



RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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May 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

May 5, 2024 10:30 a.m.

May 12, 2024 10:30 a.m.

May 19, 2024 10:30 a.m.

May 26, 2024 10:30 a.m.

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Meeting ID: 875 7535 3065

Passcode: 818178



We will celebrate the
sacrament of Communion
Sunday morning,
May 5, 2024

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, MAY 27TH IN HONOR OF
MEMORIAL 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.

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"

Our Multi-Generational Sunday
School class led by Paul Duncan has
begun a new series for the next few
months. It is called "Live Your
Values." It gives the entire group a
set of Values to explore and a chance
to weigh them against other Values.
The exercise is thought provoking,
not judgmental. Please come be part
of the group, All Are Welcome!

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
MAY 16, 2024 At 7:00 P.M.

MAY NEWSLETTERS
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

PASTOR'S NOTES

Words of Life



Some of us might just be old enough, and some of us might have been around television long enough to remember a recurring skit on Saturday Night Live wherein a character named Stuart Smalley would lift up “Daily Affirmations.” When I first watched them, they reminded me of an on-going series of commercials that we watched growing up, from Unity Village, for a “word of the day.” Over a background of majestic mountains, or a babbling brook, or an eagle soaring toward the clouds, there would be a soft, soothing voice saying “the word of the day is...hope” (or peace, or energy, or trust, or confidence, etc.). This would be followed by some quasi-celebrity who would explain how important, how meaningful, how precious that word was to them, and how it could be for us as well.

Even before I know about the Epiphany tradition of “star words” I would think about those “word of the day” experiences, and there have been plenty of times when such a seemingly simple idea would bring focus to a jumbled day, or week, or season. Since we are about five months past Epiphany (January 6), perhaps it would be a good thing to reflect on these and other guideposts.

For more years than I might want to consider, one of my mainstay words has been “others.” It is a fairly broad word, of course, but that is one of its pleasures. It is a mental shorthand for the verse “the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve” (in Matthew 20 and Mark 10).

The story is told of a minister who went back to his hometown to attend a funeral, held in the church in which they grew up. The pastor noticed that some really beautiful stained-glass windows had been installed in the sanctuary; upon looking closely, however, it became clear that none of the names on the memorial plaques within the glasswork were familiar to them. The pastor asked a friend about this, wondering if it really had been so long since they’d been home that all such knowledge of the congregation had been lost?

The friend explained that these windows had been custom-built in Italy for a church in St. Louis, but when they arrived, they didn’t fit correctly. The company said that new windows would be made instead of trying to alter the first shipment, and that the St. Louis congregation should just try to sell them to anyone interested. This small church saw the advertisement in a denominational magazine, for quite a reasonable price, and decided to purchase them. The pastor asked their friend, what would be done about the names?

The friend replied that that very subject had been brought up at the session meeting and after discussion, the session decided to keep the windows just as they were created, because, the session reasoned, it is important to remember that there are other faith-filled Christians in the world.

This is one of my favorite stories about thinking about people beyond ourselves, and it reminds me that there is a synonym in the Bible for people beyond ourselves – it is “neighbor.”

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		
<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				
<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Designee</u>
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Matthew 25 Action Team Book Club



Please join us on May 28 at 6 pm for sack supper with book discussion beginning at 6:30. We'll meet in the FISH classroom. I will lead the discussion of THE FALSE WHITE GOSPEL. The author is Jim Wallis, an Evangelical Christian. The premise of this book is that Christians, especially White National Christians, have sanitized the Gospel, ignoring all the scriptures through the old and New Testament about social justice. He uses many scripture to support his point including Micah 6:8 (What does the Lord require of you but to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.) and Matthew 25 (paraphrasing—when you've helped the least of these, you've helped Jesus.) These are the verses that Wallis credits for his decision to return to the church. There are things in this book some of us will find problematical, but it's a very important book for all of each of us to read, discuss, and see if and how it applies to our own life. Wallis says don't ask WWJD (what would Jesus do?). Ask What did Jesus do and what did Jesus say. Hope you will join us on May 28.

**Quail Trail events—(Lynne) Presbyterian Night Shelter has taken over management of QT and things are definitely improving.

**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.

*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.

