

## **An Exciting Fall**

Dear friends,

It's hard to believe that the summer is near its end. My children all go back to school on Tuesday, which is both a relief and a grief. As a mother, it feels like my kids don't age during the summer. Time moves a little slower, and we get to spend more time together. Once they're back in school, I'm thankful for the return of a routine, but it also feels like time picks up again, and next thing I know they've all grown a little bit older.

I am looking, however, to a wonderful fall season, both at home and in the life of our church. This Sunday in worship, you'll receive a "Fall Events" card. On the front side you'll find all the special activities scheduled for the fall - book launches, community conversations, church conferences, bingo night, Advent studies, and more. I hope you'll hang it on your fridge and mark your calendars to attend many of these exciting events.

On the back side of the card, you'll see our lineup for our new Wednesday noon "Lunch and Learn" series. You'll also find it at the bottom of the Mosaic. We are so fortunate to be welcoming so many exciting guest speakers who will talk to us on a variety of subjects from spiritual pilgrimages to racial justice in the church, from Christian nationalism to how best to prepare for the upcoming election, from the problems of original sin to lessons learned from a pastor with over 40 years of vocational ministry experience. I really hope you'll make it a priority to attend our Wednesday lunches, if not in person then on Zoom.

Please join me in gratitude and anticipation for what I trust will be a vibrant fall season, one that will grow us closer in fellowship and further in discipleship.

***With all my love,***

Pastor Victoria

# UPCOMING *EVENTS*



## **Sunday, August 11 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

- 8:30 am: Deacon's Meeting — Vickrey Hall
- 9:45 am: Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
- 9:45 am: Parent Brunch — Vickrey Hall
- 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-years of age through Third Grade
- Young Theologians — Christian Education Building, Room 202
- Children Fourth through Sixth Grade

## **Tuesday, August 13**

- 9:30 am: Contemplation and Communion — Narthex

## **Wednesday, August 14**

- 11:30 am: Lunch + Learn Series, Program at 12:00 pm — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
- Menu: Chicken Salad Sandwiches, Pea Salad, Chips, Dessert
- Program: George Mason, "Lessons Learned after 40 Years of Vocational Ministry"
- 1:30 pm: Holy Rollers — Vickrey Hall
- 5:00 pm: Properties & Facilities — Christian Education Building, Room 212
- 7:15 pm: Choir — Sanctuary

## **Friday, August 16**

- 5:30 pm: Parents Night Out — Vickrey Hall (5:30 - 9:00 pm) (Childcare provided)

## **Saturday, August 17**

- 2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom
- 7:00 pm: Book Launch, "The Stories God Tells" — Sanctuary, Reception - Vickrey Hall

## **Sunday, August 18 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

- 9:00 am: Program Council — 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-years of age through Third Grade
- 12:15 pm: Social Justice Team — Christian Education Building, Room 212

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# UPCOMING *EVENTS*



## Tuesday, August 20

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

9:30 am: Contemplation and Communion — Narthex

## Wednesday, August 21

11:30 am: Lunch + Learn Series, Program at 12:00 pm — Vickrey Hall & Zoom

Menu: Tacos, Rice & Beans, Chips & Queso, Dessert

Program: Amanda Tyler, “Resisting Christian Nationalism and  
Preparing for the Election”

1:30 pm: Holy Rollers — Vickrey Hall

6:00 pm: Snack Supper, Children & Youth — Vickrey Hall

6:15 pm: Children’s Choir — Christian Education Building, Godly Play Room

6:30 pm: Youth Gathering — Youth Portable

7:15 pm: Choir — Sanctuary

# A MOMENT OF *CONTEMPLATION*

## The Welcoming Prayer

(by Father Thomas Keating)

Welcome, welcome, welcome.

I welcome everything that comes to me today, because I know it's for my healing.

I welcome all thoughts, feelings, emotions, persons, situations, and conditions.

I let go of my desire for power and control.

I let go of my desire for affection, esteem, approval, and pleasure.

I let go of my desire for survival and security.

I let go of my desire to change any situation, condition, person or myself.

I open to the love and presence of God and God's action within. Amen.

*Several have asked about the “Welcoming Prayer” Beth Johnson mentioned in her sermon on Sunday, July 28. This prayer was also shared at Communion and Contemplation on Tuesday, August 6.*

*If you have not joined us on Tuesday morning for Communion and Contemplation, we encourage you to join us as we “Let Go” and begin our day.*

# UPCOMING *EVENTS*



## FOR KIDS, YOUTH, & FAMILIES



### Back to School Sunday

*Sunday, August 11*

9:45 am - Parent Brunch, Vickrey Hall

9:45 am - Promotion Sunday for Children & Youth,  
Education Building, Youth Portable

11:00 am - Blessing of the Backpacks, Sanctuary

### Parents Night Out

*Friday, August 16, 5:30 - 9:00 pm, Vickrey Hall*

Theme: Blast Off - Starting our New School Year with God.

