

#### RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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April 2024

#### Join Zoom Meeting

(US and Canada)

Topic:

Ridglea Worship Service Time: 10:30 AM Central Time Every week on Sunday, until Jul 21. 2024

April 7, 2024 10:30 a.m. April 14, 2024 10:30 a.m. April 21, 2024 10:30 a.m. April 28, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Join **Zoom** Meeting

Meeting ID: 875 7535 3065

Passcode: 818178



We will celebrate the sacrament of Communion Sunday morning,
April 7, 2024



#### 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 studying the book by Kathleen Norris entitled "Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith". The class selected the words they were most interested in discussing out of the 62 words the author has written.

SESSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 18, 2024 At 7:00 P.M.

APRIL NEWSLETTERS
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

#### "THE GATHERING"

RPC's multi-generational Sunday School Class led by Paul Duncan, has started a six part DVD Series on Revelation. The series began January 28th and will run for the next several Sundays. All interested are welcome to attend!

#### Mission/Vision statement

Following our Savior's example,
Ridglea Presbyterian Church
strives to perform
acts of compassion
and inclusivity
in our daily lives
while seeking to grow
in spirit and hope.

#### **PASTOR'S NOTES**



It is highly possible that every person who has ever lived has struggled with food, or with eating, or with hunger at least once in their lives, and probably more than once. Parents feeding children who are hungry, or

finicky, or allergic, or simply growing, think a lot about food (as do children). People traveling are often met with food options they have not previously considered, or encountered, think about food. A lot of social activities include food, especially at churches. Potlucks! Anniversaries! Dinner with Friends! Graduation! Chili Cook-Off! Thanksgiving! Birthday! Communion! The Bible has dozens of food-related stories, including apples, grapes, olives, honey, bread, beef, pork, mutton, fish, and more; some of the stories are struggles and some of them are celebrations.

It is highly possible that every person reading these paragraphs have thought about what and how much they eat (or don't), and also highly probable that those thoughts have spilled over to what and how much other people eat (or don't). Our daughter Amanda has recently earned certification as a sports nutrition coach (through the National Academy of Sports Medicine) and the process took a lot of time, effort, and support, and we are mighty proud parents. Becoming certified is a big deal, one of her amazing accomplishments (teacher! mom! spouse! friend! musician! athlete!), and achieving this level of knowledge and experience brings opportunities and responsibilities and challenges. Folks have started reaching out, asking her for insights, information, and assistance, and those conversations have already begun to illuminate the challenges, opportunities, and responsibilities that are ahead.

It is highly possible that people are reaching out, asking questions, seeking information because our daughter admits to having struggled, admits to having journeyed into trends, and expresses positive curiosity more than negative criticism. Thinking about her accomplishments, and the avenues still ahead, there seemed to be some connections, some similarities with the accomplishments, avenues, and opportunities in the settings of church, faith, and belief.

As we rush up to, through, and past another Easter celebration, we often share familiar stories and traditions, and we too easily overlook or forget the different histories and struggles of faith, hope, and love that we bring into these celebrations. For instance, there are folks who hunger, who worry, who struggle with the "diet" of God they were fed for many years. For instance, there are folks who rarely, if ever, travel and explore, let alone consider or accept a "menu" of diversity and divinity. It is difficult, but important to remember, to encourage, to help one another along our Easter journeys, and it is also important to reach out, even to lean upon people who have experiences, knowledge, and perspectives which can enlighten our journeys. Perhaps, when we gather around food, we might listen to folks who consider more than hunger. Perhaps, when we gather around God, we might listen to folks who consider more than themselves.

