



RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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July, 2024

Join Zoom Meeting

(US and Canada)

Topic:

Ridglea Worship Service

Time: 10:30 AM Central Time

July 7, 2024 10:30 a.m.
July 14, 2024 10:30 a.m.
July 21, 2024 10:30 a.m.
July 28, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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We will celebrate the
sacrament of Communion
Sunday morning,
July 7, 2024

ECLECTIC CAFE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Eclectic Café Sunday School class has begun a study called, "It's In Our DNA." We began last Sunday by looking at how service and justice are related to the creeds in our Book of Confessions. We'll finish that up June 30. The first two Sunday's in July we'll be looking at the connection between service and justice and human rights. The leaders are Lynne Payne and Marsha West, and the study will go through July 14.

Eclectic Café Zoom meeting ID:
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Password is Eclectic. Hope you can join us.

SESSION MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON
JULY 18, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

JUNE NEWSLETTERS
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

"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.

PASTOR'S NOTES

ANON



My office includes a few quirky things, some for conversation, some for focus, some for distraction, some for remembering, some for play. There are Lego vehicles, and candles, and Grandma Harwerth's candy dish, there are figurines, icons, balls of various shapes and sizes, mementos from previous congregations, and rocks. Quite a few rocks. There are river rocks, volcanic rocks, a Petoskey stone, and a few others that have accumulated over the years. About a decade ago, in a little store in Joseph, Oregon, I came across a basket of geodes, all about the size of baseballs, and I snapped up seven or eight of them, mostly because the nearly-hollow, mineral-encrusted insides of a geode can be a fun way to illustrate the surprise of Easter – if one has a big enough hammer!

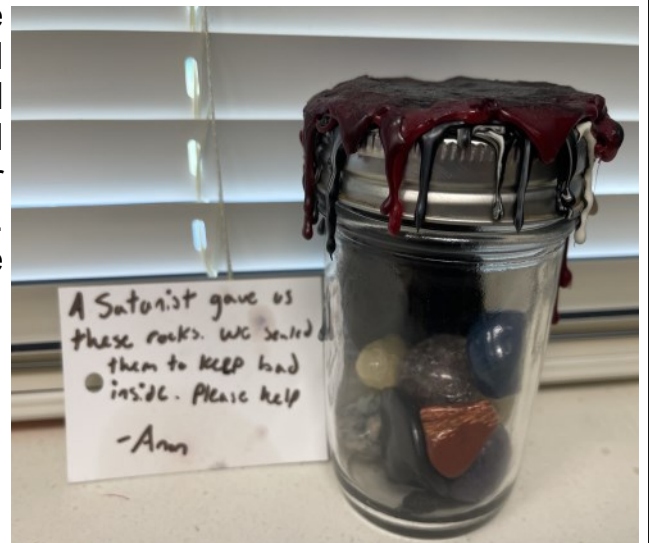
Then, there are the rocks that were left on the front porch of the church awhile back. One morning, in front of the outer doors leading into the sanctuary, there set a little half-pint jar with a couple of layers of wax dripping over the rim. Inside there are about nine or ten rocks, all of them highly polished and each a different color, such as blue, brown, beige, black, red, green and grey, and there is also a little velveteen bag. Tied to the jar with a ribbon there was a small, hand-written note: "A Satanist gave us these rocks. We sealed them to keep bad inside. Please help." And it was signed, "Anon."

From the moment I saw the note, and even now, I chuckle about this most unusual gift, and the quandaries therein. While there are people who call themselves "Satanists," as a Presbyterian pastor that belief system is, for me, akin to belief in a Flying Spaghetti Monster (that is a real thing, too). Also, there is the idea of sealing a jar because the rocks might contain badness – can that be true? There are icons around my office that people have brought from their travels (Cyprus, Nazareth, etc.), but should they, or are these icons somehow imbued with "holiness" similar to rocks that might contain badness? And then, there's "Please help. Anon." What help is being requested? Keep the rocks sealed? Turn them into holy rocks? And who is going to know? So many chuckles, so many questions, such a quandary, just looking at the jar – still sealed, for now.

For four years this small jar of shiny rocks has hung around. Is the jar still sealed because there is bad inside? Maybe, but probably not – that's what my understanding of theology leads me to conclude. The jar is still sealed to remind me that the beliefs of others won't always line up with my beliefs. The jar is still sealed to remind me that looking good can be different than being good. The jar is still sealed, and the note remains with it, to remind me that people consider our place, our space, our community, to be trustworthy, helpful, and safe. That is why the jar is still sealed, and will continue that way, to remember, to focus, and to ponder.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Roger".



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

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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

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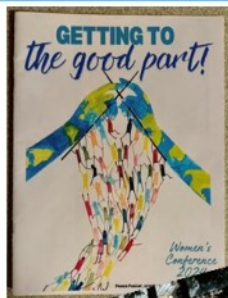
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RPC WOMEN—MO RANCH 2024
AND THE FUN ROAD TRIP BEGINS



Matthew 25 Bible Study
For prayer and reflection



Matthew 25 Action Team

It's summer, and while we aren't having Book Club, we're still busy. On Friday, last week a group of us met at the Quail Trail Community to help with the TAFB food distribution, and June 25 another group went to Quail Trail for the monthly Birthday Celebration. Through the generosity of members of our congregation, on June 25 we presented a \$25 Walmart Gift Card and a birthday card to each resident who has a birthday in June. We also brought a birthday cake. For many of these folks, it's been a really long time since anyone recognized their birthday. Thank you, members of RPC.

If these activities sound like something you'd like to be involved in, we'd welcome you. On **Friday, July 19**, we'll help with another **TAFB food distribution**. We get there by **9:15** and we set up the food and then help the residents as they come in to select what they want and need. We finish up by 11, sometimes earlier than that.