Kids will experience formational opportunities will parents enjoy time for themselves.

## THE STORIES GOD TELLS



### Book Tour Comes to Royal Lane

*Saturday, August 17, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary & Vickrey Hall*

Royal Lane welcomes authors Matthew Paul Turner and Jonathan Merritt on their book tour, "The Stories God Tells." Victoria Robb Powers will be a special guest. Doors will open at 6:30pm and Interabang will be on site to sell books.

Reception and Book Signing, Vickrey Hall.

## WE SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY



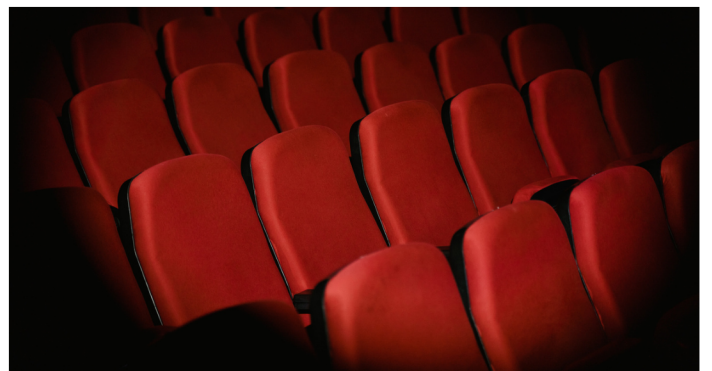
### Red Cross Blood Drive

*Tuesday, August 20, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Vickrey Hall*

The American Red Cross is facing an emergency blood shortage and urges people to make an appointment to give now to help patients across the country receive lifesaving medical treatments. <https://rcblood.org/3pHnn3p>

All donors will get a \$20 Amazon e-gift card as a thank you!

## MOVIE PRESENTATION



### "Bad Faith"

*Sunday, August 25, 12:15 pm, Vickrey Hall*

The Social Justice Team & Racial Justice Committee invite you to a showing of the documentary, "Bad Faith." Mara Richards Bim, Church engagement coordinator for Christian's Against Christian Nationalism, will be facilitating the discussion after the viewing. Child care provided. Pizza and drinks provided.



# RLBC ANNOUNCEMENT

## Deacon Recommendations

In October, the church will elect six (6) deacons to serve a three (3) year term. They will take office in November.

## By-Laws Provisions

Article VIII, 3) "No one shall be eligible for election to the Board of Deacons unless such person has been a member of this Church for at least one (1) year prior to his or her election. Upon completion of a term on the Board of Deacons, no one shall be eligible for re-election to the Board of Deacons until the expiration of one (1) year, provided that this restriction shall not be applicable to any Deacon who has been elected to fill the unexpired term of another Deacon and who has served less than one year of such unexpired term. In order that there not be a conflict of interest (or the appearance of a conflict of interest), no member of the Board of Deacons shall also be a full-time or permanent part-time paid member of the staff of this Church. Only one member of an immediate family of the same household shall be elected to serve on the active board of deacons at the same time. Immediate family includes spouse, domestic partner, child, parent or sibling.

Listed below is the active Board of Deacons. The dates indicate when they will rotate off the Board.

### November 2024

Tex Quesada  
Cheryl Robinson  
Cookie Stokes  
Sharon Vickrey  
Garey Wisdom  
Barrett Wooten

### November 2025

Margaret Darden  
Jack Mullinax  
Kelley Keith  
Rodney Macias  
Patsy Meier  
Dan Thompson

### November 2026

Joey Belgard  
Leslie Cechan  
Sheryl Gambill  
Jeff Hill  
Charlotte Sewell  
Adam Visconti

**Forms will be included as inserts in the order of worship on August 18th and 25th.  
Recommendations are due in the church office by noon on Friday, August 30th.**

If you have any questions regarding the deacon recommendations, please contact Tex Quesada. (214) 566-0195. Recommendations may be submitted to [info@royallane.org](mailto:info@royallane.org).



WEDNESDAY

## LUNCH + LEARN SERIES

Join us every Wednesday at noon in Vickrey Hall or online for our Wednesday lunch and learn series! Lunch line opens at 11:30am. Cost is \$12/person.

