



# ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH

## THE MOSAIC

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### Unity in the Eclipse

On Sunday, I mentioned a journal entry I wrote on the day of the eclipse. Many of you have asked for a copy of it, so here it is below. May this rare moment of unity come again, sooner rather than later.

**With all my love,**

Pastor Victoria

Today on April 8, 2024, Matt and I along with Leslie went to Flag Pole Hill to watch the solar eclipse. We sat in lawn chairs and ate wheat thins and drank white wine. ...People were everywhere. On golf carts, on bikes, on picnic blankets. There were dogs and babies and photographers with cameras. In all the years we've lived near this place I've never seen so many people gather here. Matt got on his phone because Ruthie's kindergarten teacher was hosting a livestream where we could see all the kids, including our own, on the White Rock Elementary school playground. Here we all were...physically and virtually anticipating a moment I was sure would be anticlimactic. The sky was, after all, pretty overcast, which reminds me of the several years I've preached at Easter sunrise services when it rained. Nature rarely cooperates. But, she does surprise. And wow, was I surprised.

The clouds parted just in time for the sun to light every part of the field. And with our glasses strapped to our faces we all looked up, totality they said was drawing near. Is that really the moon I wondered, casting a crescent sun? Is that the sun now taking its turn learning the phases of the moon? Will it, too, disappear and when it does will we call it new?

Then sure enough. The sun hid itself behind its counterpart and the earth darkened. All became so still and there was total silence, at least in my memory, but it could have been just a silence in my soul. One by one I watched as the street lights on Lanshire came on. Has that ever happened at 1:40 in the afternoon in the middle of spring? Surely not.

I cried, because it's what I do when I'm in awe. Leslie said, isn't creation amazing? And we put our arms around each other. This friend who I call sister, which confuses my children because they wonder why her children aren't their cousins.

Then there was applause. Across the field — but I felt it across divisions and across political spectrums and across hate and then across our phones where I watched the children of White Rock Elementary screaming for joy as they jumped and hugged and cartwheeled in total outdoor darkness in the middle of a school day. What a wonder.

I've never been able to let a good thing go. I spent the first minute in awe and the next three anxiously awaiting what I knew would end. Thinking of course that I'll probably never see this again in my lifetime unless maybe we could make it to Montana in 2044 where they say it will come again. Perhaps I'll write another note then. Then, when I'll be 57.

Thank you, God. Today I felt in total awe and though it lasted for just a moment, it gave me hope that perhaps we'll all unite in applause again — this time for ourselves and the world we finally made new.

# UPCOMING



## **Sunday April 21 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

- 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
- 11:00 am: Morning Worship – Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel  
Godly Play (following Time for Young Disciples) – Godly Play Room  
Children 3-year through Third Grade

## **Tuesday April 23**

- 9:30 am: Contemplation and Communion – Sanctuary

## **Wednesday April 24**

- 3:30 pm: Holy Rollers – Vickrey Hall
- 5:30 pm: Midweek Dinner – Vickrey Hall  
Green Chili Stew, Flour Tortillas, Salad, Dessert
- 6:00 pm: Quarterly Church Conference – Vickrey Hall & Zoom
- 6:00 pm: Children’s Activities – Godly Play Room
- 6:30 pm: Youth Gathering – Youth Portable
- 7:15 pm: Choir – Sanctuary

## **Saturday, April 27**

- 2:00 pm: Questers Class – Zoom

## **Sunday, April 28 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

- 8:30 am: Children & Youth Committee – 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
- 11:00 am: Morning Worship – Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel  
Godly Play (following Time for Young Disciples) – Godly Play Room  
Children 3-year through Third Grade

## **Tuesday April 30**

- 9:30 am: Contemplation & Communion – Sanctuary

# UPCOMING *EVENTS*



## Wednesday May 1

3:30 pm: Holy Rollers — Vickrey Hall

5:30 pm: Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall

Baked Fish, Rice Pilaf with Peas, Savory Carrots, Salad, Dessert

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

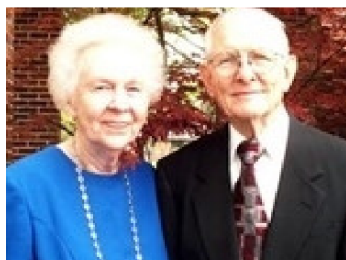
6:30 pm: Youth Gathering — Youth Portable

