



RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER, 2025

(US and Canada)

Topic: Ridglea Worship Service

Time: 10:30 AM Central Time

September 7, 2025 10:30 a.m. Communion

September 14, 2025 10:30 a.m.

September 21, 2025 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Luncheon

September 28, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 944 1264 0306

Passcode: 380490



**THE CHURCH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2025,
IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY**



**We will celebrate the
sacrament of Communion
Sunday morning,
September 7, 2025**

ECLECTIC CAFE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS **Eclectic Café Zoom meeting ID: 915 2396 5224**

On August 31 Johanna Jones will conclude this study looking at Excellence and Fruitfulness.

On September 7 Judy Humphrey will lead the class on a look at Thessalonians.

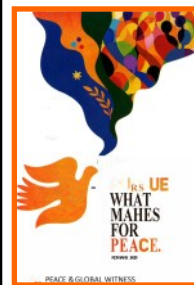
Then we'll start a study called Sealed in Christ, looking at the symbolism behind the Presbyterian symbol. Lynne Payne will start that study, which will last 3 Sundays.

Look forward to seeing everyone.

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.



We will be receiving the Peace and Global Witness Special Offering from September 7 through October 5, 2025.

"THE GATHERING"

The Gathering, our multigenerational Sunday school class led by Paul Duncan, is conducting a DVD lesson series on the Book of Proverbs. The DVD lessons are short to allow plenty of time for discussion. All are welcome to attend!

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTERS
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

SESSION MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Rebecca (Becky) Williamson	9	1
Jean Godfrey	9	5
Warner Bailey	9	7
Edna Ball	9	11
Shiryl Thompson Gillaspie	9	12
Steven Staples	9	12
Steve Cowden	9	12
Michelle Birdwell	9	14
Linda Wilson	9	16
Kevin Hand	9	19
Jeremy Martin	9	20
Melinda Keating	9	21
Julie Ritz	9	26
Blythe Lee	9	28
Zim Zimmerman	9	29

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 2026

Beth Duncan
Shiryl Gillaspie
George Tischler
Reeve Van Nostrand

Class of 2027

Paul Morrison
Marji Raunikar
Mary Beth Sisolak-Wagner
Becky Williamson

Class of 2028

Mark Gottschalk
Ryan Keating
Jody Maas
Marsha West

Clerk of Session: Karen Landon

RPC TRUSTEES

Class of 2026

Reeve Van Nostrand

Class of 2027

Paul Morrison

Class of 2028

Jim Godfrey

2025-2026 RPC DEACONS

Lynne Payne - Moderator
Kit Van Nostrand—Home Member Care Coordinator
Jean Godfrey – Funeral Reception Coordinator
Glenna Cleworth
Jane Johnson
Diane Keller
Jo VanOosterhout

RPC FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Class of 2025

Ken Kibler

Class of 2026

Gordon Ramsey

Class of 2027

Nancy Staples

Class of 2028

Walter Dueease

Designee

Shiryl Thompson Gillaspie

Staff

Roger Harwerth, Pastor
Patricia Taber, Office Manager
John Sauvey, Director of Music Ministries
Dr. Maritza Caceres, Organist
Emily Everts, Children and Youth Ministries Coordinator
Caroline Maas, Pianist

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YOUTH FELLOWSHIP



THE MESSAGERS ARE INVITED TO

LOG CABIN VILLAGE

Come to The Log Cabin Village, a living history museum, to participate in the World Wide Day of Play! Bring out the kids to play historic games that our ancestors used to teach children the skills they'd need to succeed in the 19th century.

