was all that ever really happened, and that was only occasionally, tucked into the corner of one of the unused bedrooms.

After a few years of random, solitary practice, a second bass came home, but this was an upright, double bass, albeit with electrical tape and patches checkering its “monthly rental” appearance, but it had a foggy, seductive sound that the bass guitar was missing. A friend coaxed and encouraged and, after a bit of time, the sad-looking upright began to show up at a local jam session, providing a simple 2-beat background. There was more encouragement, some friendly pointers from other players, and then someone asked if the bass could play at a picnic in the mountains – the start of many such opportunities in the coming years.

That rental was eventually purchased, and the electric and upright were later joined by an acoustic bass guitar and a second upright, each of them with different sounds, shapes, possibilities and portability’s (it is said that, in preparing for recording sessions, Charles Mingus would often take three or four upright basses to a studio, because the different types of strings and wood meant multiple possibilities for each song!).

Twenty years after that starter package found a home, twenty years after the simplest root-and-fifth lessons in a spare room, it was the kind encouragement of a friend, then another, and another, that has kept those basses playing. Mistakes, of which there were plenty, were overlooked, and budding skills, which came slowly, were celebrated.

As the season of Easter and the celebration of Pentecost move into what we call “Ordinary Time” in our liturgy, it might be helpful to remember that discipleship – growing and sharing our faith – often looks like what was described above: receiving the kind and gentle encouragement of others, mixed with personal opportunities for practicing. This includes everything from random noodling all by one’s self to interactions with friends and strangers. Fortunately, discipleship is easier to carry around, and share, than an upright bass (which is tall, and wide, but generally filled with empty space; perhaps an analogy for another time).

Who have some of those people been, who have offered encouragement over the years and decades? Are they aware of their impact on us, on our careers, our routines, our hobbies, our hopes and aspirations, on our faith, on our discipleship? And, are we practicing encouragement with others – overlooking mistakes and celebrating budding skills? How about stopping for a moment – right here – and lifting those people in thanks. Go ahead, the next sentence will wait.

We call it “Ordinary Time” in the church because there are no major festivals or celebrations (until Advent/Christmas), and we highlight the color green as a reminder of the opportunities to grow. One of the ways we grow is to be thankful for those who nourish us, and the chances to nourish others. Thank you, friends!

Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Regan".

P.S. Many thanks for bass encouragement go to Brenda, Dan, Alan, Jack & Annette, Steve, Sue, Emily, Jennifer, John, and many, many more!

# 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  
Mary Beth Wagner  
Jean Hadley

### Class of 2025

Mick Stuart  
John Little  
Durinda Walker  
Mary Fisher

*Clerk of Session: Karen Landon*

## RPC TRUSTEES

### Class of 2023

Jim Godfrey

### Class of 2024

Tom Sisolak

### Class of 2025

## 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

## RPC FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Class of 2023

Will Stallworth

### Class of 2024

Steve Staples

### Class of 2025

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### Class of 2026

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Presbyterian Children's  
Homes and Services  
of Texas and Louisiana

Hope Grows Here!  
Ridglea Presbyterian Church was well  
represented at the May 2nd Luncheon  
benefiting Presbyterian Children's  
Homes and Services.



## MAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON MAY 21, 2023



### 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.



**June Fellowship Lunch  
June 25, 2023, 11: 30 a.m.**

**(Immediately following our Worship Service)**

The Fellowship Committee will provide fried chicken and beverages. Church members should bring a side, salad, bread, or dessert to share.

As you plan what to bring, please remember that our church kitchen has one microwave and one regular residential oven/range. We are happy to accommodate heating or reheating as we can but space will be limited. It is best to bring something to serve cold or perhaps plan to bring something warm in a crock pot.

*You can register on Realm or contact a member of the Fellowship Committee.*





**COME JOIN US!**

**June 3, 2023, 6:00 p.m.**

**Dinner With Friends (previously Dinner for 8)  
(1st Saturday of the month)**

Gather in groups of 6 to 8 or more to enjoy a meal and fellowship at the host's home or a local restaurant. The Fellowship Committee will coordinate registration and organizing the Friends Groups. Groups will differ from month to month.

We coordinate groups that meet for lunch as well as dinner. You may now indicate if you would like to participate in a lunchtime option.

Please consider being a host:

If you agree to host in your home, you decide what entree you would like to serve and ask the assigned members of your Friends Group to bring side dishes to complement the meal.

If you agree to host in a restaurant, simply make a reservation at the restaurant of your choice. Then notify the members of your assigned Friends Group of the restaurant and reservation time. Dinner in a restaurant will be dutch treat.

