



# RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September, 2024

(US and Canada)

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

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

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/94412640306?  
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Meeting ID: 944 1264 0306  
Passcode: 380490

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED SEPTEMBER 2nd IN  
OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY**



**We will celebrate the  
sacrament of Communion  
Sunday morning,  
September 1, 2024**

## **ECLECTIC CAFE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

The Eclectic Café Sunday School Class will be studying the Apostle's Creed for the next couple of weeks. Hope you can join us.

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

### **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"**

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.

SESSION MEETING  
WILL BE HELD ON  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTERS  
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE



## A Berry Good Day



Since the chancel flowers are a different arrangement each week, I simply admired the beauty of the orange rose blossoms that glowed in the sanctuary, unaware that Brenda had told anyone that orange is my favorite color. There had also been a small “heirloom” basket, covered by a tea towel, just outside the Eclectic Café classroom, but it looked like it had been set there on purpose by someone, and for someone, so I left it alone, unaware that it had a half-dozen varieties of treats.

What a wonderful surprise! The beautiful orange roses, the heirloom gift basket of snacks, plus a table filled with desserts, all bursting with blueberries (my favorite fruit)! I was truly caught off-guard and left speechless. It was amazing to think of all the behind-the-scenes work that went into putting together this fifth-anniversary surprise.

When Brenda and I came to Fort Worth, in the late summer of 2019, the horizon was unlike anything we had moved toward. Solo and Head of Staff pastorates are different than interim pastorates, but Ridglea’s Ministry Information Form was looking for a type of relationship, a type of ministry, that seemed close to the connections and collegiality I have tried to build, and have cherished, so with the presbytery’s input we undertook a twelve-month interim relationship. At the same time, Ridglea Presbyterian (RPC) was also moving toward a new horizon, having sold its generational home on Camp Bowie Boulevard and living in temporary quarters in River Oaks.

Since it was a new opportunity, and also a presbytery requirement, Interim Ministry Training (now called Transitional Ministry) would happen in the spring, but in the meantime listening, asking, suggesting, wondering – the tools that had been helpful for 30-plus years – still seemed to be useful, so that’s what was offered and practiced. Somewhere around the fifth or sixth month, with the work of moving into a new building *and* continuing the pastor search process on everyone’s radar, it was becoming more and more clear to me that RPC is an amazing congregation; we felt called, together, to move from temporary to installed ministry. Though it was still planned and anticipated, for experience and skill-building purposes, the Interim/Transitional Ministry Training never did happen; in the spring of 2020 the COVID-19 pandemic cancelled nearly everything, just as RPC was moving into their new home on Southwest Boulevard.

What began as a one-year, interim relationship, back in August of 2019, with an unknown, unforeseen, transitional horizon, has turned into five-years-and-counting of a grace-filled ministry of growth and joy. Thank you so much for all the blueberry goodness, but even more, thank you for all the support and challenges, all the lessons and opportunities that have shaped this handful of years, and the horizons of ministry that await.

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](mailto:Clerk@RidgleaPres.org). Our deacons oversee our ministries of care and compassion. Email: [Deacons@RidgleaPres.org](mailto: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

## Staff

Roger Harwerth, Pastor  
Patricia Taber, Office Manager  
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Dale Bench, Organist  
Emily Everts, Children and Youth Ministries Coordinator

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# RPC YOUTH AUGUST ACTIVITIES



*The Landscaping Committee is pleased to welcome*

**Terry Aycock**

*She is doing a beautiful job Keeping our flowers watered*

# YOUTH...RPC

## Sunday School 9:15 a.m.—10:15 a.m.

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH **SEPTEMBER 2024** CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Messengers Squirt Gun Painting 1 - 2:30 pm
15 Fellowship Luncheon	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Youth Video Game Night 5 pm - 6:30 pm
29	30					

## EXCITING NEWS

**RPC is starting up its Messengers program again!**

The Messengers are ages Pre-K through 5th Grade. We will meet once a month for a fun activity and community building. We ask parents to be present and to join the fun!

**If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Emily Everts**

### THE MESSENGERS ARE INVITED TO

# SQUIRT-GUN PAINTING

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH  
1 PM - 2:30 PM**

Please have eaten lunch beforehand. We will have snacks and Ice Pops available.

**PLEASE REACH OUT TO EMILY IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS**

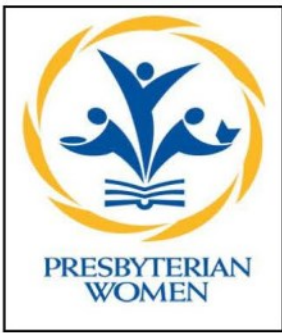
## THE YOUTH ARE INVITED TO A

# GAMING NIGHT

**SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2024  
5-6:30 PM**

COME ENJOY A CHILL NIGHT OF FUN! THE CHURCH HAS AN XBOX 360 WITH TWO CONTROLLERS. BRING ANY GAMES YOU HAVE AND ANY GAMING DEVICE YOU WOULD LIKE TO USE TO PLAY, LIKE A LAPTOP OR SWITCH.