Saturday September 27th
From 1 pm - 3 pm

Please RSVP to Emily by
 September 24th
emily@ridgleapres.org



TRIENNIUM
JULY 28-JULY 31
LOUISVILLE,
KY



BACK TO
SCHOOL
BASH
8 / 24 / 25



JUST BRING IT FOR JULY AND AUGUST

COLLECTION OF PERSONAL ITEMS
FOR THE NEWLY HOUSED RESIDENTS OF
THE NEW LEAF APARTMENT COMPLEX,
WHICH IS RUN BY PRESBYTERIAN NIGHT SHELTER -
LIKE THE QUAIL TRAIL APARTMENTS
WHICH PWR CURRENTLY SERVES.
NEW LEAF APARTMENTS WILL BE IN THE RIDGLEA AREA.



RPC Session

L-R Pastor Roger Harwerth, PWR Moderator Becky Williamson, Ryan Keating, Marsha West, Marji Raunika, Clerk of Session Karen Landon, Sheryl Gillaspie, Paul Morrison, Mary Beth Wagner, Beth Duncan, George Tischler, Reeve Van Nostrand, Jody Maas, Mark Gottschalk



September Just Bring It

RPC will be collecting items for
Center for Transforming Lives to get our classrooms ready for the school year.
More information will be provided at a later date.



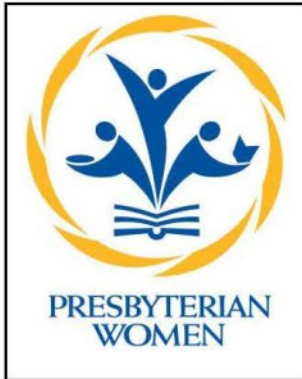
COME JOIN US!
Dinner or Lunch With Friends

The Fellowship Committee is bringing some changes to Dinner With Friends. For 2025, we will coordinate Dinner With Friends once per quarter, on the following dates:

Saturday, January 4th
Saturday, April 5th
Saturday, July 12th
Saturday, October 4th

We are also looking at some ways to change up the format — so stay tuned.

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



Circle Meeting Times:

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

Circle 2: September 9th at Church (Eclectic Classroom) 10:30 a.m.

Circle 3: September 2nd at Church (Eclectic Classroom) 6:30 p.m.

*****New Presbyterian Women Circle members are ALWAYS welcome!***

Contact Becky Williamson at rebecca.fisher1@me.com for more information about joining one of our three PWR Circles.

Just Bring It –September 2025: The most current September Just Bring It information can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. PWR continues to collect items for WestAid and Quail Trail Apartments on an ongoing basis:

toiletry items (shampoo, soap, deodorant, wet wipes, etc.), sanitary products, and pet food. Please place items in the labeled box located near the office.

Looking Ahead:

September 21st: Gifts of Women Sunday during Worship at 10:30 AM – Join us for a meaningful service that recognizes and celebrates the diverse contributions of women within the church and the wider community. The service will include installation of 2025-2026 PWR officers.

September 23rd: General Meeting field trip to Bowie House Auberge Resorts Collection – The Gallery at Bowie House is a unique art space situated within the Bowie House, Auberge Resorts Collection hotel on Camp Bowie Blvd. The gallery is a collection of nearly 500 artworks integrated throughout the hotel. The collection, curated by the hotel owner, features a mix of classic and modern pieces, with many available for purchase. Afterwards we will eat at the onsite restaurant. Meet at the church at 10:00; carpooling will be available. ***RSVP to Julie Ritz by September 15 by phone, text or email at julieritz@sbcglobal.net.***

October 18th: Grace Presbytery Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering – First Presbyterian Church, Grapevine. Ladies -- Talk amongst yourselves to get a group together to go!

October 28th: General Meeting – RPC members Chris Shahan and Jo Van Oosterhout will share their experience last June as citizen diplomats traveling to Bandung, Indonesia with Fort Worth Sister Cities. This trip commemorated 35 years of the Fort Worth/Bandung connection.

November: No PWR General Meeting this month due to Thanksgiving.