**Please remember, if you attended or hosted, send pictures to the church office for the Newsletter.**

**DINNER WITH FRIENDS  
MAY 5, 2023**



Linda and Ron Launder, Susan Everts, Connie and Will Stallworth, Frank Everts, Paul and Luanne Morrison



John Little, Chris Shahan, Lorane and Cori Rea, George Tischler, Becky Williamson, Sue Guthrie, and Katrina Little

**CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. AND MRS. EDGAR VEGA**

**APRIL 28, 2023**



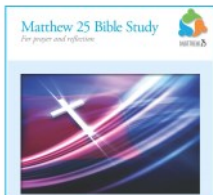
Carla is the daughter of Thomas and Estella Rodriguez, and long time members of RPC





# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RPC 2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Name	College	2023 Scholarships
Jackson Deary	University of Arkansas	Capt. Thomas C. Smith Memorial
Jadyn Martin	McMurry University	Nancy Thompson-Felix Memorial & Carrie C. Bast Memorial Scholarship
Madelyn Register	Tarleton State University	Jack and Robbie A. Wilson Memorial & Given/Grant Scholarship
Noah Boyd Zimmerrman	Blinn College	Dorothy and Ed Chandler Scholarship
Mandalynn Godfrey	Tarleton State University	O'Neal Family Scholarship
Ashley Anderson	DePaul University	Matt LeBlanc Memorial Scholarship & RPC General Scholarship
Megan Register	Liberty University	Floyd and Dottie Melton Memorial Scholarship
Carla Rodriguez Vega	TCC Northeast Campus	Glenn and Pamela Bradbury Memorial Scholarship & PWR Scholarship



## Matthew-25 Action Team Summer Study

Starting on Monday June 12, the Matthew Action Team will host a study of **Do the Work: An Anti-Racist Activity Book**, by W. Kamal Bell & Kate Schatz. This will begin a 9-week session. We will gather in the Eclectic Classroom at 6 pm for a sack supper and begin the discussion and activities at 6:30. You will need to bring the book with you, and you can get it on Amazon or order it from any bookstore. We will try to be finished around 8, but the ending time will be more flexible as we work through all the activities in the book, but never past 8:30.

Please put these dates on your calendar:

Monday, June 12, 19, and 26. Then we'll break for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend and start up again on Monday, July 10, 17, and 31. The last three sessions will be Monday August 7, 14, and 21.

This study is open to everyone.

Even if you can't make them all, we hope you will join us.

### Matthew 25 Action Team



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).

## Welcome New Member Maria Shupe



Maria has been a lifelong Presbyterian. She is certified and worked as a Christian Educator in the Presbyterian Church USA for 17 years. For the next 20 years she worked in Camp and Conference Ministry. Afterwards Maria became the Executive Director of Highlands Presbyterian Camp and Retreat in Colorado for 16 years.

Today Maria is the Development Officer for the Presbyterian Church Homes and Services. She moved to Joshua, Texas, to be closer to her son who lives in Flower Mound. To relax, Maria likes to read, swim, cook and play with her chocolate lab, Snickers.

RPC is happy that she has joined our family.



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>





June and July, 2023

If you were thrilled and uplifted by being surrounded by 70+ Presbyterian Women at Retreat in Granbury, how about 2,000+ PW's from all over the country and whole world! Get ready resource gatherings (and shopping) and more. A mountain top experience!! Learn more at [presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://presbyterianwomen.org/gathering).

Circles have concluded this year's study "Celebrating Sabbath". The Circle meetings will resume in the month of September, 2023.

Summer Activities are being planned: June 13—Ruth Ann Rinewalt will hold a card marking workshop. Our cards will be used to stay connected with church members: birthdays, get well, thinking of you, etc. Come and join us (10: a.m.—12:00 p.m.) on that day. Ever popular Mah Jong has moved to Thursdays always ready to welcome new players. Watch Sunday bulletins for new opportunities.

Circle Three members - meet for lunch Saturday, June 10th at 10:00 a.m. at Rosa's Café on Overton Ridge Road for breakfast and fellowship.

Trivia Answer Are you holding your breath?

Who received the most grants from the Birthday Offering? Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama!! It's the only historically black college founded by Presbyterian Church, U.S.!! First gift, 1921, helped build a woman's dormitory. Between 1928 and 1988, more grants helped support a college infirmary, a nursery school, new classrooms: It endowed professorships in spiritual studies, trained laywomen to lead bible studies and provided financial aid to students. Thank you for your support.

Just Bring It:

June, 2023. RPC will be assisting WestAid in collecting peanut butter and boxed macaroni and cheese.

July, 2023: RPC will be assisting the Presbyterian Children's Home and Services with school supplies for specific children.