Marsha West



The Pentecost Offering, one of the PC(USA)'s four Special Offerings, provides transformational experiences for youth through the "Educate a Child, Transform the World" national initiative, and also support the Office of Presbyterian Youth and Triennium and the Young Adult Volunteer Program. A special hallmark of this shared offering is that 40% of it is retained by our congregation for local needs. This year we have selected the Center for Transforming Lives, formerly the YWCA, as the recipient of our local 40%. CTL provides housing, child care, and a key service – financial stability training, to women and their children in crisis.



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>



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.

YOUTH...RPC

CHILDREN AND YOUTH **MAY 2024** CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Mayfest		
			1	2	3	4
Kickball 12 pm - 1:30 pm Lunch Provided 5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Mother's Day 12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Fellowship Luncheon Senior Sunday 19	20	Emily starts the Camino de Santiago 21	Last Day of School			25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



CONGRATULATIONS!

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON, MAY 19th
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE
IN HONOR OF OUR RPC 2024 GRADUATES.

Sunday Fellowship Meal



THE YOUTH ARE INVITED TO

Come Play Kickball

Sunday, May 5, 2024
From 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Lunch will be provided

Please contact Emily if you have any questions or concerns

Youth Cold Case Mystery
We solved the case!
April 7, 2024



See details and register on Realm for these upcoming events:

Event:	Date:	Register By:	Information:
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	Fellowship Committee will provide fried chicken, beverages and dessert. The congregation is invited to bring a side dish, salad, fruit or bread to share.
Tortilla Making Class Our own Estella Rodriguez will share her knowledge in making homemade flour tortillas. Cost: \$10 per person	May 25th Class is open to the first 10 registrants. Bring a rolling pin if you have one. We will provide everything else and work together in the church kitchen.	May 12th	Mix, roll and cook tortillas. Enjoy tacos for lunch on your own tortillas and take home some fresh tortillas to enjoy later.

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.



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)

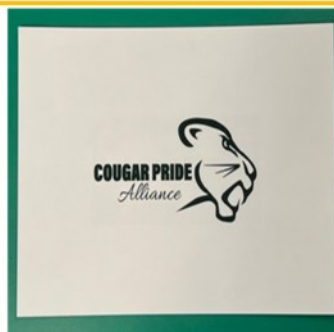
The Jam Sessions are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday in the Sanctuary from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Lots of bluegrass, folk, Americana and country music is shared with acoustic unamplified instruments. Musicians of all skills are encouraged!

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.



Dear Ridge Presbyterian Members:
Many thanks for your generous donations of fruit snacks, granola bars, napkins and all of the peanut butter & cheese crackers! Our students, staff and volunteers at Western Hills High School appreciate your continued support these last 7 years.
Patty Presley
Executive Director
Cougar Pride Alliance

For our March Just Bring It, RPC members collected 4520 napkins, 929 granola bars, 1041 fruit snacks, and 1028 peanut butter & cheese crackers. Many thanks to all who donated to the student extra-curricular activities at Western Hills High School.



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.



May 28, 2024

PWR General Meeting

Please join us for our PWR Closing Luncheon on Tuesday, May 28th. We will have a potluck meal and play Bunco.



JUST BRING IT—MAY, 2024

Our May just bring it will be granola bars, breakfast bars, cheese crackers and peanut butter crackers for Hope Farm. This local organization with a location in the Como area has a goal of **GUIDING AT-RISK BOYS TO BECOME CHRIST-CENTERED MEN OF INTEGRITY**. Their focus is on boys without adult male role models who are on the path to gangs, homelessness, or incarceration and need mentoring and guidance to instead discover educational success. HOPE FARM WAS STARTED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONALS WHO SAW THE DAILY REALITY OF THE TROUBLED LIVES FATHERLESS BOYS FACE. They provide youth Development through training, wellness checks, student camps, nutritious meals, & organized athletic activities, as well as educational enrichment through reading, writing, speaking, computers, financial literacy, & critical thinking.





Circle Meeting Times:

Circle 1: May 14th at Church (Fish Classroom) 10:30 a.m.
Circle 2: May 14th at Church (Eclectic Café) 10:30 a.m.
Circle 3: May 7th at Church (Fish Classroom) 6:30 p.m.

May PWR General Meeting: Please join us Tuesday, May 28th for our PWR Closing Luncheon. We will have a potluck meal and play Bunco.