Dinner will be provided  
Please reach out to Emily if you have any questions or concerns.



**Circle Meeting Times:**

Circle 1: September 10<sup>th</sup> at Church (Fish Classroom) 10:30 a.m.

Circle 2: September 10<sup>th</sup> at Church (Eclectic Café) 10:30 a.m.

Circle 3: September 3<sup>rd</sup> at Church (Eclectic Café) 6:30 p.m.

**September PWR General Meeting:** Join us Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30! Chef Noah Montez from Cuisine for Healing® will share information and history about the organization and provide samples from their menu. Cuisine for Healing® is a nonprofit organization dedicated to making nutritious, delicious food readily available to people combating disease, while providing educational resources about the power of healthy food.

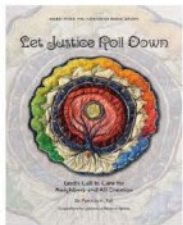
**Just Bring It –September 2024:** We will be collecting funds to purchase classroom items for the Center for Transforming Lives. Mark donations for “Just Bring It” or “Center for Transforming Lives.” Contact Lynn Payne if you would like to order items directly from the CTL link. In addition, PWR is collecting the following items for WestAid food pantry and the Presbyterian Night Shelter Quail Trail Apartments on an ongoing basis: handheld toiletry items, sanitary products, and pet food. Please place items in the labeled “WestAid” box located near the office.

**Looking Ahead:**

**Church Women United:** There will be a Human Rights Celebration and Bible Study on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at Arlington Heights United Methodist Church. Please contact Katrina Little if you are interested in attending.

**Presbyterian Children’s Homes & Services (PCHAS):** PWR is collecting funds to purchase electric toothbrushes and pillows for PCHAS children residing in Itasca. Cash donations may be given to your Circle leader at your next meeting. Also, volunteers are needed to assist with the PCHAS Fall Festival in Itasca on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact Kit Van Nostrand if interested.

**Gifts of Women Sunday:** Please join us on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate Gifts of Women Sunday during worship. The service will include the installation of our PWR officers, and there will be a church-wide luncheon following worship. PWR members are providing dessert.



PWR Members attended the Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women and Presentation of the Horizons Bible Study on August 27<sup>th</sup> at First Presbyterian in Fort Worth. Patricia K. Tull, author of Let Justice Roll Down: God’s Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation, was the featured speaker. We invite you to join PWR as we explore God’s call to care for our neighbors and creation. Contact Katrina Little if you are interested in participating in this Bible study.



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](mailto:r.rinewalt@att.net).

# PWR SUMMER PROGRAM- CHAIR YOGA

Ginger Humber that teaches Yoga at the church on Monday nights (1<sup>st</sup> & 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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



## SEPTEMBER "JUST BRING IT" CENTER FOR TRANSFORMING LIVES



Thank you for thinking of us for this drive! We've been working hard to get our classrooms ready for the school year, but there are always a handful of items needed. Below is a page to our Walmart registry. This is only a list of suggested items. Similar items/brands would of course be gladly accepted!

Classroom Hero! | Walmart.com

When you have selected the items that you wish to buy, click on the shopping cart icon to bring up the payment page. If your order is over \$35.00, shipping is free. Orders less than \$35.00 will incur a shipping charge. Some items can be picked up at certain Walmart stores, if you choose. Purchased item(s) Will automatically be subtracted from the number of that item requested.

All items will be shipped directly to CTL. I have let them know that the items that you are sending come from RPC.

If you decide that you would rather make a donation, you can do so and mark it "Just Bring It".

Thanks for all you do for our community.

## 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

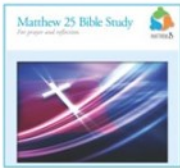


The RPC Women are collecting quarters in the Narthex after service every second Sunday of the month to assist Westaid.



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](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d49a4ae2ea3f85-ushers1)

## Matthew 25 Action Team



As we begin Fall, we'd like to bring you up on the upcoming activities. We'd also like to emphasize that these opportunities are open to everyone in the church, whether you've ever attended any of our activities or book studies. If we outgrow the Fish Class, we'll move somewhere else.

Please see a separate article about a Matthew 25 Gathering at Canyon Creek Presbyterian in Richardson.

The Book Club is sponsoring a study of Project 2025. You've probably heard something about this. We thought it would be helpful to take an overview of the 900-page document. And while we're going to take two Book Club Tuesdays to do this, it will still be a brief glance.

On Tuesday, September 24, we hope you will join us to learn about who put together this document, look at the forward, and maybe one of the sections.

On Tuesday, October 22, we'll look at 3-4 sections, and we'll be barely scratching the surface, but hopefully outlining the most important parts.