Spring 2026: PWR Annual Women's Retreat – The planning committee is already preparing for our retreat next spring. ***Additional committee members are welcomed and needed. Please contact Kit Van Nostrand at kitvn@aol.com if you are interested in helping with this event.***

God blessed creation
When He made a tree
A thing of beauty for all to see
In Summer it blesses us with shade
While Autumn brings bright colors that never fade.
Each Winter bare branches stretch out in prayer
But in Spring nests of peeping chicks cradle there
Sit under its shade
And gaze at the sky
Why, you can almost hear God give a satisfied sigh!
~~Linda Wilson



Mathew 25 Action Team Opportunities to Serve

Matthew 25 Bible Study
For prayer and reflection



On August 30, we have an opportunity to tour NEW LEAF on Camp Bowie West. New Leaf is the new home complex for folks who have been homeless. This is how we fixed the colorful tubs for. We will meet at church at 9:30 to carpool to a 10:00 tour. Please let Lynne Payne know if you are planning to come, so we know to wait for you. Text Lynne at 915-248-9789.

September 19 at 9:15 is the TAFB food delivery at Quail Trail in River Oaks. Volunteers are appreciated. It's a fun time working with the residents and staff.

The Book Club resumes on September 23, and the book will be a novel called THE VANISHING HALF by Britt Bennett, about two sisters. One passes as white and the other lives as a black woman and how their lives differ. It is very well written. Marsha West will lead the discussion. Bring your sack supper at 6 and the book discussion will begin at 6:30.

All are welcome at any of these activities.

"When you do it unto the least of these my brothers, you do it unto me." Matthew 25:40.

Marsha West



Thank you for your in-kind donation of insect repellent, sunscreen, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, combs, soap and body wash, and other essentials to DRC Solutions.

The homeless in our community are real people, each with a story, a struggle, and a hope for something better. We are working to turn that hope into real, life-changing solutions. Your support fuels our Street Outreach team who directly support the unsheltered living on our streets. Thank you for believing in this mission. Thank you for showing up.

From Tony Wilson,
Executive Director DRC Solutions

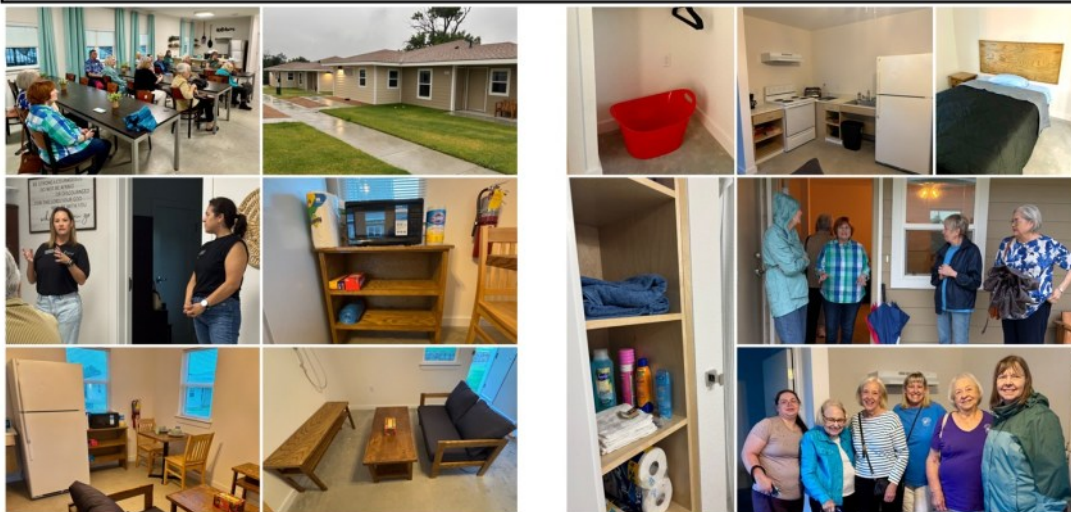
Matthew 25 Action Team

Did You Know?

President Millard Fillmore signed the Fugitive Slave Act in 1850 which gave legal cover to kidnap free Black people in the North (of the U.S.) and drag them into, or back into, slavery.



