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You Might as Well Love

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day - a rare moment for both holidays to fall on the same day. I couldn't help but think of Padraig O'Tuama's poem, "The Facts of Life."

That you were born
and you will die.

That you will sometimes love enough
and sometimes not.

That you will lie
if only to yourself.

That you will get tired.

That you will learn most from the situations
you did not choose.

That there will be some things that move you
more than you can say.

That you will live
that you must be loved.

That you will avoid questions most urgently in
need of
your attention.
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need of
your attention.

That you began as the fusion of a sperm and
an egg
of two people who once were strangers
and may well still be.

That life isn't fair.
That life is sometimes good
and sometimes better than good.

That life is often not so good.
That life is real
and if you can survive it, well,
survive it well
with love
and art
and meaning given
where meaning's scarce.

That you will learn to live with regret.
That you will learn to live with respect.

That the structures that constrict you
may not be permanently constraining.

That you will probably be okay.

That you must accept change
before you die
but you will die anyway.

So you might as well live
and you might as well love.
You might as well love.
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Ash Wednesday proclaims a fact of life: You will die. You have no choice. It will come for us all. "From dust you were formed and to dust you will return."

As we embark on this Lenten journey and walk the road that will lead to Jesus's own death, we have an opportunity to think critically about the life we'll lead, and what better way is there to live than to love.

Thomas Merton once said, "To say that I am made in the image of God is to say that love is the reason for my existence, for God is love. Love is my true identity. Selflessness is my true self. Love is my true character. Love is my name."

*You will die anyway.
So you might as well live.
And you might as well love.
You might as well love.*

Looking forward to a meaningful Lenten season at Royal Lane.


Pastor Victoria

UPCOMING *IN LENT*



Lenten Book Study with Jonathan Greer

Thursdays, 11:30 AM, February 15 through March 28, in the Library.

Study Book: "Deep Is the Hunger" by Howard Thurman

We will have 15 copies of this book in the church office, or you may download or purchase the book on Amazon.

Bring your own lunch.



The Gathering

Your Missions Division is excited to announce the return of The Gathering, our food drive which benefits the food pantry at North Dallas Shared Ministries. We are collecting these four food items and will have collection boxes in Narthex and Vickrey Hall during Lent:

Cereal
Peanut Butter
Refried Beans,
Macaroni and Cheese

Bring your items Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings. Thank you for making a difference for our beloved community.



Easter Baskets for Hope Supply

Please help us gather treats and toys to fill Easter Baskets for Hope Supply, who provides diapers and formula for families experiencing homelessness in DFW. We have created an Amazon wish list for those who prefer online shopping, or you can shop and bring your items before March 15th. We hope you can also join us for lunch and fun as we fill the baskets on Sunday March 17th right after worship.

Items we need:

individually packaged matchbox cars
small toys
bouncy balls
fidget toys
sidewalk chalk
individually wrapped candy
to fill plastic eggs

To shop for the Amazon Wish List items, point to the QR code, and as you are checking out, choose for the items to ship to Charlotte Sewell. Please contact Charlotte with any questions at 214-533-7326.



UPCOMING *EVENTS*



Sunday, February 18 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

12:15 pm: Social Justice — Education Building, Room 212

Tuesday, February 20

9:00 am: Red Cross Blood Drive — Vickrey Hall (9:00 am - 3:00 pm)

Wednesday, February 21

3:30 pm: Holy Rollers — Vickrey Hall (3:30 - 5:30 pm)

5:30 pm: Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall

Fajitas, Rice/Beans, Guacamole Salad, Dessert

6:00 pm: Midweek Gathering & Study — Vickrey Hall & Zoom

Sermon Encounter with Jonathan Greer & Pastor Victoria

6:00 pm: Children's Activities — Godly Play Room

6:30 pm: Youth Gathering — Youth Portable

7:15 pm: Choir — Sanctuary

Thursday, February 22

11:30 am: Lenten Book Study with Jonathan Greer, Library

Friday, February 23

11:00 am: Foster Care Group — Vickrey Hall

Saturday, February 24

2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday, February 25 – Second Sunday in Lent

8:30 am: Children & Youth Committee — Vickrey Hall

9:45 am: Parents Small Group — Vickrey Hall

9:45 am: Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building

9:45 am: Children's Christian Education — Christian Education Building

9:45 am: Youth Christian Education — Youth Portable

10:55 am: Morning Worship — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Godly Play (following Time for Young Disciples) — Godly Play Room

Children 3-year through Third Grade

Young Theologians — Christian Education Building, Room 202

Children Fourth & Fifth Grade

Royal Lane Racial Justice Team

If you are interested in taking a next step and engaging with the work of racial justice, we invite you to join our Racial Justice Team. For more information you can contact Sandy Washington at sandy.washington@gmail.com or Sarah Fuller at sfp7152@gmail.com. All are welcome.



