



RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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March 2024



We will celebrate the sacrament of Communion
Sunday morning,
March 3, 2024,
Maundy Thursday
March 28, 2024
Easter morning
March 31, 2024

As we continue to live into the recommendations of the Long Range planning process, the Building & Equipment Committee has procured a temporary banner, in the location of the former sign (that came apart in a wind storm this past October). The B & E committee is working diligently to provide information to the session for a permanent structure at the corner of Southwest Blvd and Vickery Streets.



Join Zoom Meeting

(US and Canada)
Topic: Ridglea Worship Service
Time: 10:30 AM Central Time
Every week on Sunday, until
Jul 21, 2024

March 3, 2024 10:30 a.m.
March 10, 2024 10:30 a.m.
March 17, 2024 10:30 a.m.
March 24, 2024 10:30 a.m.
March 31, 2024 10:30 a.m.
Easter Sunday

Join [Zoom](#) Meeting
Meeting ID: 875 7535 3065
Passcode: 818178

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.

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.

"**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!

SESSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 21, 2024 At 7:00 P.M.

MARCH NEWSLETTERS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

PASTOR'S NOTES

Getting Into the Swing of Lent (adapted from a previous article)



Every so often I am asked to present devotionals or presentations for groups. One of my favorite starting points is an article from *The Atlantic Monthly Journal* titled “Throwing Like a Girl.” (the magazine is now simply *The Atlantic*). The article is largely about muscle memory and the physics of throwing a ball, and how it is by sheer repetition that a person becomes adept at throwing objects. Without repetitive motion, the action of the shoulder, arm, and wrist is awkward and one is said to “throw like a girl” (though the article does make note that many females throw quite well, because of repetition, and that the phrase is quite simply offensive).

As a way of understanding the subtleties of repetitive action, the article suggests trying to throw with one’s “non-dominant” hand – the one that isn’t used to eat, write, or throw with. It is a strange, and often humbling experience for a right-handed person to attempt to do something with their left hand (or vice-versa), particularly something as “easy” as throwing a ball.

Not only do I use that article for groups, I occasionally practice what it suggests, particularly with an old softball bat that rests just inside my office door. When I need to clear my head or get a sharper focus, I often pick up that bat and roam up and down the hall, slowly swinging at imaginary pitches (sermons, newsletter articles, and devotionals are examples of when I might go roaming the halls, waiting for new insights or perspectives – when no one else is in the building).

I’m naturally right-handed, but when I’m swinging at imaginary pitches I don’t always swing from the right. It takes more concentration, but I will occasionally turn my hands over on the bat and swing from the left side. Those left-sided swings aren’t nearly as adept as those from the right, but that’s okay – I’m not swinging from the left so that I will actually hit a ball from that stance.

I’m going through those different, odd, uncomfortable motions as a way of reminding myself that I need to stretch beyond my comfort, beyond my routine, beyond my capacity. I go through those awkward, unfamiliar motions because they remind me of how I might do familiar tasks better.

As a time of reflection and discernment, the season of Lent is an opportunity for each of us, and all of us, to reflect on our routines, our practices of faith, our relationships with the world and with God. Lent is an opportune time to consider the burdens or habits that we may have accumulated and would like to discard, as well as considering new approaches to comfortable traditions.

Lent is often considered a time to “give up” things, like chocolate, or smoking, or swearing, as a way of bringing focus to our faith. While there is nothing wrong with giving up these or other habits, Lent can also be a time of adding a new emphasis to practices of faith. Consider, perhaps, praying in a fashion that is different from your routine (such as changing posture from sitting to standing, or with a lit candle to focus upon), or praying at a time of day that is often taken up by others tasks (while opening the mail, or during lunch).

Like trying to throw a ball with the opposite hand, or swinging a bat from the opposite side, Lent can be a time of bringing new attention to how we already practice our faith, and how we can become even more attuned with our faith.