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. Our deacons oversee our ministries of care and compassion. Email: Deacons@RidgleaPres.org

**RPC SESSION** 

Class of 2024Class of 2025Class of 2026Susan EvertsMary FisherBeth DuncanJean HadleyJohn LittleShiryl GillaspieMarji RaunikarMick StuartGeorge TischlerMary Beth WagnerDurinda WalkerReeve Van Nostrand

Clerk of Session: Karen Landon

#### **RPC TRUSTEES**

<u>Class of 2023</u> <u>Class of 2024</u> <u>Class of 2025</u>

Jim Godfrey 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

#### RPC FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Class of 2023 Class of 2024 Class of 2025 Class of 2026 Designee

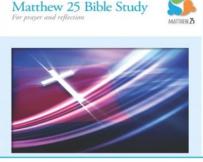
Will Stallworth Steve Staples Ken Kibler Gordon Ramsey Shiryl Thompson Gillaspie

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#### Mathew 25 Action Team/Book Club



\*\*Quail Trail events—(Lynne) Presbyterian Night Shelter has taken over management of QT and things are definitely improving. Thursday, only Lynne was there for the Birthday Celebration. We will help with the TAFB distribution on April 19. April 30<sup>th</sup> outreach members and others will participate when the community makes sandwiches for the Presbyterian Night Shelter at 11 pm. If you'd like to help, contact Lynne.

\*\*Lynne announced the Crock Pot event at West Aid will take place on May 8 at 1 pm.

\*\*The Committee decided not to have Book Club this summer. We'll start back in September. We'll need to meet during the summer to select books. If you have ideas for books, send them to Marsha.

\*\*Movies That Matter—April 4<sup>th</sup> (yes that's just next week!) Some of us will attend. The Movie is A DECENT HOME. If you'd like to meet for dinner at Mc Callister's let Marsha know. We can carpool there. Supper at 5:30. The show begins at 7 pm. Get your free tickets from www.FortWorthTexas.gov/Diversity-inclusion

\*\*Summer Movies That Matter. We will have supper before attending the June 6th movie, THE FREEDOM TO MARRY and the August 1 movie, THE RIGHT TO READ. Mark your calendars. More info as we get closer to those dates.

The next book club is Tuesday, May 28. The book is EMPIRE OF THE SUMMER MOON by S. C. Gwynne. **We need a leader.**:)

Contact Marsha if you'd like to lead this discussion. 817-235-5217.



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 2024 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



#### YOUTH...RPC

#### Children and Youth

### April

#### Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 KidQuake	6
7 Cold Case Mystery 12 p.m 3 p.m	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Fort Worth Mainst	19 PWR Retreat	20—
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Stock Yard cavenger Hunt 2 p.m 3 p.m		30		00 3		

#### UNSLOVED COLD CASE

The Youth are Invited to Solve a Cold Case Murder Mystery

SUNDAY APRIL 7TH 12 P.M. - 3 P.M.



#### **CAN YOU FIGURE OUT WHO DID IT?**

Lunch will be provided
REACH OUT TO EMILY IF YOU
HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR
CONCERNS.

There will be a signup sheet on the youth bulletin board for volunteers to sign up to provide lunches or monetary donations for lunches for the children and youth programs for April and to sponsor different activities.

Please contact Emily if you have any questions or concerns.



#### Stock Yard Scavenger Hunt

FORT WORTH STOCK YARDS

The children, youth, and families are invited to participate in a Stockyard Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, April 28th 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Lunch will be provi<mark>ded after Church. Then we will l</mark>oad up the bus and head to the Stock Yards to start our adventure. We will meet back at the church at 3 p.m.

Please reach out to Emily if you have any questions or concerns



See details and register on Realm for these upcoming events:

Event:	Date:	Register By:	Information:			
April Lunch or	April 6th	Sunday	Dinner or Lunch			
Dinner With		March 31st	groups are			
Friends			available			
No April			Due to PWR			
Fellowship			Retreat on that			
Luncheon			weekend			
May Lunch or	May 4th	Wednesday	Dinner or Lunch			
Dinner With		May 1st	groups are			
Friends			available			
May Fellowship	May 19th—RPC	Wednesday	RPC Youth			
Luncheon	Youth Senior	May15th	Senior Recognition			
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Event:	Date:							
June Lunch or Dinner With Friends	June 1st							
June Fellowship Luncheon	June 23rd (moved to 4th Sunday as Father's Day is on June 16)							

THE 2024 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.