Ridglea led a group of our parishioners and friends on a tour of **New Leaf Camp Bowie** which is a housing development where 48 unhoused folks will soon be living. The project is under the umbrella of The Presbyterian Night Shelter (PNS). Krystal Lotspeich and Brenda Rios, employees of PNS, speaking to us in the Community Room, provided information on the history of the project and answered questions. All participants were able to go into one of the amazing units complete with a living room/kitchen combo, and a separate bedroom with a bath. You can see one of the tubs and its contents that was generously donated by you. Each unit is completely furnished with furniture made by the amazing employees of Upspire, a job creation arm of PNS, designed to provide clients with jobs. The visit was incredibly inspiring. We all came away knowing that this is just the beginning of Ridglea's relationship with our new neighbors at New Leaf! Thanks be to God.



This QR code (for phone apps) will direct people to our Realm portal for online giving; a Realm account will need to be created, though it is very simple to do.



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 2025 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 Shiryl Thompson Gillaspie at 817-266-4171 in order to fill those positions.

Sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d49a4ae2ea3f85-ushers1>

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.

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.



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!



WE WILL BE RECEIVING
THE PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING
BEGINNING
SEPTEMBER 7 THROUGH OCTOBER 5, 2025.

Men of the Church

Next Meeting: September 4 @ 6:00



Menu: See John Little, Frank Everts, and James Aycok
(There will be a small, reasonable charge for whatever these chefs
come up with)

Jim Godfrey has arranged for Jim Hodgeson from the Fort Worth
Aviation Museum to speak about Mayor Henry Meacham
(1925-1927). Maybe, we will all learn why they named Meacham
Airport after him.

We will provide more details through the weekly newsletter,
and the Sunday Bulletin.

Please sign up on realm or see the ladies in the Narthex with
the computers. For planning purposes, we need to get a head count.

We look forward to seeing you there!

The 2026 Flower

*Calendar is posted
in the Narthex if you
wish to celebrate,
honor or remember
a special person,
date or occasion,
Please sign up as
the spaces fill up
pretty quickly.*



PARKING - We are using the grass
field behind the basketball goal for
overflow parking when our main lot fills
to capacity. Feel free to park there, but
if you see the front row becoming near
full, please leave the end spots open so
others may pull in and start a second
row in the grass. Thanks!

**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
September 14, 2025 11:45 a.m.
Board of Deacons: Focus on Members
Lynne Payne, Moderator

2nd Tuesday of the Month
September 9, 2025 6:15 p.m.
Christian Education: Focus on Learning and Growing
Mary Beth Wagner, Chair

1st Tuesday of the Month
September 2, 2025 7:00 p.m. & Zoom
Fellowship Team:
Focus on Social Gatherings
Beth Duncan, Chair

2nd Wednesday of the Month
September 10, 2025 6:30 p.m.
Focus on Physical Structures
George Tischler, Chair

1st Wednesday of the Month
September 3, 2025 5:30 p.m.
Worship Team:
Focus on Sunday & Special Services
Shiryl Gillaspie Thompson, Chair

2nd Wednesday of the Month
September 10, 2025 5:30 p.m.
Commitment Team: Focus on Guests
Marsha West, Chair

1st Thursday of the Month
September 4, 2025 6:00 p.m.
Personnel: Focus on Staff Support
Paul Morrison, 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
September 9 2025 6:00 p.m.
Outreach Team: Focus on Mission
Marji Raunikar, Chair

3rd Thursday of the Month
September 18, 2025
7:00 p.m.—RPC Sanctuary & Zoom
Session Meeting
Pastor Roger Harwerth, Moderator

AV Team
Contact: Nancy Staples

Clerk of Session
Karen Landon

Nominations Committee
Contact: Mary Beth Wagner



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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The next
newsletter
deadline
will be
September 18, 2025
at noon.