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

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<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
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Ruth Ann Rinewalt—Hospital Care Coordinator
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Jo VanOosterhout
Glenna Cleworth

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Matthew 25 Action Team



Thanks to Karen Landon for leading the discussion February 27 of Memphis by Tara M. Stringfellow. We meet at 6 for a sack supper and the discussion begins at 6:30. We meet in the Eclectic Classroom. Our next book club will be March 26 and the book is Our Kind of People, Inside America's Black Upper Class by Lawrence Otis Graham. Leader is Marsha West

We have no meeting in April because of the Women's Retreat.

May 28 will be Empire of the Summer Moon by S. C. Gwynne. We need a leader for this book.

Our work continues at Quail Trail including the Birthday celebrations. One of the residents asked about a Book Club, so we may have info about that in the new year.

Thank you so much for supporting the work of the Matthew 25 Action Team in conjunction with PWR and Outreach. When we serve others, we're serving God, who has blessed us mightily.



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.

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.



We need ushers, communion servers, and liturgists for Sundays during the 2023 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>



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!



Parents Day Out

2.24.24

2024

Children and Youth March Calander

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Kickball 12 pm - 3 pm	11	12	13	14	15	16 FW Festival of Color 11 am - 3 pm
17 Fellowship Luncheon	18	19	20	21	22	23 Movie Night @ 5:30 pm
24 Palm Sunday Easter Sunday	25	26	27	28	29	30

FORT WORTH FESTIVAL OF COLOR

The youth are invited to go to the Fort Worth Festival of Color at Panther Island on Saturday, March 16th. This is a celebration often known as Holi. It is an ancient Indian celebration that marks the beginning of spring after a long winter and is symbolic of the triumph of good and evil.

There will be color throws every half hour, a food court, vendors, DJs and Performers, Dance Performers, Tug of Love, Drum Circle, and games for kids.

We will meet at the church at 11 am, load up the bus, and plan to be back at the church by 3 pm. Wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty/colorful, possibly a change of clothes and a towel.

Tickets are \$10 before 3/16, the \$15 day of the event.

Please contact Emily for more information.

THE YOUTH ARE INVITED TO

Come Play Kickball

Sunday, March 10, 2024
From 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Lunch will be provided

Please contact Emily if you have any questions or concerns

Church Wide MOVIE NIGHT

The movie showing will be in the Sanctuary.

We will be watching the Movie Hop. It's a PG movie with a mix of animation and live-action telling of the Easter Bunny's Son.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024 @ 5:30 PM

Popcorn, Hot Chocolate, and Water will be provided

Bring dinner and the whole family!



See details and register on Realm for these upcoming events:

Event:	Date:	Register By:	Information:
March Lunch or Dinner With Friends	March 2nd	Sunday February 25th	Dinner or Lunch Groups are available
March Fellowship Luncheon	March 17th	Wednesday March 13th	St. Patrick's Day theme 
Easter Sunday	March 31st	Wednesday March 27th	Light Breakfast before Worship 9:15 a.m.

Mark your calendars for events coming soon:

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

Event:	Date:
April Lunch or Dinner With Friends	April 6th
April Fellowship Luncheon	April 21st



RPC celebrated our own Helen "Sunshine" Lockett's 100th birthday in October. Please forgive the oversight and thank you to all who made this a wonderful event to share with Helen for her special day!!



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.



The RPC Outreach Team helps with food bank distribution at Quail Trail Apartments on the 3rd Friday of each month. There are 48 units at Quail Trail that provide permanent supported housing for chronically homeless individuals with disabilities. If you are interested in volunteering at Quail Trail, please contact Lynne Payne.

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.



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



Registration

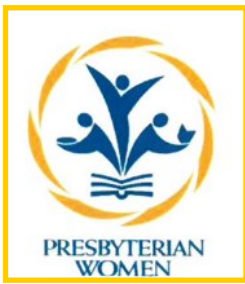
Scan the QR code above or use this link to register and pay online through Realm.
<http://tinyurl.com/2024RPCRetreat>

Please register by April 1st!

