



RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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November 2021

10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Join Zoom Meeting

Every week on Sun, until November 28, 2021,
4 occurrence(s)

**Please note we will continue to stream our
service of worship on Facebook and Zoom
(see below for Zoom info)**

November 7, 2021 10:30 a.m.
November 14, 2021 10:30 a.m.
November 21, 2021 10:30 a.m.
November 28, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88210395550?
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Meeting ID: 882 1039 5550 Passcode: 304907



**We will celebrate Communion
on Sunday, November 7, 2021**



Set clock back one hour on Sunday,
November 7, 2021 at 2:00 a.m.



**FIRST
SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 28, 2021**

**SESSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
November 18, 2021
At 7:00 P.M.**

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTERS ARE
AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE



**CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERING
NOVEMBER 28—DECEMBER 19, 2021**



PASTOR'S NOTES

All Grown Up and Living in Ohio!

It was late afternoon when the phone rang, and even though the caller ID was unfamiliar, I picked up the receiver, “Ridglea Presbyterian, this is Roger,” I said into the void. There were a few crackles on the line, but for a couple of seconds that was it; just as I was about to hang up a voice came on. I was thinking that this was going to be a telemarketer, asking for the “owner” or “the person who makes decisions about your copier” or one of about a dozen other opening lines, but instead there was just a simple “hello? hello?”

Turns out it was Scott, all grown up and now living in Ohio! Well, I didn’t know until later that he was living in Ohio, and I didn’t really know Scott, except that it was the name on the caller ID, but I had just finished one thing and the next thing was still waiting to be started, so here I was chatting with Scott, who called with a question: do we have records of baptisms? Scott’s parents were members of Ridglea in the 1960’s, and they told Scott that he had been baptized at Ridglea, but he needed to know what the date of that baptism was. Was there any way of finding out?

I asked a few questions, wrote everything down, and figured that this was going to take a few hours of wading through some old books. I let Scott know that we would be in touch to let him know if we do, or do not have any information on his baptism, but we don’t keep copies of certificates, we just keep dates and names in a register. I could tell he was a bit disappointed, like the mental image of a 16x20 gold-edged, embossed certificate, with his name and baby foot-print, laying in a vault in the dusty reaches of the church, waiting for the day he would come searching for it (today!) – that mental image was dissolving as I told him that maybe we’d have an entry in a ledger.

I assured him, though, that if we can find such an entry, we could send a letter saying “our records indicate...” if that would be okay. Sure, that would be great, he said, and here’s my phone number and my e-address.

A short little phone call, all of about six or seven minutes. After I hung up I was planning to give my notes to either Patricia, our office manager, or Karen, our Clerk of Session, so they could search through the fire-proof filing cabinet filled with a couple dozen volumes of minutes, rolls, and registers, if there was even a chance that such records might exist. Curious myself, I went to the cabinet, so that I might let Karen or Patricia know which drawer to search. Well, the records do exist, and Scott (and his sister, born in 1957) were both baptized on November 22, 1959 by the Rev. Clifford W. Williams, and a letter has already been sent to Scott that verifies all of that.

I share this little story for a couple of reasons: those records exist because of the work of a whole bunch of people, particularly those who have served as Clerk of Session, along with the church secretaries / office managers, that have kept Ridglea – and most every other worshipping community since Moses – running smoothly. And, because what the people of faith did, decades ago, still matters today. In our celebration of baptism, we pledge to guide, nurture, and encourage those who are baptized to know and love Jesus Christ, and those commitments go far beyond the walls of a congregation. Do you remember Scott and Susan, or their parents, Roy and Phyllis, the Lawrence family? Do you remember when Rev. Williams pronounced “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”? Well, sixty-two years later Scott is all grown up and living in Ohio, still being nurtured in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God!

