



RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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August, 2024

(US and Canada)

Topic: Ridglea Worship Service
Time: 10:30 AM Central Time

- August 4, 2024 10:30 a.m.
- August 11, 2024 10:30 a.m.
- August 18, 2024 10:30 a.m.
- August 25, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Passcode: 380490



**We will celebrate the
sacrament of Communion
Sunday morning,
August 4, 2024**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

RALLY DAY



*Rally Day, August 11, 2024
9:15 - 10:15 A.M.*

Meet in the Gathering Room

ECLECTIC CAFE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Eclectic Café Sunday School class is starting a new series on Sunday entitled "The Gospel According to Winnie the Pooh". We will determine which character(s) we relate to most in order to make our romp thru the 100 Acre Woods more personal. Winnie and his friends reflect the many faces of following the way of Jesus with faithfulness. Good news abounds as they discover a gentle providence for every season and challenge of life. Hope you can join us.

**Eclectic Café Zoom meeting ID:
915 2396 5224
Password is Eclectic.**

"THE GATHERING"

Our Multi-Generational Sunday School class led by Paul Duncan has begun a new series. It is called "Live Your Values." The exercise is thought provoking, not judgmental. Please come be part of the group. All Are Welcome! We plan to meet throughout the summer.

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
AUGUST 15, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

AUGUST NEWSLETTERS
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE



HAPPY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE CELEBRATING IN AUGUST

Edward Good	8	4
John Haenes	8	5
Mary Ann Guly	8	10
Bob West	8	13
Daniel Duncan	8	15
Aspen Cleworth	8	21
Hayden Haenes	8	23
Clay Roberts	8	25
Sarah Wagner	8	30
Jack Baethge	8	30



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 2025

Mary Fisher
John Little
Mick Stuart
Durinda Walker

Class of 2026

Beth Duncan
Shiryl Gillaspie
George Tischler
Reeve Van Nostrand

Class of 2027

Paul Morrison
Marji Raunikar
Mary Beth Sisolak-Wagner
Becky Williamson

Clerk of Session: Karen Landon

RPC TRUSTEES

Class of 2025

Tom Sisolak

Class of 2026

Reeve Van Nostrand

Class of 2027

Paul Morrison

2024-2025 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
Diane Keller

RPC FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Class of 2024

Steve Staples

Class of 2025

Ken Kibler

Class of 2026

Gordon Ramsey

Class of 2027

Nancy Staples

Designee

Shiryl Thompson Gillaspie

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Roger Harwerth, Pastor
Patricia Taber, Office Manager
John Sauvey, Director of Music Ministries
Dale Bench, Organist
Emily Everts, Children and Youth Ministries Coordinator

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FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON
JULY 21, 2024



INTERGENERATIONAL • CHURCH-WIDE

Rally Day 2024

SUNDAY • AUGUST • 11TH • 9:15-10:15

JOIN US FOR A FUN MORNING OF MUSIC,
FELLOWSHIP, AND EXPLORING!!
IT'S TIME WE GET EXCITED ABOUT ALL
RIDGLEA HAS TO OFFER!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

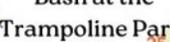
WILL HAPPEN DURING THE
WORSHIP SERVICE ON SUNDAY
AUGUST 11TH, 2024

YOUTH...RPC

CHILDREN
AND YOUTH

AUGUST 2024

CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
 RALLY DAY 9:15 - 10:15 	CTHS, FWAFA, 1st Day of School 	FWISD 1st Day of School 	Aledo, WSISD 1st Day of School 	SCS 1st Day of School 	11	12
Fellowship Luncheon 						
Back to School Bash at the Trampoline Park 12 - 2 PM 						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

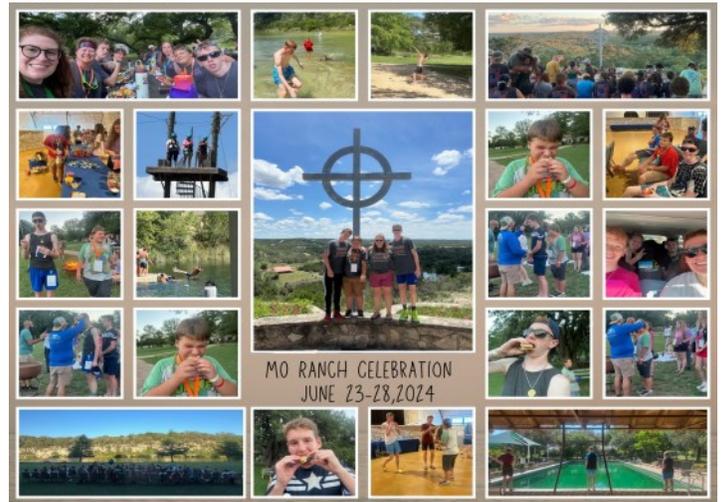
THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH ARE INVITED TO

