



RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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www.RIDGLEAPRES.org

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



EARTH DAY

APRIL 22, 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.

"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.

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

APRIL NEWSLETTERS
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

PASTOR'S NOTES

PERHAPS



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,

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

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 | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <u>Class of 2024</u> | <u>Class of 2025</u> | <u>Class of 2026</u> |
| Susan Everts | Mary Fisher | Beth Duncan |
| Jean Hadley | John Little | Shiryl Gillaspie |
| Marji Raunikar | Mick Stuart | George Tischler |
| Mary Beth Wagner | Durinda Walker | Reeve 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 | | | | |
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| <u>Class of 2023</u> | <u>Class of 2024</u> | <u>Class of 2025</u> | <u>Class of 2026</u> | <u>Designee</u> |
| 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 30th 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 4th (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

2024

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 | 19 PWR Retreat | 20 |
| | | | | Fort Worth Mainstreet Art's Festival | | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 Stock Yard Scavenger Hunt 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. | 29 | 30 | | | | |

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.

THANK YOU!
SO MUCH

Stock Yard Scavenger Hunt

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 provided after Church. Then we will load 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



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.




See details and register on Realm for these upcoming events:

| Event: | Date: | Register By: | Information: |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| April Lunch or Dinner With Friends | April 6th | Sunday March 31st | Dinner or Lunch groups are available |
| No April Fellowship Luncheon | | | Due to PWR Retreat on that weekend |
| May Lunch or Dinner With Friends | May 4th | Wednesday May 1st | Dinner or Lunch groups are available |
| May Fellowship Luncheon | May 19th—RPC Youth Senior Recognition | Wednesday May 15th | RPC Youth Senior Recognition |

Mark your calendars for events coming soon:

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

| 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 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.

Ridglea Presbyterian Church

Blessing of the Pets

Saturday, April 13, 2024
2:00 - 4:00 PM

Blessing from Rev. Harwerth at 2:30

- *Photos with pets
- *Live music
- *Treats for pets
- *Treats for humans (The Little Ice Cream Truck)

We will be accepting dog & cat food donations for a local pet food bank.

5000 Southwest Blvd. 76116





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

FOR APRIL, 2024

PWR WILL BE COLLECTING
TOILET PAPER AND
KITCHEN-SIZE TRASHBAGS
FOR
QUAIL TRAIL APARTMENTS.



RPC Women's Retreat

2024 Theme: God's Goodness

Where

Camp Crucis
2875 Camp Crucis Ct. Granbury, TX

Saturday

Retreat: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Guest Speaker: Rev. Jennifer Hayes
Includes Snacks, Lunch, & Drinks
Cost: \$45

Friday

Shopping
Whoever wants to join!

Dinner
El Gallo de Oro
430 E Pearl St, Granbury, TX
(separate checks)

Entertainment
A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder

Granbury Opera House
133 E. Pearl St
Granbury, TX 76048

Cost: \$30
Reservations must be made no later than April 1st

Accommodations

Camp Crucis Lodge
Cost: \$95/person
Two people to room - private bath - breakfast provided



Registration

Scan the QR code above or use this link to register and pay online through Realm.
<http://tinyurl.com/2024RPCRetreat>

Please register by April 1st!

Scholarships are available if needed. Please see Becky Williamson.

**PWR ANNUAL
WOMEN'S RETREAT
IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!
Deadline is April 1, 2024**

**REGISTER ONLINE OR
CONTACT MARJI RAUNIKAR.**



April

PWR General Meeting

**There will be no April
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 2nd 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 19-20th!

Just Bring It –April 2024: 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

2nd Wednesday of the Month
April 10, 2024 5:30 p.m.
Commitment Team: Focus on Guests
Mary Fisher, Chair

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

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

1st Thursday of the Month
April 4, 2024 6:00 p.m.
Personnel: Focus on Staff Support
George Tischler, 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
April 9, 2024 6:00 p.m.
Outreach Team: Focus on Mission
Marji Raunikar, Chair

3rd Thursday of the Month
February 15, 2024
7:00 p.m.—RPC Sanctuary & Zoom
Session Meeting
Pastor Roger Harwerth, Moderator

Clerk of Session
Karen Landon



April, 2024 Birthdays

| | | |
|------------------|---|----|
| Judy Groulx | 4 | 8 |
| Jennie Paget | 4 | 8 |
| Sonny McCutcheon | 4 | 9 |
| Jan Renfro | 4 | 9 |
| Martin Cleworth | 4 | 12 |
| Ken Kibler | 4 | 15 |
| Debbie Odom | 4 | 15 |
| Shirley Baxter | 4 | 16 |
| Sonja Conway | 4 | 17 |
| John Godwin | 4 | 19 |
| Thomas Carter | 4 | 19 |
| Gary Guly | 4 | 20 |
| Ann Landon | 4 | 20 |
| Mary Hanson | 4 | 21 |
| Tom Jenkins | 4 | 24 |
| Jared Hoaldridge | 4 | 24 |
| Melissa Burkhead | 4 | 27 |
| Carla Vega | 4 | 28 |
| Gordon Ramsey | 4 | 28 |
| Lilla Briseno | 4 | 28 |
| Terry Aycock | 4 | 29 |
| Amelia Keating | 4 | 29 |

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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The next
newsletter
deadline
will be
April 18, 2024
at noon.