All Women, Always Welcomed  
BIBLE STUDY - MISSION - FELLOWSHIP



### PWR - JUST BRING IT JUNE, 2023 AND JULY, 2023

RPC PWR will be assisting WestAid in collecting peanut butter and boxed macaroni and cheese for the **month of June**.

For the **month of July**, PWR will be collecting school supplies for specific children for the Presbyterian Children's Home and Services.



During the month of June, we will have beautiful note cards available each Sunday 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 June, we will include 4th of July cards as well.



# PWR General Meeting 2023 Closing Luncheon—May 23, 2023 See you in the fall!!



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.



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 DURING THE YEAR.



**See details and register on Realm for these upcoming events:**

Event:	Date:	Register By:	Info:
June Dinner with Friends	Saturday, June 3rd	Sunday, May 28th	Dinner or Lunch groups are available
June Fellowship Lunch	Sunday, June 25th	Tuesday, June 20th	The Fellowship Committee will provide fried chicken and beverages. <b>Church members should bring a side, salad, bread, or dessert to share.</b> Note: We are happy to accommodate heating or reheating as we can but space will be limited. It is best to bring something to serve cold or perhaps plan to bring something warm in a crock pot.

**Mark your calendars for events coming soon:**

(We'll let you know when registration opens on Realm)

Event:	Date:
July Dinner with Friends	Saturday, July 1st
July Summer Picnic (Fellowship Lunch)	Sunday, July 16th



**The Jam Sessions for June will be on Monday, the 12th and 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! In July, the Sessions will be on the 10th and 24th.**

**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!**

**2nd Sunday of the Month**

**NO MEETING IN JUNE**

**July 9, 2023 11:45 a.m.**

**Board of Deacons: Focus on Members**  
**Lynne Payne, Moderator**

**2nd Tuesday of the Month**

**June 9, 2023 6:15 p.m.**

**July 11, 2023 6:15 p.m.**

**Christian Education: Focus on Learning and Growing**  
**Susan Everts, Chair**

**1st Tuesday of the Month**

**June 2, 2023 7:00 p.m. & Zoom**

**July 3, 2023 7:00 p.m. Zoom**

**Fellowship Team: Focus on Social Gatherings**  
**Gayle Johnson, Chair**

**2nd Wednesday of the Month**

**June 10, 2023 5:30 p.m.**

**July 12, 2023 5:30 p.m.**

**Commitment Team: Focus on Guests**  
**Mary Fisher, Chair**

**1st Wednesday of the Month**

**June 3, 2023 5:30 p.m.**

**July 5, 2023 5:30 p.m.**

**Worship Team:**  
**Focus on Sunday & Special Services**  
**Durinda Walker, Chair**

**2nd Wednesday of the Month**

**June 10, 2023 6:30 p.m.**

**July 12, 2023 6:30 p.m.**

**Building & Equipment :**  
**Focus on Physical Structures**  
**George Tischler, Chair**

**1st Thursday of the Month**

**June 4, 2023 6:00 p.m.**

**July 6, 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**

**June 9, 2023 6:00 p.m.**

**July 11, 2023 6:00 p.m.**

**Outreach Team: Focus on Mission**  
**Marji Raunikar, Chair**

**3rd Thursday of the Month**

**June 18, 2023**

**July 20, 2023**

**7:00 p.m.—RPC Sanctuary & Zoom**

**Session Meeting**

**Pastor Roger Harwerth, Moderator**

**Clerk of Session**

**Karen Landon**



## June, & July 2023 Birthdays



Ronny Delulio	7	3
Madelyn Register	7	5
Kayla Hoaldrige	7	6
Gayle Hanneman	7	7
Renee Stuart	7	7
Delaine Godwin	7	8
Tom Sisolak	7	14
Zoe Martin	7	14
Tommie Quintero	7	16
Jadyn Martin	7	16
Angel Rodriguez	7	20
Stella Rodriguez	7	23
Andi Ferreira	7	25
Edie Eubanks	7	26
Arlo Dueease	7	26
Chris Shahan	7	28

Mac Zimmerman	6	4
Walter Dueease	6	4
Bob Ballard	6	6
Caroline Maas	6	6
Tabitha Hand	6	9
Kit Van Nostrand	6	12
Caroline Baethge	6	14
Nancy Staples	6	19
Jane Johnson	6	22
Wayne Stubbeman	6	23
Kathy Braudway	6	25
Isabel Quintero	6	26
Melissa Quintero	6	26
Jose Quintero	6	27
Dale Bench	6	29
Bruce Sandford	6	30

The next  
newsletter  
deadline  
will be  
July 20, 2023  
at noon.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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