Just Bring It –May 2024: For Hope Farm's summer program, we will be collecting granola bars, breakfast bars, cheese crackers, and peanut butter crackers. Hope Farm is a leadership program guiding at-risk boys to become Christ-centered men of integrity. There are three locations in the DFW Metroplex, including one in the nearby Como neighborhood. PWR is also collecting items for WestAid on an **ongoing basis**. We have a labeled box near the office for donations of toiletries, sanitary products, and food.

Looking Ahead:

PWR Summer Activities: Back by popular demand -- Our first PWR summer activity will be card making on June 11th. Ruth Ann Rinewalt will guide us in creating beautiful greeting cards to send to RPC Home members and others we love. More information coming soon!

Women's Retreat at Camp Crucis outside of Granbury April 19 & 20, 2024:

Over 40 women went to Granbury for a time of fun, reflection, and personal spiritual growth during our women's retreat April 19-20. Our own the Rev. Jennifer Hayes led our experiences in her own delightful manner, both challenging us and supporting us. The theme was God's Goodness, based on Habakkuk 3:19 -- "God the Lord is my strength: He makes my feet feel like the feet of a deer and makes me tread upon the heights." We were blessed by her leadership. Bonds were forged in the sharing that will only make us and RPC stronger.

The rain held off Friday for those of us who traveled down to enjoy shopping, dinner, and a play at the Granbury Opera House. Such talented actors there. Back at Camp Crucis afterwards, we snacked and chatted and played games. A good time was had by all.

Despite the rain Saturday, which put a chink in our plans of being able to wander around in God's wonderful nature, something we are always wanting more of, Saturday was a great day. Jennifer's leadership and the small group discussions, Mandy Hand's beautiful music, the fun craft activity planned by Sue Guthrie and Nancy Marchant, and the super lunch and snacks provided by Diane Keller and Paula Sandford made for one awesome retreat regardless of the weather. If you read the church e-newsletter, you saw the graphics that Allison Cleworth created which encouraged our participation. Karen Landon, Nancy Marchant, and Emily Everts made sure all the sound and technology worked. Saturday concluded with worship and communion.

This reflection would not be complete without recognizing the leadership of Becky Williamson and Katrina Little. Registration was handled by Patricia Taber. Becky was ably assisted by others not already mentioned: Marji Raunikar, Kit Van Nostrand, Glenna Cleworth, Gleda Griffith, Johanna Jones, Melinda Keating, and Marsha West. This event truly takes a village. If this sounds like something you'd like to be involved in, please let Becky Williamson know. We'll start planning the 2025 retreat in the late fall of this year. The blessing we all received was hearing and believing that, as Jennifer said, each of us is God's goodness. We have truly been blessed by this retreat experience. ~~Marsha West



COME JOIN US!
May 4, 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.

Blessing of the Pets

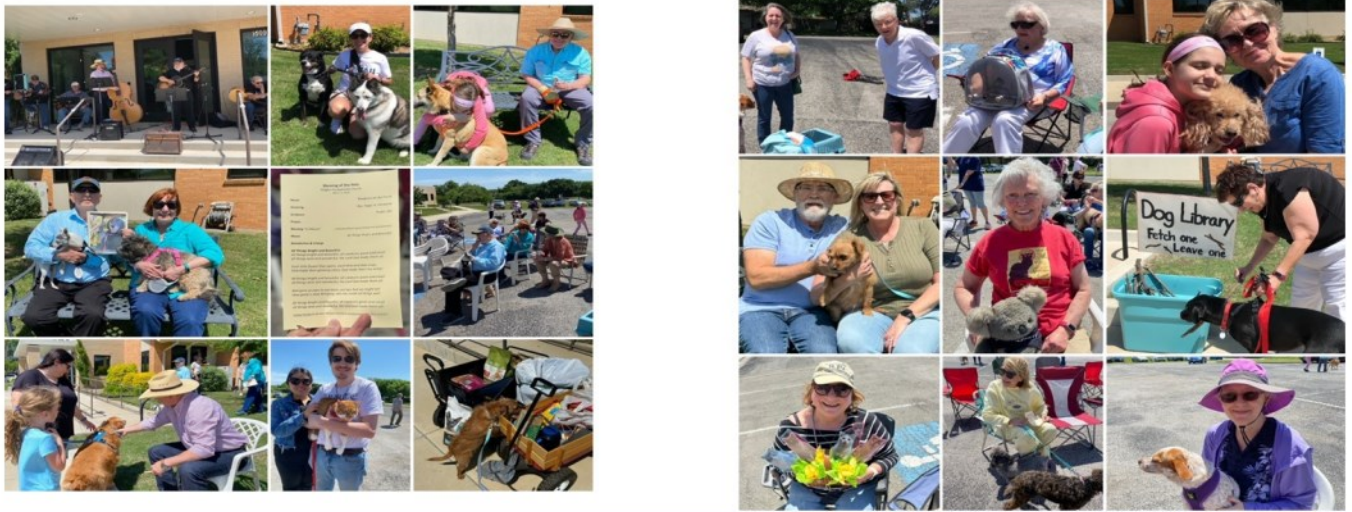
The idea for the blessing of the pets was because so many of us have pets and we talk about them all the time. Saturday afternoon we had 3 and 4 legged dogs of all shapes and sizes, We had baby kittens that you could hold in your hand. We had pictures of pets who were a bit temperamental and couldn't join us in person but did in spirit. We had winged creatures. And we even had a stuffed Koala. Truly a gathering of God's creatures.

