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Becoming Salt and Light

Steve Graham

Many years ago I heard Peggy Way address a luncheon of ministers and church leaders. She told a story about meeting two members of her church examining together a bolt of material. She asked if they were working on a project. They replied, "No, we're just feeling the fabric and imagining all that it might become!" Dr. Way then challenged us to consider viewing our congregations in a different way; feeling the fabric and imagining just what they as a people were ready to become.

After the luncheon, I asked her who was writing about discerning congregational aptitude. She suggested I read James Hopewell's book, "Congregation: Stories and Structures." These experiences have continued to be my teacher.

A congregation must believe in itself. It is important for us to hear this word during this time of transition. Let me share again this word from Hopewell that I offered in the sermon on Sunday.

"The local church suffers when it does not take its idiom seriously. If the congregation views itself as merely the repository of meanings better expressed elsewhere, it fails to appreciate its genius, its microcosmic capacity to reflect in uniquely lived form the sociality of humankind, when a congregation considers its own language neither interesting nor important it devalues its identity and thus its names for and before God."

I have a deep appreciation for our beloved community. I pray daily for the unfolding chapter of Royal Lane's community as a new pastor and people become salt and light in this time and place.

Pastor Profile Survey

The Transition Support Team would like your input to help complete a Pastor Profile for Royal Lane's pastor search. An email with the link to a survey will be sent to you. The collection of everyone's thoughts and opinions is an important step in the search process. Please be on the lookout for an email as early as Sunday, February 6.

Invitation from the Racial Justice Committee

An upcoming conference with free virtual registration titled ***"Do We Want to Be Healed?" Racism in the White Church*** is set for Feb. 17-19, 2022 at Baylor University's Truett Seminary and features among its speakers Robert P. Jones, Catherine Meeks and Kristin Du Mez. This opportunity was brought to the attention of the Racial Justice Committee by the Alliance of Baptists.

More info may be found here: <https://bit.ly/3odb3b2>



*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for February 16 & March 2, 2022.
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*

Coming Events

- Sunday February 6 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**
9:15 am Children's SS Classes — Zoom
9:45 am Formations Class — Room 202
9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Room 206
10:00 am Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
10:30 am Children ages 3 year through 5th grade – Vickrey Hall
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
2:00 pm Missions Division — Library
7:30 pm Education Committee — Zoom
- Monday February 7**
7:30 pm Transition Support Team — Zoom
- Tuesday February 8**
6:30 pm Women of the Church — Vickrey Hall
7:00 pm Pastor Search Committee — Library & Zoom
- Wednesday February 9**
10:00 am Holy Rollers — Room 202 (10:00 am – 12:00 pm)
6:15 pm Midweek Study with Steve Graham — Zoom
7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Saturday February 12**
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
- Sunday February 13 – Sunday**
9:15 am Children's SS Classes — Zoom
9:45 am Formations Class — Room 202
9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Room 206
10:00 am Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
10:30 am Children ages 3 year through 5th grade – Vickrey Hall
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
7:30 pm Deacons Meeting — Zoom (Deacon Chat, 7:15 pm)
- Monday February 14**
7:30 pm Transition Support Team — Zoom
- Wednesday February 16**
10:00 am Holy Rollers — Room 202 (10:00 am – 12:00 pm)
6:15 pm Midweek Study with Steve Graham — Zoom
7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Saturday February 19**
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
8:00 pm Non-Traditional 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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WOC Retreat

SAVE THE DATE – Saturday, April 30 for pandemic-inspired and reinvented Women of the Church Retreat! 10:am-8:0m at Sarah & Rodney Macias' inspiring Sister Grove Farm.

Registration opportunity will begin in late February.

Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez



Women of the Church Tuesday, February 8, 6:30 pm

Our program will be presented by a Dolly Parton entertainer, Rhonda Medina. It would be so much more fun if you could join us! Come and enjoy a soup supper and some great entertainment!



Deacons of the Week

February 6

John Helms
Sarah King

February 13

Nate Green
Terry Berrier

Scriptures of the Week

February 6

Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13) Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11

February 13

Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26

All In-Person Midweek Services & Fellowship Meals Temporarily Suspended

6:15 p.m. Wednesday

February 9 & 16

Watch for news regarding
next study led by
Steve Graham

December 2021 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$688,942
Expenses	\$680,285
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 8,657

*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

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The Lowe Scholarship Fund
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Have questions about your
2021 giving statement?
Contact Janet Schultz in the church office.
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contact Barbara Merry, 214-361-2809, ext. 10 or
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Happy Birthday!

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Sunday Worship: 10:55 am

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