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 2022

Delaine Godwin
Katrina Little
George Tischler
Reeve Van Nostrand

Class of 2023

Miriam Gallagher
Gayle Johnson
Nancy Staples
Nick Thoni

Class of 2024

Susan Everts
Marji Raunikar
Mike Strange
Dale Wagner

Clerk of Session: Karen Landon

RPC TRUSTEES

Class of 2021

Jean Hadley
Ken Kibler

Class of 2022

Chris Henderson

Class of 2023

Jim Godfrey

2021 RPC DEACONS

*Betsy Kibler - Moderator

Michelle Birdwell - Home Member Care Coordinator

Jane Johnson—Home Member Care Coordinator

Kit Van Nostrand—Home Member Care Coordinator

Lynne Payne—Hospital Care Coordinator

Ruth Ann Rinewalt—Hospital Care Coordinator

Dean Phillips – Hospital Care Coordinator

Jean Godfrey – Funeral Reception Coordinator

*Not active Deacon

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER



Diane Keller

We are happy and delighted to welcome Diane to Ridglea Presbyterian church. She is no stranger to our church as she has been visiting for a couple of years. Diane is a lifetime Presbyterian, growing up at First Presybterian and transferring her membership in 1985 to St. Philip Presbyterian. At St. Philip, she was a Deacon on the Preschool board and Co-Chaired the Financial Aid Program. She is married to Mike for 40 years and they have a daughter Monica and son-in-law Steve. Diane is a Texas Tech graduate and a retired teacher from Arlington & HEB ISD.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER



Luanne Morrison

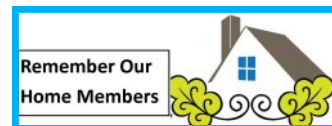
We are happy and delighted to welcome Luanne to Ridglea Presbyterian church. She too, is no stranger to our church as she has been visiting for a couple of years. Luanne was born and raised in Fort Worth. She was a Methodist until she reconnected to Paul (15 years after they attended high school together). She has 2 beautiful stepdaughters and after 12 years of marriage to Paul, they had a son, Colton. Paul and Luanne were active members in Oakhurst Presbyterian. Paul and Colton joined Ridglea, but they attended a larger church that had a Youth Group for Colton (where Paul's daughters attended), but Paul and Luanne returned to Ridglea because "we loved the people and feel at home". Luanne stays busy flying for Delta Airlines.



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.



The Care Committee wishes to encourage the congregation to send a note, a card, or make a phone call to a Home Member to brighten their day, since visitors are not allowed at this time. For a Home Member's contact information, please call either Jane Johnson @ 817-307-9776 or Betsy Kibler @ 817-560-3141. Thank you for reaching out to our Home Members!

The Care Committee



PRESBYTERIAN NIGHT SHELTER
of Tarrant County

Providing safety and hope since 1984

Please help us help others!!

There are sign ups for sandwich makers for the Presbyterian Night Shelter in the hallway on the bulletin board with the Flower Calendar. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Aprilant
nAprilant@charter.net



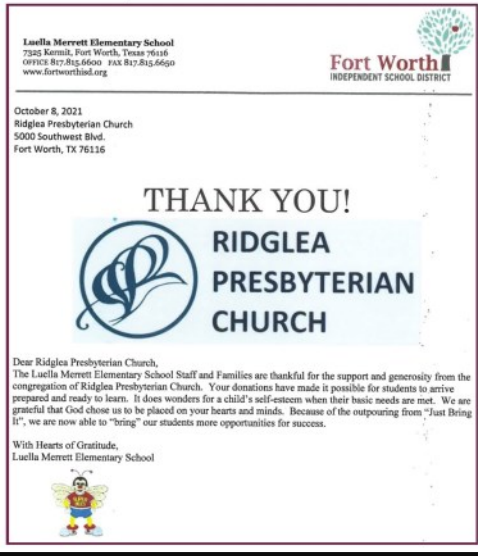
Wednesday mornings at 8:00 a.m.
Sanctuary



A donation was made by Nancy Ritts in recognition of Gary Guly for his help and ongoing ministries to members and friends of Ridglea.

PLEASE NOTE, WE NOW HAVE CHILDCARE AND SECURITY FOR CHILDREN INFANT TO AGE 7 DURING THE 10:30 A.M. SERVICE.

Thank You



The Flower Calendar is now posted in the Narthex
Sign up to provide the floral arrangement in the worship service. You can honor or remember a loved one, celebrate a special occasion, or just provide some beauty for our new worship space. Arrangements are normally \$50.00. You may take the flowers with you after the worship service.
If you have any questions, contact Patricia at the church office 817-732-3388.



The Jam Sessions for November will be on Monday, the 1st, 15th and 29th 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!



Presbyterian Women

November, 2021

It's the time of year to count our blessings. Every fall with a deep sense of gratitude, PWomen have contributed to the Thank Offering. This special offering started in Springfield, Ohio in 1888 has granted almost \$27 million to more than 1,600 projects in the U.S. and around the world.