Back to School Bash

@ Altitude Trampoline Park

AUGUST 25TH FROM 12 - 2 PM
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

- FOAM PIT
- RACING ZIP LINE
- CLIP N' CLIMB
- WIPEOUT
- SUPER TRAMPOLINE
- EXTREME DODGEBALL
- PERFORMANCE TRAMPOLINE
- TAMPOLINE BASKETBALL
- HIGH -9 REACTION WALL
- BATTLE BEAM



6-26-2024

My dear church family,

Many heartfelt thanks to all of you for your ~~kind~~ kind expressions of sympathy for my daughter Nancy + me. The sudden unexpected death of her husband Chip Shumaker, has left us "empty".

The visitation, funeral + burial were a source of comfort for Nancy + her family. Chip's roots have long been deep in Parker County where he was born, raised + lived in Weatherford.

To know our church family is praying for us is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.

Love,

Betty Rankin



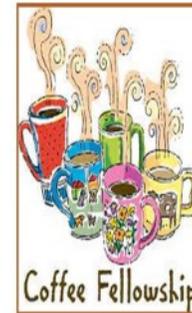
Wednesday mornings
8:30 a.m.

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.



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!



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.

PWR SUMMER PROGRAM- CHAIR YOGA

Ginger Humber that teaches Yoga at the church on Monday nights (1st & 3rd Monday) at 6pm has opened another Yoga class called Chair Yoga. Chair Yoga is a gentle modified form of Yoga that uses a chair for all movement. The first class was June 19th and was such a success that it will continue weekly. Cost is \$5 and will be on Wednesday's 1-1:45pm. Please come join us! Wear loose fitting clothes



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.

Just Bring It – August 2024



RPC will be collecting dog and cat food for Quail Trail, Westaid and Meals on Wheels.

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.



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>



Matthew 25 Action Team News

We have a good solid group of almost 25 folks involved with this work, but we would like to grow even more. If you've been wondering what all this Matthew 25 business is about, this is a good time to catch up.

We've been on this journey since the summer of 2020, though at the time we didn't know about Matthew 25. We were just appalled at what was happening to black men and women, and we began a study called "In Black and White" put together by the PCUSA's Presbyterian Women's group. It was an eye-opening study for most of us who live in a white bubble. That study led us to discover PCUSA's Matthew 25 project, which is based on Matthew 25: 31-46. Here's the link if you'd like more info. [Presbyterian Mission Agency Matthew 25 in the PC\(USA\): A bold vision and invitation | Presbyterian Mission Agency](#)

There are three prongs to the study:

- Building Congregational Vitality
- Dismantling Structural Racism
- Eradicating Systemic Poverty

To help us get a handle on these issues, we studied info from the Mission Agency for 6 weeks in the Eclectic Sunday School class. Then we began a book club, and we meet monthly to discuss a variety of books.

You don't have to read all of these to be a part of the Matthew 25 Action Tea, but if you're interested, here's the list of books we've read and discussed from **January 2023**:

January [A Beginner's Guide to America](#) by Roya Hakakian. This is the story of an Iranian immigrant and her perceptions of her former homeland, America, and the difficulty of adjusting to the new country.

February [WAKING UP WHITE](#) by Debbie Irving. The white author shares her journey of recognizing her own white privilege.

April 25 [WE ARE NOT LIKE THEM](#) by Christine Pride & Jo Piazza This is a fictional story about two friends, one white and one Black. The white woman's husband is a policeman and kills a young Black man. The story is told from each woman's perspective.

May 28 [THE OTHER WES MOORE](#) by Wes Moore. The author discovered another black man of the same name who had a vastly different life than the author who is currently the Governor of Maryland.

We spent the 2023 summer meeting weekly with [DO THE WORK! AN ANTIRACIST ACTIVITY BOOK](#) By W. Kamau Bell & Kate Schatz. We learned a lot, and it wasn't at all easy, but we believe it was necessary. Now we don't suggest you jump into this book first before reading some of the books above first. And if you don't want to wade through on your own, I'm sure we can put together a group to look at this book together.

September the group met at the home of Marsha West to watch a portion of [The 1619 Project](#) that looks at history from the perspective of the first enslaved Black people to come to this country. The project was led by Nikole Hannah-Jones and involved the New York Times Magazine.

October We discussed the book, [NECESSARY TROUBLE, Growing Up Mid Century](#) by Drew Gilpin Faust, the first woman president of Harvard sharing her perspective of the Civil Rights Movement. She got permission from John Lewis to use his words as the title of her book.