Just like for our regular book club events, you don't have to read the whole thing or any of it. (Those of us leading, will not have read the WHOLE thing. LOL). Please let me know if you'd like a pdf of the whole document and the Forward, I can send it to you. [mwest7012@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mwest7012@sbcglobal.net)

As usual, we'll start with our own sack supper at 6 pm and begin the discussion at 6:30 and stop at 8 pm whether we're finished or not.

On Tuesday, November 19 (not our usual date because of Thanksgiving) we'll discuss EMPIRE OF THE SUMMER MOON by S. C. Gwynne. Sue Guthrie is the leader.

Just a reminder, there is no Movies That Matter at the Modern in September. In October the movie will be THE REAL COST, about college education costs.

We continue to help with food delivery at Quail Trail on Friday September 20 at 9:15 to about 10:30 or 11:00 and Birthday celebrations on Tuesday, September 24. That begins at 11:30 and goes to 12:30. Check with Lynne Payne about helping. All of these activities are uplifting for us volunteers. Hope you'll consider joining us whenever you are able. Matthew 25 tells us "...when you do it unto the least of these, you do it unto Jesus."

Grace Presbytery Matthew 25 Opportunity

Please join several of us from RPC on September 28. We should be able to learn from others engaged in this ministry and share what we've been doing. The cost is \$25 and pays for materials and lunch. Please let me know if you register to go so, we can carpool. ☐ Marsha West [mwest7012@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mwest7012@sbcglobal.net) See info below.

### Matthew 25 Gathering

[REGISTER and LEARN MORE](#)

**Event: Saturday, September 28, 2024 from 9 to 2**

[Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church](#)

**3901 Northstar Rd, Richardson, TX 75082**

Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church is on a journey of being a Matthew 25 church and we invite you to walk alongside us on this path. This gathering includes something for everyone. Whether you and your congregation are actively engaged in Matthew 25, discerning a call to join the movement or needing inspiration on how to dive deeper. Guest speaker: Corey Schlosser-Hall, Ph. D., Deputy Executive Director of Vision & Innovation, Presbyterian Mission Agency.





**COME JOIN US!**

**September 7, 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.**



August—Dinner With Friends  
L-R: Miriam Gallagher,  
Jo VanOosterhout, Lynne Payne,  
Sue Guthrie, Brenda Harwerth,  
Gleda Griffin, Jean Hadley,  
Hostess and Roger Harwerth.



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.



**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!**

Are you interested in membership at  
Ridglea Presbyterian Church?  
Contact Pastor Roger for all the deets and FAQ's.



a new  
*church*  
for you  
to call  
home

RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS



Empowering congregations and individuals to  
become peacemakers themselves.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING  
THE FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON, WE WILL BE TAKING PHOTOS  
FOR THE 2024 RPC DIRECTORY.



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

A group from Ridglea Presbyterian Church participated in the **Movies That Matter**  
series, presented by the City of Fort Worth, on August 1st. The group watched  
"The Right to Read," a documentary on literacy and education.

The group included Linda Hart, Lynne Payne, Marji Raunikar,  
Jo VanOosterhout, Karen Landon, Thylis Chambless, Brenda and Roger  
Harwerth.



**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 8, 2024 11:45 a.m.**  
**Board of Deacons: Focus on Members**  
**Lynne Payne, Moderator**

**2nd Tuesday of the Month**  
**September 10, 2024 6:15 p.m.**  
**Christian Education: Focus on Learning and Growing**  
**Susan Everts, Chair**

**1st Tuesday of the Month**  
**September 3, 2024 7:00 p.m. & Zoom**  
**Fellowship Team: Focus on Social Gatherings**  
**Beth Duncan, Chair**

**1st Wednesday of the Month**  
**September 4, 2024 6:30 p.m.**  
**Building & Equipment :**  
**Focus on Physical Structures**  
**George Tischler, Chair**

**1st Wednesday of the Month**  
**September 4, 2024 5:30 p.m.**  
**Worship Team:**  
**Focus on Sunday & Special Services**  
**Durinda Walker, Chair**

**2nd Wednesday of the Month**  
**September 11, 2024 5:30 p.m.**  
**Commitment Team: Focus on Guests**  
**John Little, Chair**

**1st Thursday of the Month**  
**September 5, 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**  
**September 10, 2024 6:00 p.m.**  
**Outreach Team: Focus on Mission**  
**Marji Raunika, Chair**

**3rd Thursday of the Month**  
**September 19, 2024**  
**7:00 p.m.—RPC Sanctuary & Zoom**  
**Session Meeting**  
**Pastor Roger Harwerth, Moderator**

**Clerk of Session**  
**Karen Landon**



Rebecca (Becky) Williamson	9	1
Laura Saxton	9	5
Cort Rea	9	5
Jean Godfrey	9	5
Warner Bailey	9	7
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
Burch Saxton	9	19
Jeremy Martin	9	20
Melinda Keating	9	21
Autumn Thoni	9	25
Julie Ritz	9	26
Blythe Lee	9	28
Zim Zimmerman	9	29

The next  
newsletter  
deadline  
will be  
October 17, 2024  
at noon.

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