In 2021, twelve projects have been chosen, three are international. Here is a sampling of just a few:

- 1) Belize—a Sunday School/Day Care Center serving 50 children of single parents.
- 2) Guatemala—Open Books Ministry to increase literacy for children in rural areas.
- 3) Zambia—Chasefu Theological College—provides women's hostel to encourage more female candidates.
- 4) Child Advocacy Services in Hammond, LA—provide council and comfort for abused children.
- 5) Cancer Association of Anderson, S.C.—provide a vehicle and driver to assist patients with no transportation to the treatment center.
- 6) Habitat for Humanity—Orlando, FL –mentor 100 households to prepare them for ownership.
- 7) Peacehaven Farm, Whitsett, N.C.—a kitchen renovation to help this program for developmentally delayed adults.

For the complete listing, go to presbyterianwomen.org/give. Envelopes can be turned in at circle meetings or the church office. Please mark it: **PW Thank Offering**

Tentative circle plans:

Circle One	November	9	Church	10:30 a.m.
Circle Two	November	9	Church	10:30 a.m.
Circle Three	November	2	Zoom	7:00 p.m.

Just Bring It—November—we will be working on stuffing Christmas stockings for Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services

BIBLE STUDY - MISSION - FELLOWSHIP
All Women, Always Welcomed



- ◆ We Welcome
 - ◆ We Witness
 - ◆ We Work (and play!)
- Putting faith in action is what we do!*



HAPPY "98TH" BIRTHDAY, HELEN

The Fish Class celebrated with the congregation on October 17 for Helen's ("Sunshine") 98th birthday.



GET TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS



EDIE EUBANKS

*Everyone knows Edie! We all talk to her once a year, like clockwork.
But how much do we know about her?*

Edie spent her young adult life in the army. She received training in physical therapy, eventually earning her degree and becoming a certified physical therapist. She continued in this field until her retirement from the military. In 1997, she moved to Fort Worth with her entire family. Soon after the move, she joined Ridglea Presbyterian Church and met Helen Luckett, who recruited Edie to work on the Commitment Team and suggested they needed someone to wish church members "Happy Birthday". Thus started her telephone ministry that we all benefit from twenty four years later. For me, that simple phone call on my birthday leaves a warm feeling that lasts and lasts. I asked Edie how much longer she planned to make phone calls- "As long as they keep sending me a list".

Edie plans to move to a retirement village in 2022. She has been attending RPC services via Facebook, but hopes to be back at church in person by the end of October.

Let's all welcome her back in person and tell her how much we appreciate her, and everything she does for all of us, especially on our birthdays.

Session Meeting Notes for October 21, 2021

- The Ridglea Presbyterian Church regular stated session meeting took place on Thursday, October 21, 2021, in the RPC Sanctuary. The Reverend Roger Harwerth moderated the meeting. RPC Clerk Karen Landon took the minutes of the meeting. Also in attendance were John Sauvey, Director of Music; Betsy Kibler, Moderator of the Board of Deacons; and several guests.
- The minutes of the September 23, 2021, stated session meeting and the August & September 2021 budgeted financial statements were approved.
- Beth Duncan presented information about creating another RPC time capsule: (the time capsule from the Camp Bowie location was opened and displayed for the dedication service of our building). The session approved the purchase of a small storage compartment that would be recessed in a wall in which to store items for the time capsule. Possible items to be added to the time capsule were discussed.
- The session reviewed the RPC Manual of Administrative Operations and received the 2020 Financial Review from the Finance and Budget Committee.
- The Session voted to have one Christmas Eve service at 6:00 p.m.
- The next RPC stated session meeting will be Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

The next stated Grace Presbytery meeting will be Saturday, November 13th at First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth. RPC will be represented by up to 3 elder commissioners.

November Just Bring It: Stockings for Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services

RPC is considered a real "STAR" for creation of amazing Christmas stockings for youth in the group foster homes for PCHS -- We were told that last year our Christmas stockings were the favorite gifts for the youth in the homes! Once again they are requesting that will provide special treats as well as useful items in stockings for individual children at PCHS. More info to come!



TIME FOR CHILDREN



**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
AT RPC
OCTOBER 3, 2021**

RPC Youth & Children's News.....

November 2021

Monthly Issue, No. 2

RIDGLEA STUDENT NEWS

MONTHLY UPDATES ABOUT RPC STUDENT MINISTRIES



MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP
 こんにちは (Konnichiwa) or hello RPC! Join us Sunday, November 14th for a day of cultural education as the youth have their monthly fellowship at the **Fort Worth Botanic Garden's, Japanese Fall Festival!** They will get to experience traditional Japanese dances, bushido & martial arts demonstrations, traditional & current music, and more! Entry fee will be covered, but there are vendors for food + shopping, so send cash with your kiddo. We will have a sack lunch option as well with RSVP to Kate. We will bus from RPC at noon and return by 3 PM for parent pick up!