Scholarships are available if needed. Please see Becky Williamson.

Accommodations

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



Circle Meeting Times:

Circle 1: March 12th at Church (Fish Classroom) 10:30 a.m.

Circle 2: March 12nd at Church (Eclectic Café) 10:30 a.m.

Circle 3: March 5th at Church (Eclectic Café) 6:30 p.m.

March PWR General Meeting: A representative from the Fort Worth Fire Department will present information about home safety issues for the elderly, fire extinguisher use, and CPR.

Just Bring It –March 2023: We will be collecting the following items for Cougar Pride Alliance: Regular paper napkins, fruit snacks, chewy granola bars & peanut butter or cheese crackers. PWR is also collecting feminine hygiene products for WestAid. This will be an ongoing project. Please place donations in the Just Bring It wagon.

Looking Ahead:

PWR Women's Retreat: Registration is open 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. **There will be no April General Meeting due to the RPC Women's Retreat.**



Sheri Parris, Director of Simple Bible Study Ministry with Arborlawn United Methodist Church, was the guest presenter at the February 27th PWR General Meeting. SBS provides 8 weekly Bible Study groups for those staying at the Presbyterian Night Shelter, serving approximately 150 homeless persons weekly.



March

PWR General Meeting

On March 26th, a representative from the Fort Worth Fire Department will present information about home safety issues for the elderly, fire extinguisher use and CPR.

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.



COME JOIN US!
March 2, 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.



The RPC Annual Chili Cook-off was held during our February Fellowship Luncheon.

There were 15 entries this year. The winners were:
First Place — Linda Launder,
Second Place — Jared Welch,
Third Place — Paul Morrison.
Many thanks to all who entered and helped with the luncheon.

RPC 2024 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP



**JUST BRING IT—MARCH, 2024
COUGAR PRIDE ALLIANCE**

**RPC IS COLLECTING
EVERYDAY PAPER NAPKINS,
CHEWY GRANOLA BARS,
FRUIT SNACKS,
PEANUT BUTTER - OR
CHEESE - CRACKER PACKAGES.**



We received 140 bears during Service of Worship on February 25th, 2024, and dedicated them for the on-going ministries of Cook Children's Hospital. Many thanks to all who helped out with this annual project!!

**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
March 10, 2024 11:45 a.m.
Board of Deacons: Focus on Members
Lynne Payne, Moderator

2nd Tuesday of the Month
March 12, 2024 6:15 p.m.
Christian Education: Focus on Learning and Growing
Susan Everts, Chair

1st Tuesday of the Month
March 5, 2024 7:00 p.m. & Zoom
Fellowship Team: Focus on Social Gatherings
Beth Duncan, Chair

2nd Wednesday of the Month
March 13, 2024 5:30 p.m.
Commitment Team: Focus on Guests
Mary Fisher, Chair

1st Wednesday of the Month
March 6, 2024 5:30 p.m.
Worship Team:
Focus on Sunday & Special Services
Durinda Walker, Chair

2nd Wednesday of the Month
March 13, 2024 6:30 p.m.
Building & Equipment :
Focus on Physical Structures
George Tischler, Chair

1st Thursday of the Month
March 7, 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
March 12, 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



March, 2024 Birthdays

Walker Hoaldridge	3	2
Mandy Godfrey	3	3
Amanda Camille Hand	3	4
Lisa Staples	3	6
Maj. Byron Luckett, III	3	6
Karen Landon	3	7
Patricia Baxter	3	8
Marley Ducease	3	11
Lily Kate Bacon	3	13
Lynne Payne	3	13
John Sauvey	3	20
Brenda Harwerth	3	22
Estela Rodriguez	3	23
Glenna Cleworth	3	24
Moirra Sills	3	25
Paige Bacon	3	25
Scott Landon	3	28
Don Ford	3	31
Nicholas Thoni	3	31

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

The next
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deadline
will be
March 21, 2024
at noon.