The Jam Sessions are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday 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!

#### 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.

#### 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 "Home" members. Following worship service, these cards will be in white baskets in the Narthex on a first come basis.





Wednesday mornings 8:30 a.m.

Central Market

Upstairs

The men's prayer breakfast has been a vital part of Ridglea's mission and ministry for decades. We enjoy a hearty breakfast and pray for people and events around the world.



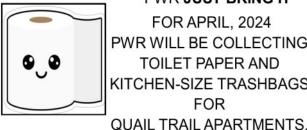
Coffee and hot tea are now available in the Gathering Room on Sunday mornings! Please help yourself! There is an air pot with hot water along with assorted tea bags to make a cup of hot tea. There are regular and decaf coffee k-cups, as well as sugar, artificial sweeteners, and creamer to make a cup of coffee. To make coffee, you lift the top of the coffee maker. insert a k-cup, and close the lid. Then set a cup under the nozzle and press the 'BREW' button. There is a donation box at the coffee station. While there is not a charge for coffee or tea, if you would like to help cover the cost of the supplies, donations are appreciated.

#### **QUAIL TRAIL APARTMENTS**

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Quail Trail Apartments is a new construction property consisting of 48 units in the heart of Fort Worth. The property provides permanent supportive sustainable housing to homeless individuals. In addition, the property provides case management and other services to assist these individuals with transitioning to permanent housing, medical services, and other personal services.

#### PWR JUST BRING IT



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

FOR APRIL, 2024 PWR WILL BE COLLECTING **TOILET PAPER AND** KITCHEN-SIZE TRASHBAGS FOR





#### **PWR ANNUAL**

Camp Crucis Lodge Cost: \$95/person

Two people to room - private bath -

breakfast provided

Please register by April 1st!

Scholarships are available if needed.

Please see Becky Williamson.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!! Deadline is April 1, 2024

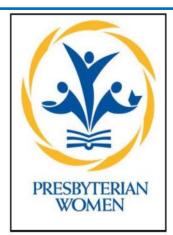
WOMEN'S RETREAT

REGISTER ONLINE OR CONTACT MARJI RAUNIKAR.



#### **April PWR General Meeting**

There will be no General Meeting due to the **RPC Women's Retreat.** 



#### **Circle Meeting Times**:

Circle 1: April 9th at Church (Fish Classroom) 10:30 a.m.

Circle 2: April 9th at Church (Eclectic Café) 10:30 a.m.

Circle 3: April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Church (Eclectic Café) 6:30 p.m.

**April PWR General Meeting**: There will be no April PWR General Meeting due to the Women's Retreat. Hope to see you in Granbury April 19-20<sup>th</sup>!

<u>Just Bring It –April 2024</u>: For Quail Trail Apartments, we will be collecting kitchen-sized (13 gallon) plastic garbage bags, toilet paper, and laundry detergent pods (PODS ONLY—NO LIQUID OR POWDER). Quail Trail

provides permanent supported housing and services for homeless individuals with disabilities.

#### Looking Ahead:

**PWR Women's Retreat**: Please register by April 1st for the April 19-20, 2024, Women's Retreat at Camp Crucis in Granbury. There will be dinner & entertainment on Friday, and the retreat will be on Saturday. Rev. Jennifer Hayes will be our guest speaker. We will have music, crafts, small group sessions, meals & snacks, and wonderful opportunities to learn & grow together in Christ. **May PWR General Meeting**: Mark your calendars for May 28th to gather with PWR for our annual closing luncheon. We always have a lovely time with lots of great food and fun.



At our PWR March general meeting, Firefighter S. D. Keele from the Fort Worth Fire Department Training Center gave an informational presentation about CPR, AED usage, and fire safety.



## COME JOIN US! April 6, 2024 6:00 p.m. Dinner or Lunch With Friends (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.