ANNOUNCEMENTS
 RPC Youth have been asked to volunteer for reading the lectionary every third Sunday of the month! If you're interested in being our volunteer for December or January, please email Patricia at: patricia@ridgleapres.org
Third Sunday, November Lectionary:
Kevin Hand

Hanging of the GREENS
 We will join with Worship Committee for The Hanging of The Greens! This is a great chance to be a blessing to our church and its visitors this holiday season. Join us after the service on **Sunday November 21st** for provided lunch and decorating the sanctuary before heading to our Local Mission.

Youth Calendar
Sunday November 7-
 Sunday School @ 9:15 (Youth Room)
Sunday, November 14th-
 Sunday School @ 9:15 (Youth Room)
 + Youth Fellowship: Japanese Fall Festival (Noon-3)
Sunday November 21st-
 Sunday School @ 9:15 (Youth Room)
 + Hanging of the Greens @ Noon (Sanctuary) & Local Missions Day: Opal's Garden Edition! (1-3)
Sunday, November 28th-
 No Sunday School

LOCAL MISSION DAY
 Sunday, November 21 we will be serving at Opal's Garden! Join us as we learn about diversity, cooperation, where our food comes from, how it grows, and how we can benefit ourselves and those around us through good stewardship and community building. The youth will be harvesting vegetables that will directly feed those in need this Thanksgiving. Come prepared to get a little dirty and wear long pants + closed toed shoes. Gloves will be provided. We will have lunch at RPC at noon before we bus over to the farm. We will return the RPC by 3 PM for parent pick up. RSVP! kate@ridgleapres.org

HOLIDAY MUSIC!
 Can you believe Christmas is next month?! We are asking all youth to participate in the Christmas Eve service! We are looking for anyone willing to provide music or to read scripture on December 24. Any skill level and holiday song (it doesn't have to be a hymn) is welcome! This tradition is a wonderful opportunity to share your God-given gifts with your church family. Please let John know how you would like to serve!
 John Sauvey | 214 566-5961

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH CONFERENCE
 January 28th-30th
Registration Deadline: December 15th



RIDGLEA KIDS NOVEMBER NEWS

HANGING OF THE GREENS
 Ridglea Kids will be making ornaments Sunday, November 14th to go on our children's ministry tree! We will decorate it all together the following week! Let Ms. Susan know if you have an idea!

OUTREACH: STOCKING DRIVE!
 We are gathering things for stockings in partnership with Outreach, during the month of November! So look out for their wishlist and let's bless some kids this Christmas!

KIDS CALENDAR
Sunday November 7-
 Sunday School @ 9:15 (Pre-K Room)
Sunday, November 14th-
 Sunday School @ 9:15 (Pre-K Room)
Hanging of the Greens: Ornament Craft Day!
Sunday November 21st-
 Sunday School @ 9:15 (Pre-K Room)
Kids Who Serve: Opal's Garden @ 1 PM
Sunday, November 28th-
 No Sunday School + **Advent Begins**

SAVE THE DATE: KID QUAKE!
 Hey families! Kid Quake will be held April 1-3, April 22-24, and April 29th-May 1 for 1st-6th graders. We definitely want our kiddos to go, so weigh in on what date will work best for your family. The earlier we plan it, the easier it is to make it happen! So let us know!
 Email for more info: kateridgleapres.org
KID QUAKE 2022
CHILDREN'S MUSIC
 Join us Sundays after, "A Time for Children," for grades, Preschool -5th for Music with Ms. Mary! Christmas Songs to come! (Meets weekly in the Pre-k room)

KIDS WHO SERVE: THANKSGIVING
 Ridglea Kids are kids who are thankful! This November we invite our families to join our youth as we serve at Opal's Garden! Opal Lee, the Grandmother of Juneteenth, has a special garden to bring people together and teach them about tolerance, peace, and stewardship! We will be pulling weeds and harvesting veggies! What an awesome way to show your little ones where their food comes from. All the veggies they pick will be served at Thanksgiving for families who are in need. Meet us at the patch at 1 PM, Sunday November 21st! Wear closed shoes and long pants for safety. Water will be provided.

