



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ

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The Mosaic

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Silken Threads of Prayer

I'm not really sure how prayer works. Then again, is anyone? I watched an interview recently with Nadia Bolz-Weber who described prayer as a relay race, as opposed to an individual sport. Prayer, she said, is holding up those we love to God and then passing it on to the next person to do the same. As we each take our turn holding each other up in the presence of God, prayer becomes like gossamer strands, connecting us all to God and each other. These silken threads of prayer, she believes, are part of how God is stitching our broken humanity back together again.

I've been thinking a lot about that in my own prayer life. How my prayers are like gossamer strands connecting me to God and the ones I pray for. I really don't know how prayer "works." I've heard it said that prayer changes us, not God. Then again, I don't believe we pray to an immutable God who can't be changed. According to our scriptures, God is often persuaded by the cries of God's people. And yet, I don't know why some prayers get answered and others don't. Once again, who does?

This image, though, of a web of prayers is impactful, and it has given me hope. It reminds me of all the prayers shoved into the Western Wall in Jerusalem. If you've been, you can see the gossamer strands that connect all these people to each other. Each person who has journeyed to the wall to place their prayer in one of the cracks is connected in some way to every other person who has made the same journey.

So, this morning, as I offer my prayers for you, for me, for the people of Turkey and Syria, I'm imagining my own silken thread intertwined with yours and trusting that somehow this strengthens us and provides support to those in need of a web to hold them.

Grace and peace.

Pastor Victoria

Wednesday, February 22

We invite you to join us in Vickrey Hall at 6:15 PM as we transition, in prayer, to the Sanctuary for the 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service.



*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for February 23 & March 9, 2023.
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*

LOVE IS IN THE AIR!

presented by
Women of the Church

*An Evening of Food,
Fun, & Stories of Love*

Saturday, February 11
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Vickrey Hall



“Love is in the Air”

Valentine’s Dinner, Vickrey Hall
Saturday, February 11, 6:00-8:00 PM

BYOB

Plan for an evening of food, fun,
and stories of love
from people you love.

Garey Wisdom and Brad Carter
Judy and Jack Mullinax
Matt Powers and Victoria Robb Powers

Emcee – Joey Belgard

Childcare provided by reservation:

Cookie Stokes, 214-770-1637

Karen Miller, 214-724-0655



The Texas Legislature is in session and Jesus’s command to love our neighbor needs to be heard. If you are able, please join Pastor Victoria Robb Powers in Austin on February 28 for

Fellowship Southwest Advocacy Day

along with an advocacy zoom training on February 13 at 5pm.

It will be a day filled with networking, breakout sessions with key leaders, worship, and visits with Texas legislators where we will advocate on topics such as Public Education, Immigration, Hunger, and Criminal Justice/Death Penalty.

A schedule and registration information can be found at <http://bit.ly/advocacydayfsw>.

Please notify the church office if you plan to attend.



Coming Events

Sunday February 12 – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

- 8:30 am Deacon's Meeting — Vickrey Hall
- 9:45 am Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
- 9:45 am Children's Christian Education — Christian Education Building
- 10:00 am Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
- 10:10 am Non-Traditional Class — Room 212
- 10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
- 12:15 pm Racial Justice Committee — Vickrey Hall

Wednesday February 15

- 3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building – Room 201 (3:30 – 5:30 pm)
- 5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
Menu: Creamy Mushroom Chicken served over egg noodles, Garlic Bread, Salad, Italian Cream Cake:
- 6:00 pm Midweek Gathering & Study — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
- 7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
- 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

Saturday February 18

- 2:00 pm Third Saturday Youth Activity
- Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday February 19 – Transfiguration Sunday / Farewell to Alleluia

- 9:45 am Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
- 9:45 am Children's Christian Education — Christian Education Building
- 10:00 am Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
- 10:10 am Non-Traditional Class — Room 212
- 10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
- 12:15 pm Safety Sub Committee — Room 201

February 19-21 – Texas Impact – “For the Time Being...” – Texas Interfaith Advocacy Days

First United Methodist Church of Austin, 1300 Lavaca Street, Austin, TX 78701

Tuesday February 21

- 9:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive — Vickrey Hall, 9:00 am – 3L99 on

Wednesday February 22 – Ash Wednesday

- 3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building – Room 201 (3:30 – 5:30 pm)
- 5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
Menu: Chicken Tortellini Soup, Garlic Bread, Salad, Cookies
- 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service — Sanctuary
Join us in Vickrey Hall at 6:15 pm as we transition, in prayer, to the Sanctuary for the Ash Wednesday Service
- 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

Saturday February 25

- 2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom

The deadline for the order of service, the Midweek, and the Mosaic is Monday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.