Roger did a lovely blessing for all the pets, which we are grateful for, but the real blessing was for all of us who gathered together on a beautiful, sunny, breezy day, sharing our love of our pets and each other. The ice cream truck and the fly over by the Blue Angels topped off an amazing Saturday. From what I've heard, this will be an event we want to repeat.

Thanks to Karen Landon for the picture collage.

Your Outreach Committee

Marsha



Community Music Connection

Teaching Music Connecting People

Dear CMC Guitar friends,

You won't want to miss our guest artist, Brad Thompson, on the evening of May 9, 2024. Brad is a great musician and high-energy entertainer! He works with a full band or by himself with his road-worn guitar, a microphone, a looper pedal, and an amplifier. We will show Brad what our class is like and he will show us what he does. For more information, see his website: <https://bradthompson.com/>

This will be our last six-week session before summer break. We may or may not have some special meetings during the summer.

Please see the website for all the details: www.CommunityMusicConnection.org

- Mark

Community Music Connection

Mark W. Batchelder, Executive Director

4424 Longmeadow Way, Fort Worth, Texas 76133

www.CommunityMusicConnection.org

682-233-1692

RPC is collecting used eclipse glasses to donate to schools in Latin America so school-aged children have the opportunity to see the Annual Eclipse October 24, 2024. There is a basket in the Narthex for collecting these glasses. Deadline is May 19, 2024.

**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
May 12, 2024 **11:45 a.m.**
Board of Deacons: Focus on Members
Lynne Payne, Moderator

2nd Tuesday of the Month
May 14, 2024 **6:15 p.m.**
Christian Education: Focus on Learning and Growing
Susan Everts, Chair

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

2nd Wednesday of the Month
May 8, 2024 **5:30 p.m.**
Commitment Team: Focus on Guests
Mary Fisher, Chair

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

2nd Wednesday of the Month
May 8, 2024 **6:30 p.m.**
Building & Equipment :
Focus on Physical Structures
George Tischler, Chair

1st Thursday of the Month
May 2, 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
May 14, 2024 **6:00 p.m.**
Outreach Team: Focus on Mission
Marji Raunikar, Chair

3rd Thursday of the Month
May 16, 2024
7:00 p.m.—RPC Sanctuary & Zoom
Session Meeting
Pastor Roger Harwerth, Moderator

Clerk of Session
Karen Landon



May, 2024 Birthdays

Johnny Haenes	5	3
Bill Long	5	3
Luanne Morrison	5	9
Dick Rinewalt	5	1
Rosemary Everts	5	0
Katrina Little	5	1
George Tischler	5	1
Kevin Ballard	5	1
Ruth Ann Rinewalt	5	2
Burt Chance	5	2
Ryan Keating	5	2
Susan Everts	5	2
Jane Blair	5	2
Gayle Johnson	5	2
Jack Henderson	5	2
Jae Medlin	5	26
Jody Maas	5	27
Gerry Curtis	5	28
Cathy Johnson	5	28
Sharon (Sue) Guthrie	5	28
Frank Everts	5	31

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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deadline
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