AUGUST 14	<b>George Mason</b> (Pastor Emeritus, Wilshire Baptist Church), <i>Lessons Learned After 40 Years of Vocational Ministry</i>
AUGUST 21	<b>Amanda Tyler</b> (Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Committee of Religious Liberty and Founder of Christians Against Christian Nationalism), <i>Resisting Christian Nationalism and Preparing for the Election</i>
AUGUST 28	<b>Ryon Price</b> (Senior Pastor, Broadway Baptist Church), <i>The Church That Gets In the Way: Getting in Good Trouble in Tarrant County</i>
SEPTEMBER 4	<b>Timothy Peoples</b> (Senior Pastor, Wilshire Baptist Church), <i>The Church's Role in Racial Justice</i>
SEPTEMBER 11	<b>Terry York</b> (Professor of Christian Ministry and Church Music, Baylor University), <i>Kurt Kaiser and Contemporary Christian Music</i>
SEPTEMBER 18	<b>Danielle Shroyer</b> (Author, Pastor, Spiritual Director), <i>Original Blessing: Putting Sin in Its Rightful Place</i>
SEPTEMBER 25	<b>Sarah Macias</b> (Founder and Operator of Sister Grove Farm), <i>Creation Justice and Why It Matters</i>
OCTOBER 2	<b>Anyra Cano</b> (Programs and Outreach Director, Fellowship Southwest), <i>Ministry with Migrants and the Latinx Experience</i>
OCTOBER 9	<b>Jaime Clark-Soles</b> (Professor of New Testament, Perkins School of Theology, SMU), <i>Psychedelics and Spirituality: What the Church Needs to Know</i>
OCTOBER 16	<b>Casey Shobe</b> (Senior Rector, Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration), <i>The Spiritual Practice of Pilgrimage</i>
OCTOBER 23+30	<b>N/A</b> (Vickrey Hall closed to host early voting. Be sure and vote!)
NOVEMBER 6	<b>Victoria Robb Powers</b> (Senior Pastor, Royal Lane Baptist Church), <i>Looking Forward at Royal Lane</i>
NOVEMBER 13	<b>Jonathan Greer, Beth Johnson, Tori Jones</b> (Ordination Candidates, Royal Lane Baptist Church), <i>The Journey to Ordination</i>
NOVEMBER 20	<b>Virzola Law and Laurie Anderson</b> (Senior Pastors, Northway Christian Church and Midway Hills Christian Church), <i>How Friendship Saves Us</i>
DECEMBER 4	<b>Scott Ayers</b> (Principal Pianist and Conductor, Turtle Creek Chorale), <i>Keyboard and Carols</i>
DECEMBER 11	<b>Glen Hummel and SimonSez Brass</b> (Dallas Brass Ensemble), <i>Sounds of the Season</i>
DECEMBER 18	<b>Alison Read</b> (Texas Winds Harpist), <i>Holiday Harp</i>



## DEACONS OF THE WEEK

### August 11 - 17

Dan Thompson  
Kelley Keith

### August 18 - 25

Joey Belgard  
Sheryl Gambill

## SCRIPTURES OF THE WEEK

### August 11

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33  
Psalm 130  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2  
John 6:35, 41-51

### August 18

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14  
Psalm 111  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

## IN THE BOX GALLERY



## ECCENTRIC ENCHANTMENT: A KALEIDOSCOPE OF COLOR

Artist:

**KASEY JONES**

July 3 - September 28

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

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### For the Church Wide Prayer List:

Madison Baylis, friend of Ruth May  
Scott Bryant  
John & Barbara Lopert, and their daughter  
Cheryl, friends of Ruth May  
The Family of Janet Mullinax Ramirez,  
daughter of Jack & Judy Mullinax  
Janina Washington

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!**

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8	Dylan West
11	Alice Johnson
12	Greta Lamberth
12	Rodney Macias
15	Ryah Hill
15	Sharon Larkin
15	Humberto Valtierra
18	Jackson Maddox
19	Brandon Green
20	Doug Washington
21	Shannon Simmons

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

## JOIN THE COMMUNITY

**Sunday Worship:** 11:00 am

**Wednesday Lunch + Learn:** 11:30 am (*effective August 14*)

**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  
David Doom, Ministries Assistant  
David Weigle, Organist  
Rosa Barrientos, Housekeeping  
Mike Hurder, Maintenance Director  
Ben Chamero, Livestream Technician  
Brandon Green, Audio Technician  
Blake Vickrey, Audio Technician