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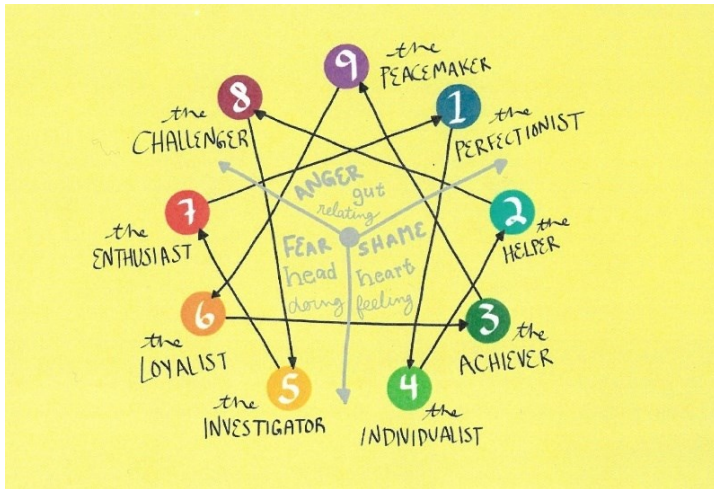
How to Connect

See the Weekly Mosaic, Weekend Update or Web Calendar for Links and details for
In-Person, Livestream, Virtual or Zoom events — royallane.org/resources/events
Group hosts and leaders will provide links for events with no published link.

Make your pledge today at royallane.org/pledge

Total units pledged: 88
Total pledged: \$604,980





Attention all Women of our Church:

Please **SAVE THE DATE**

for our spring women's retreat at Sister Grove Farm!

Friday, April 28th at 6pm

(includes dinner and retreat introduction)

till Saturday, April 29th at 8pm

(includes dinner and closing worship)

We are delighted to have LeAnn Gardner join us as our facilitator in

"The Enneagram Path Towards Growth and Grace."

Whether you are new to this ancient spiritual tool or already know your number, join us as we explore how the Enneagram can transform our relationships with ourselves, God, and others. We will focus on spiritual practices and how the Enneagram can lead us to a deeper understanding of our own gifts and offerings to the world. Our time together will be spent learning about each number, small group work, engaging in spiritual practices, fellowship, and free time on the farm!

Learn more about LeAnn at www.leanngardner.com and stay tuned for registration details.

In the Box Gallery

January 29 – April 28

Reception – February 5

4:30 – 6:30 PM

Merilee Vergati Haynes



Gallery open by appointment
10-4, weekdays, 10-5 Wednesdays

THANK YOU

Thank You Note

Dear Royal Laners,

Elevate. Liberate. Transform

With your gift in 2022, Nevertheless She Preached did just that! Because you believed in and engaged with our mission, we were able to create a safe space for faith leaders and justice makers to be in community and feel valued as their authentic selves – a space where they experienced rest and healing. What a gift!

In 2022, your gift helped to elevate and center female, queer, and BIPOC voices who offer transformative theologies of liberation and critical reflection of our social and religious contexts. Your gift allowed us to pursue freedom from the toxic power of patriarchy, colonization, racism, and heteronormativity.

Thank you again for your support of Nevertheless She Preached in 2022!

*With gratitude,
Kyndall Rae Rothaus*



**Calendar Update?
Do the
"Two-Step"**

1. Contact the church office to confirm availability for your event – on-site, off-site, or zoom.
2. Submit final copy for publicizing event by 5:00 PM, Monday, prior to date you want publicity to begin.

To change mail or email preferences for *The Mosaic*, contact Barbara Merry, 214-361-2809, ext. 10 or bmerry@royallane.org.

Deacons of the Week

February 12

Margaret Darden

Sharon Vickrey

February 19

John Helms

Cookie Stokes

Scriptures of the Week

February 12

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Matthew 5:21-37

February 19

Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 99

2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9

Midweek Program 6:00 p.m. Wednesday in Vickrey Hall

February 15

Conversation with Victoria

Ash Wednesday Service

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in the Sanctuary
February 22**

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**Join us for a Fellowship Meal
at 5:30 pm**

Announcements, Birthday Celebrations
and Prayer Concerns at 6:00 pm.

December 2022 Financials

YTD Actual

Revenues* \$694,125

Expenses \$760,279

Surplus (Deficit) (\$ 66,154)

*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

Text "GIVE" to 214-609-1200

Follow the prompts to complete the process.

Standard text message rates may apply.

Donate online at royallane.org/give/

Giving menu includes:

General Fund

The Lowe Scholarship Fund

Columbarium

Happy Birthday!

February

Darlene Carpenter 17

Noah River Will 18

Glenn Brown 23





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Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Wednesday Midweek: 6:15 pm

Christian Education: Saturday & Sunday

Sunday Worship: 10:55 am

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