Newsletter December 2023



140 East Broadway Roslyn, NY 11576

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Upcoming Events

Sundays

10am Sunday Services In Person & Online

December 10

5:30pm Christmas Dinner **December 13**

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7pm Bible Study via Zoom **December 24**

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5:30pm Christmas Eve Service **January 28**

Ham RPC Annual Meeting

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A Note from Pastor Marjory

Hello Church Friends,

This past month we have wrapped up the church calendar year, with Advent as the first Sunday of the new year. This year, the lectionary time offered us many examples of people given great responsibility and the different ways they responded. We heard the story of the talents and the wise and foolish bridesmaids. As the church, we are called to great responsibility; not just to keep our building going but to keep the faith alive. As a church, we are asked to be waiting for the return of Christ. We are called not just to have enough oil in our own lamps for when that time comes but to work hard to increase what God has given us. Roslyn gives back to

our community through the food pantry and the gift cards to the hospital for families of pediatric cancer patients. The Session approved some work in the North Room, you may notice that it has a fresh coat of paint and the ceiling was fixed.

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A Note from Pastor Marjory (continued)

All that we do we are able to do because of the generous spirits of those from the church. Those who give faithfully help us to create a budget and ensure that we are giving back to the world of God around us. Please take some time this week to think about what you can pledge to the church and fill out the pledge commitments. Let us respond to God in this world and in our lives by giving back to God's church.

Many Blessings, Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth



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News From the Clerk and Session

We are entering the Advent season. Usually by this time we have sent a Stewardship letter with pledge cards. This year pledge cards will be available at church on the bulletin table for those who attend Sunday worship, and are enclosed in the Newsletter for those who have pledged in the past. If the Spirit is moving you to pledge and you did not receive a pledge card, please contact the office and one can be sent. Pledges or commitments of what you can give to the Roslyn Presbyterian Church in 2024 reflect your dedication to our church and are helpful for our planning and budgeting.

We celebrated Thanksgiving with the Kalam Taiwanese congregation after Sunday



services on November 26, feasting on turkey and trimmings, salad, and a variety of Chinese dishes. We provided an abundance of desserts, including pies, cakes, brownies,

and ice cream. Katie Zarghami and Helen Lockman coordinated our contributions to the dinner. See photos (this page) by Soraya Gage from the dinner.





Property concerns occupy much of the Session's meetings (and even more of Robert Gilmore's time). You can see some of the results in the recently painted North Room where we have our coffee hour after services.

On November I, we celebrated World Communion Sunday "in the round" in the North Room. Pastor Marjory provided a variety of breads and jams for the service.

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News From the Clerk and Session (continued)

A Memorial Service for Merritt Randall was held in the sanctuary on November 8. Merritt grew up on Remsen Avenue in Roslyn where his sister, Cynthia Randall, still lives. We were saddened to learn of the death of Margaret ("Peg") Grosser on November 10 in Texas. Peg was a regular at church services until a few years ago when she

moved into assisted living, first in Massapequa, then in Virginia and most recently in Texas to be near her relatives.

Please note the Upcoming Events on p. I. The pictures below are from our celebration of Gary de Sesa's birthday on November 19.

—Natalie Naylor, Clerk of Session









Church Humor

The Kindergartener: A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom as the children drew pictures. The teacher would occasionally walk around and see each child's artwork. As she approached one little girl who was working especially hard, she asked what the drawing was. The little girl told her: "I'm drawing God!" "But sweety," the teacher replied, "no one actually knows what God looks like." The little girl continued drawing and said: "well, they certainly will in a minute!"

—From Church Tech Today's website



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