November We discussed [AMERICAN DIRT](#) by Jeanine Cummins. This book was the fictionalized story of a woman whose whole family was gunned down by gangs, and her treacherous and horrifying trip with her small son to come to the US.

2024

January [ONE GIRL'S JOURNEY: UP HOME](#) By Ruth J. Simmons. "Simmons's evocative account of her remarkable trajectory from Jim Crow Texas, where she was the youngest of twelve children in a sharecropping family, to the presidencies of Smith College and Brown University shines with tenderness and dignity."—*The New York Times Book Review*

February [MEMPHIS](#) by Tara M. Stringfellow is "a moving debut charts the lives of 3 generations of black women, the sorrows, trauma, tragedy, poverty, violence, domestic and sexual abuse, and sacrifice." Bing

March [OUR KIND OF PEOPLE Inside America's Black Upper Class](#) by Lawrence Otis Graham. An eye-opening story.

May [THE FALSE WHITE GOSPEL](#). The author is Jim Wallis, an Evangelical Christian. The premise of this book is that Christians, especially White Christian Nationalists, have sanitized the Gospel, ignoring all the scriptures through the old and New Testament about social justice. A really important read.

[Movies That Matter at the Modern](#) We started attending these informative movies at the Modern. In February it was WHO WE ARE, looking at racism in America. In April, A DECENT HOME looked at the issues of mobile home parks. In June, THE FREEDOM TO MARRY showed the work to get to have same sex marriage.

On August 1, we go see THE RIGHT TO READ, an issue near to the hearts of many of us as former teachers. We'll see movies in October and December. Look for articles about that in future newsletters.

Besides the book studies and movies, we do service at West Aid with RPC members volunteering there throughout the week as well as the donations our congregation has donated for years. We also serve at Quail Trail, a community of formerly homeless people, by helping with monthly distributions of the Tarrant County Food Bank and celebrating monthly residents' birthdays.

In September 24 and October 22 we'll meet to study Project 2025. More info in coming newsletters.

There is lots more to do, and we would like more folks to help with the work. Contact Marsha West or Lynne Payne if you'd like to get on board. 😊

The Matthew 25 Action Team



COME JOIN US!
August 3, 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.



L-R: Brenda Harwerth; Kelly Weber; Chris Shahan; Hostess, Thylis Chambless; Gleda Griffin and Roger Harwerth.



Mary Beth and Sarah Wagner; Hosts Katrina and John Little, Becky Williamson, Emily Everts, Anthony & Anna Neyland & their daughter Presley.



See details and register on Realm for these upcoming events:

Event:	Date:	Register By:	Information:
August Dinner With Friends	Saturday, August 3rd	Sunday, July 28th	Dinner or Lunch groups are available
August Fellowship Luncheon	Sunday, August 18th	Wednesday, August 14th	Salad Potluck - Bring your favorite salad to share. Salads can be green salads, fruit salads, pasta salads, chicken salads, etc. Fellowship Committee will provide the beverages and desserts.
September Dinner With Friends	September 7th	Sunday, September 1st	Dinner or Lunch groups are available
September Fellowship Luncheon and Celebration of Gifts of Women	September 15th	Wednesday, August 28th	

Mark your calendars for events coming soon:
(We'll let you know when registration opens on Realm)

Event:	Date:
October Dinner With Friends	October 5th
October Fellowship Luncheon	October 13th

JEWELRY MAKING WITH BRENDA HARWERTH

**PWR
Summer
Program**

It was a great time Tuesday learning how to make puff pillow necklaces from magazine pages. Many thanks to Brenda for sharing her wonderful artistic talent and being a fantastic teacher. It was amazing to see all the beautiful pendants & necklaces that were made. We all left with some new jewelry to wear.

**PWR
Summer
Program**



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

2nd Tuesday of the Month
August 13, 2024 6:15 p.m.
Christian Education: Focus on Learning and Growing
Susan Everts, Chair

1st Tuesday of the Month
August 6, 2024 7:00 p.m. & Zoom
Fellowship Team: Focus on Social Gatherings
Beth Duncan, Chair

1st Wednesday of the Month
August 7, 2024 6:30 p.m.
Building & Equipment :
Focus on Physical Structures
George Tischler, Chair

1st Wednesday of the Month
August 7, 2024 5:30 p.m.
Worship Team:
Focus on Sunday & Special Services
Durinda Walker, Chair

2nd Wednesday of the Month
August 14, 2024 5:30 p.m.
Commitment Team: Focus on Guests
John Little, Chair

1st Thursday of the Month
August 8, 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
August 13, 2024 6:00 p.m.
Outreach Team: Focus on Mission
Marji Raunikar, Chair

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

Clerk of Session
Karen Landon



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deadline
will be
August 15, 2024
at noon.