7:15 pm: Choir — Sanctuary

# LOOKING TO *GRADUATION*

## To Families with Graduates!

Graduates will be recognized on May 19, 2024. Please notify the church office of students associated with Royal Lane who will be graduating this spring—high school, college, post-graduate degree or other. We would like a picture and brief bio for each student by Thursday, May 9, for publication in the bulletin on Graduation Recognition Sunday, and an issue of the Mosaic.



## Bruce & Anna Marie Lowe Scholarship

A flyer is available in the narthex and the church office to give you an opportunity to contribute to the Bruce & Anna Marie Lowe Scholarship. The Scholarship Committee is grateful for your contributions and support of this fund that benefits recipients of this scholarship each year.

### Donations may be made:

- Online at [royallane.org/give](http://royallane.org/give), "The Lowe Scholarship Fund"
- Contact the church office at 214-361-2809
- By check with "Scholarship Fund" in the memo line

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# UPCOMING *EVENTS*



## TUESDAYS AT ROYAL LANE



### Communion and Contemplation

*Tuesdays, 9:30 am*

Take time in your busy week to come together for communion & contemplation in the quiet of Royal Lane's Sanctuary.

## ALL CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING



### Quarterly Church Conference

*Wednesday, April 24, 6:00 pm*

Agenda and minutes of previous the meeting to be posted on the church website. <https://bit.ly/44598cm>



## YOU ARE INVITED,,,



### Joining Sunday

*May 12, 11:00 am Service*

Interested in membership at Royal Lane? Want to join with a group of other folks? Our next Joining Sunday is May 12, and we'd love to welcome you. Contact our pastor for more information at [vpowers@royallane.org](mailto:vpowers@royallane.org).

## REGISTRATION OPEN



### VBS & Music/Arts Camp

*June 24-28*

**VBS / 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Pre-K - Completed Grade 5

**Music Camp / 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

Age 5 - Completed Grade 5

Register at: <https://bit.ly/49DRmPf>





# WEEKLY *DETAILS*



## DEACONS OF THE WEEK

**April 21 - 27**

Jeff Hill  
Kelley Keith

**April 28 - May 4**

Joey Belgard  
Sheryl Gambill

## SCRIPTURES OF THE WEEK

**April 21**

Acts 4:5-12  
Psalm 23  
1 John 3:16-24  
John 10:11-18

**April 28**

Acts 8:26-40  
Psalm 22:25-31  
1 John 3:16-24  
John 15:1-8

## IN THE BOX GALLERY



## WEAVINGS AND WATERCOLORS

Artist:

**TERRI MULDOON**

March 31 - June 28  
Artist Reception - May 11  
4:00 - 6:00 pm

*The Box Gallery is open by appointment 10:00am-4:00pm on weekdays, 10:00am-5:00pm on Wednesdays.*

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

**24** | Nancy Ferrell  
**29** | Theresa Helms

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

**1** | Jaxson Hill  
**1** | Patsy Meier

**VBS & MUSIC / ARTS CAMP 2024**

AGE 3 THROUGH COMPLETED GRADE 5

**JUNE 24-28**

Royal Lane Baptist Church

9AM-12PM VBS; 1PM-4PM MUSIC/ARTS CAMP

\$40 FOR VBS / \$70 FOR BOTH

Scholarships Available; email Beth!

CONTACT BJOHNSON@ROYALLANE.ORG

CELEBRATING OUR IDENTITY AS GOD'S BELOVED AND SHARING IT WITH OTHERS

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## OFFICE HOURS

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

## JOIN THE COMMUNITY

**Sunday Worship:** 11:00m

**Wednesday Midweek:** 6:15 pm

**Christian Education:** Saturday & Sunday

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## ROYAL LANE STAFF

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers, Senior Pastor

Rev. Harry Wooten, Minister of Music and Worship

Beth Johnson, Minister to Children, Youth, & Families

Barbara Merry, Ministries Assistant

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David Weigle, Organist

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