On **Tuesday July 30**, we'll have another **Birthday Celebration**. RPC members provide a ½ of a sheet cake and the Gift Cards and Birthday cards. Again this begins at **11 am** and finish up by 12:00 or 12:30. **Lynne Payne** coordinates this activity, so please contact her 915-249-0789. If you cannot attend, you might consider contributing a Walmart Gift Card and or a Birthday card.

Come August we'll do these activities again. **Food distribution is on Friday, August 16**, and the **Birthday Celebration is on Tuesday, August 27**. The more we go to Quail Trail the more we get to actually know some of the residents. In Jim Wallis' book THE FALSE WHITE GOSPEL, he says we've all felt vulnerable at one time or another. He asks: "How can we connect that feeling of vulnerability with the vulnerability of the poor?" He says through Proximity. That's what our work with Quail Trail provides us. These are people just like us. They've just hit on more hard times than most of us. We hope you'll decide to join the RPC Matthew 25 Action Team. As we do it unto the least of these, we do it unto our Lord.

YOUTH...RPC

CHILDREN AND YOUTH JULY 2024 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 4th of July	5	6
7 Junior High Jubilee	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Children's Lunch at Zoli's Pizza after Church	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Fellowship Luncheon	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			





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A “small but mighty” group of RPC folks, including those in the Matthew 25 Action Team, saw “The Freedom to Marry” on June 6, part of the City of Fort Worth’s series of “Movies That Matter.” After enjoying a light dinner together, the group went to The Modern Museum and after the film stayed for a brief discussion with local leaders and audience members. Folks included Brenda and Roger Harwerth, Linda Hart, Marsha West, Chris Shahan, Gleda Griffin, Thylis Chambless, and Marji Rauniker.



ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RPC 2024-2025 OFFICERS

Mary Beth Sisolak-Wagner, Diane Keller, Paul Morrison, Becky Williamson and Marji Rauniker. Officiating: Pastor Roger Harwerth and Martin Cleworth





Wednesday mornings
8:30 a.m.

Central Market– Upstairs

The men's prayer breakfast has been a vital part of Ridgley'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 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!

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.



Presbyterian Children's Homes and ServicesSM

Just Bring It – July 2024

We will be collecting school supplies for Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS)—more information to follow. We are also collecting unused 2024 calendars for DRC. We continue to collect items for WestAid on an **ongoing basis**. There is a labeled box near the office for donations of toiletries, sanitary products, and food.

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>

RPC PWR 2024 FUN SUMMER PROGRAMS



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



PWR SUMMER PROGRAM- 5 CROWN CARD GAME

We had 14 church members that learned how to play the card game "5 Crowns" on June 3rd. Our instructors were Ann Sheets & Judy Wood who did an excellent job teaching us because we all seemed to learn quickly for those learning to play the first time. The group was made up from all ages- young and old. We had so much fun, we are planning to play again this summer.



PWR SUMMER PROGRAM JEWELRY MAKING

with
Brenda Harwerth

Come and learn how to make "Pillow Necklaces from Brenda. This is a fun program and the best part you leave with a pendant. There is nothing to bring unless you want to get rid of some old magazines.



When: July 23rd 10:00am- 12pm
Where: Eclectic Classroom
Cost: Free

All are welcome and no artistic talent is required!



COME JOIN US!
July 6, 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.



July, 2024 Birthdays

Ronny Delulio	7	3
Madelyn Register	7	5
Kayla Hoaldrige	7	6
Gayle Hanneman	7	7
Renee Stuart	7	7
Delaine Godwin	7	8
Tom Sisolak	7	14
Zoe Martin	7	14
Tommie Quintero	7	16
Jadyn Martin	7	16
Angel Rodriguez	7	20
Stella Rodriguez	7	23
Andi Ferreira	7	25
Edie Eubanks	7	26
Arlo Dueease	7	26
Chris Shahan	7	28





See details and register on Realm for these upcoming events:

Event:	Date:	Register By:	Information:
July Dinner With Friends	Saturday, July 6th	Sunday, June 30th	Dinner or lunch groups are available.
July Fellowship Lunch	Sunday, July 21st	Wednesday, July 17th	Fellowship will be providing the entire meal.

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

Event:	Date:
August Dinner With Friends	Saturday, August 3rd
August Fellowship Luncheon	Sunday, August 18th



JUST BRING IT—JULY, 2024
RPC WILL BE COLLECTING JARS OF PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY TO ASSIST WESTAID.

**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
July 14, 2024 **11:45 a.m.**
Board of Deacons: Focus on Members
Lynne Payne, Moderator

2nd Tuesday of the Month
July 9, 2024 **6:15 p.m.**
Christian Education: Focus on Learning and Growing
Susan Everts, Chair

1st Tuesday of the Month
July 2, 2024 **7:00 p.m. & Zoom**
Fellowship Team: Focus on Social Gatherings
Beth Duncan, Chair

2nd Wednesday of the Month
July 10, 2024 **5:30 p.m.**
Commitment Team: Focus on Guests
Mary Fisher, Chair

1st Wednesday of the Month
July 3, 2024 **5:30 p.m.**
Worship Team:
Focus on Sunday & Special Services
Durinda Walker, Chair

2nd Wednesday of the Month
July 10, 2024 **6:30 p.m.**
Building & Equipment :
Focus on Physical Structures
George Tischler, Chair

1st Thursday of the Month
July 4, 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
July 9, 2024 **6:00 p.m.**
Outreach Team: Focus on Mission
Marji Raunikar, Chair

3rd Thursday of the Month
July 18, 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
July 18, 2024
at noon.