THE TEACHERS NOTES
 Dear Kiddos,
 Ms. Jean and Ms. Susan are always so glad to see their friends at Sunday School! They love to see your sweet and happy faces and strive to make it a safe and fun environment for all to have positive early experiences with hearing Bible stories and learning about God's love for us. In November, the Pre-K - K Sunday School class will be learning about: **The Strong Women in the Bible!** Through the story of Deborah, we will focus on, "How God sends us helpers," and, "How we can do good things together." Through the story of Queen Ester, we will focus on, "How God is in control," and, "How God helps us to be brave." As always, we will be having some fun with our friends and will be making great creations! See you Sundays @ 9:15!
 Sincerely,
 Ms. Jean & Ms. Susan

COWTOWN BRUSHUP

October 3, 2021

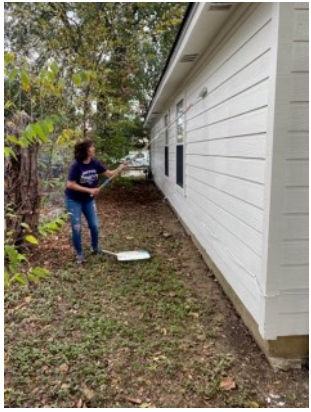


Hi Painters!

Thank you for making the Fall 2021 Cowtown Brushup a success. Maddy Thomas was very appreciative of your work and is proud of her new coat of paint. Your Saturday morning sacrifice made a difference for our community on behalf of Ridglea Presbyterian Church. I'm thankful for your support as these jobs are not easy but your commitment to teamwork leads to a job well done.

Thanks for your help,
Walt

Robin Roberts, Renee Stuart, Cary Dorman, Walter Dueease, Beth Duncan, Paul Duncan, Roger Harwerth, Nancy Staples, John Little, Katrina Little and Gayle Hanneman. Not shown Marsha Dueease and Frank Everts.



Service Session Work Group:

Primary task is to provide for the service of the people of God, focusing on the external life of the church.

1st Monday of the Month *(as needed)*

November 11, 2021

Ministry Teams meetings

1st Tuesday of the Month

November 2, 2021

- Outreach Team: Focus on Mission

Miriam Gallagher, Chair (6:00 p.m.)

2nd Wednesday of the Month

November 10, 2021

- Commitment Focus on Guests

Katrina Little, Chair (as needed)

1st Tuesday of the Month

November 2, 2021

Ministry Team meeting at 10:30 a.m.

- Care Team: Focus on Members

Betsy Kibler, Chair; Jane Johnson (as needed)

1st Wednesday of the month

November 3, 2021

- Worship Team: Delaine Godwin, Chair

(as needed)

Worship & Nurture Work Group:

Primary task is to provide for the service of the people of God, focusing on the internal life of the church.

2nd Tuesday of the Month

November 9, 2021

Ministry Teams meeting

- Christian Education: Julie Ritz, Chair

(6:15 pm)

- Fellowship Team: Gayle Johnson, Chair; Butch

Saxton, Vice Chair *(as needed)*

2nd Thursday week prior to

Session Meeting week

Ministry Team meeting

- Finance & Budget, Reeve Van Nostrand
(6:00 pm) (as needed)

YOUR SESSION INVITES YOU TO FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS:

1. FIND YOUR PASSION
2. FIND YOUR MINISTRY TEAM
3. IDENTIFY YOUR MEETING NIGHT
4. GET INVOLVED!

Government Session Work Group:

Primary task is to provide support & resources for the church.

2nd Wednesday of the Month

November 10, 2021

Ministry Teams meeting

- Building & Equipment *(as needed)*
George Tischler & John Godwin,
Co-Chairs
- Personnel *(as needed)*
Nick Thoni, Chair and Julie Ritz
- Clerk of Session
Karen Landon

November, 2021 Birthdays



Will Stallworth	11	2
Hazel Hargrove	11	3
Marji Raunkar	11	10
Mickey Stuart	11	10
Cole Dueease	11	11
Jerry Rottler	11	11
Roger Harwerth	11	12
Emily Everts	11	13
Byron Keil	11	13
Tom Aderhold	11	13
Amy Ritz	11	15
Sue Mathis	11	17
Sandra Baither	11	17
Betty Rankin	11	21
Cameron Stewart	11	21
Gregory Gillaspie	11	24

Ernie Register	11	25
Zander Martin	11	26
Chris Henderson	11	28
Michael Birdwell	11	28
Barbara White	11	29
Jean Hadley	11	30
Mary Beth Sisolak Wagner	11	30

The next newsletter deadline will be

November 18, 2021 at noon.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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