## RPC MARCH FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON THEME: ST. PATRICK'S DAY



#### **Update from The Finance and Budget Committee**

Financial Results presented at the January 29, 2024 Congregational Meeting portray a financially healthy church. The year end 2023 financial report (which arrived after the Congregational Meeting) did, however, show expenses exceeding revenue, contrary to the nearly balanced budget presented for the year. Explanation is warranted.

The fact that expenses exceeded revenue was the result of numerous discussions and decisions not to withdraw available funds from investment accounts, but to take advantage of our strong position in cash reserves. Be assured that Ridglea Presbyterian Church is in solid financial health. The Finance and Budget Committee continues to monitor financial matters and will advise the congregation as to any material changes as we go through 2024.

Thanks to the generosity, dedication, and work of faithful members, RPC is able to project a nearly-balanced 2024 budget, cover normal operating expenses, meet special needs, and provide funds for participation in God's work within and beyond our walls.

Community Music Connection

Teaching Music Connecting People

Dear CMC friends,

Our new winter and spring schedule for CMC six-evening group guitar courses begins on Thursdays from 6 - 9 pm

January 11, 2024—February 15, 2024; February 22, 2024 — March 28, 2024; and April 4, 2024—May 9, 2024

#### www.CommunityMusicConnection.org

The cost is \$65 for the six-evening course or \$55 for CMC members.

Please remember that even if you have not registered for a six-class session, you may DROP IN for one evening and pay \$17 (or \$14 for members) to attend all three hours from 6 - 9 pm.

Members of the Ridglea Presbyterian Church will be offered free CMC membership discounts for all Group Guitar Lessons held at the church!

Also, thanks so much to those of you who make contributions to CMC! As a 501c3 non-profit organization, we are working to make the joy of playing guitar affordable for everyone.

#### 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
April 14, 2024 11:45 a.m.
Board of Deacons: Focus on Members
Lynne Payne, Moderator

2nd Tuesday of the Month
April 9, 2024 6:15 p.m.
Christian Education: Focus on Learning and Growing
Susan Everts, Chair

1st Tuesday of the Month
April 2, 2024 7:00 p.m. & Zoom
Fellowship Team: Focus on Social Gatherings
Beth Duncan, Chair

1st Wednesday of the Month
April 3, 2024 5:30 p.m.
Worship Team:
Focus on Sunday & Special Services

Durinda Walker, Chair

1st Thursday of the Month
April 4, 2024 6:00 p.m.
Personnel: Focus on Staff Support
George Tischler, Chair

2nd Tuesday of the Month April 9, 2024 6:00 p.m. Outreach Team: Focus on Mission Marji Raunikar, Chair 2nd Wednesday of the Month April 10, 2024 5:30 p.m. Commitment Team: Focus on Guests Mary Fisher, Chair

2nd Wednesday of the Month April 10, 2024 6:30 p.m. Building & Equipment: Focus on Physical Structures George Tischler, Chair

2nd Thursday (week prior to Session Meeting) 6:00 p.m. - Zoom

Finance & Budget: Focus on Stewardship Reeve Van Nostrand, Chair

February 15, 2024
7:00 p.m.—RPC Sanctuary & Zoom
Session Meeting
Pastor Roger Harwerth, Moderator

3rd Thursday of the Month

Clerk of Session

Karen Landon

deadline
will be
April 18, 2024
at noon.

# April, 2024 Birthdays Judy Groulx Jennie Paget 4

Amelia Keating	Terry Aycock	Lilia Briseno	Gordon Ramsey	Carla Vega	Melissa Burkhead	Jared Hoaldridge	Tom Jenkins	Mary Hanson	Ann Landon	Gary Guly	Thomas Carter	John Godwin	Sonja Conway	Shirley Baxter	Debbie Odom	Ken Kibler	Martin Cleworth	Jan Renfro	Sonny McCutcheon	Jennie Paget	Judy Groulx
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