UPCOMING *EVENTS*



Wednesday, February 28

- 3:30 pm: Holy Rollers — Vickrey Hall (3:30 - 5:30 pm)
- 5:30 pm: Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
 - Chicken Noodle Soup, Salad, Bread, Dessert
- 6:00 pm: Midweek Gathering & Study — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
 - Sermon Encounter with Jonathan Greer & Pastor Victoria
- 6:00 pm: Children's Activities — Godly Play Room
- 6:30 pm: Youth Gathering — Youth Portable
- 7:15 pm: Choir — Sanctuary

Thursday, February 29

- 11:30 am: Lenten Book Study with Jonathan Greer, Library

Saturday, March 2

- 2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday, March 3 – Third Sunday in Lent

- 9:45 am: Parents Small Group — Vickrey Hall
- 9:45 am: Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
- 9:45 am: Children's Christian Education — Christian Education Building
- 9:45 am: Youth Christian Education — Youth Portable
- 10:55 am: Morning Worship — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel
 - Godly Play (following Time for Young Disciples) — Godly Play Room
 - Children 3-year through Third Grade
- 12:15 pm: Missions Division — Christian Education Building, Room 212
- 12:15 pm: First Sunday Lunch for Children, Youth, and Families
- 8:00 pm: Education Division — Zoom

Wednesday, March 6

- 3:30 pm: Holy Rollers — Vickrey Hall (3:30 - 5:30 pm)
- 5:00 pm: Properties Committee, Christian Education Building, Room 212
- 5:30 pm: Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
 - Grandpa's Baked Fish, Rice, Zanata's Spinach Salad, Dessert
- 6:00 pm: Midweek Gathering & Study — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
 - Sermon Encounter with Jonathan Greer & Pastor Victoria
- 6:00 pm: Children's Activities — Godly Play Room
- 6:30 pm: Youth Gathering — Youth Portable
- 7:15 pm: Choir — Sanctuary

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BLOOD DRIVE



Tuesday, February 20, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Vickrey Hall

Register today for a blood drive sponsored by the American Red Cross at Royal Lane Baptist Church. Point to the QR code to register.



All who come to give in February will receive a \$20 Amazon.com Gift Card by email! Terms and additional details can be found at RedCrossBlood.org/Heart. Point to the QR for more information.



IN THE BOX GALLERY



SACRED/SECULAR

Experience the mixed media exhibit by artist

JACQUE FORSHER

Artist Reception, Saturday, March 9, 4-6:00 PM

Exhibit:
January 7-March 29

ABUNDANT LIFERS



COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

Thursday, March 7, 9:00 AM, Vickrey Hall

Please come and have a cup of coffee and a doughnut with Pastor Victoria . Bring your questions or just take the opportunity to get to know her better.

UPCOMING *EVENTS*



Women of the Church Spring Retreat
Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 8am-5pm
“Midwifing a Patriarchy-free Faith”
Speaker: Meredith Stone
Baptist Women in Ministry (BWIM)



We will spend a relaxing day at Sister Grove and discover ways to support each other in ministry and life. Cost: \$50 to Royal Lane Baptist Church (includes breakfast and lunch).

Optional extension accommodations for either Friday and/or Saturday night can be made directly and paid separately through Sister Grove Farm. This will include a viewing of the new BWIM Documentary “Midwives of a Movement.”

Registration for this retreat is open now through the church office with a deadline of April 17, 2024. Registration fee may be paid online by selecting fund “2024 WOC Retreat” from <https://my.e360giving.com/app/giving/royallane> or pointing to the QR code.



Overnight requests can be made through Sarah Macias with a deadline of February 29, 2024. You can email Sarah at events@sistergrovesfarm.com.

Mission Trip

When: May 20-26

Where: Brownsville, Immigrant Welcoming Center and Mission, in Colonias.

Partners: Fellowship Southwest





DEACONS OF THE WEEK

February 18

Patsy Meier
Barrett Wooten

February 25

Garey Wisdom
Sharon Vickrey

March 3

Jeff Hill
Cookie Stokes

SCRIPTURES OF THE WEEK

February 18

Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

February 25

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38

March 3

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

December 2023 Financials

Revenues*	\$815,539
Expenses	\$852,828
Surplus (Deficit)*	(\$37,289)

**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.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

16	Sarah Vickrey
17	Kay Carpenter
17	Darlene Carpenter
18	Noah River Will
19	Parker Wooden
20	Tommy Lamberth
23	Glenn Brown
23	Dina DiMaria
23	Cilla King
23	Daniel Robinson
23	Lisa Waters
24	Ashley Fleenor
26	Amy Brown
27	Franklin Gitlin

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1	Addison Birdwell
2	Anastashia Cruz
2	Mark DeWitt
3	Karen Simmons
5	Cookie Stokes
5	Dan Thompson

The deadline for the Weekly Mosaic and the Mosaic is Monday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm
(214) 361-2809

JOIN THE COMMUNITY

Sunday Worship: 10:55 am
Wednesday Midweek: 6:15 pm
Christian Education: Saturday & Sunday

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Beth Johnson, Minister to Children, Youth, & Families
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David Weigle, Organist
Ellen Miers, Housekeeping
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