



ROSLYN
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



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A Note from Pastor Marjory

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are Online!**

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Upcoming Events

Sundays

10am Sunday Services
In Person & Online

October 1

10am World Communion
Sunday

October 4

7pm Bible Study via Zoom

October 18

7pm Bible Study via Zoom

Hello Church Friends,

We are entering the season of fall. Lots of church newsletters refer to spring as the time for new beginnings, but fall is really the season of new beginnings. Fall is the start of school, or the beginning of new schedules at work. Much of our rhythms follow the school schedule, making fall the beginning. Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year and always happens in late summer/early fall.

This fall also marks a new Pastoral relationship between Roslyn and myself. I have entered into an education and practical program to become a Board Certified Interfaith Chaplain. Many might not understand the full rationale, but it felt like it was time for me to do this. I have many years of ministry in front of me and I would like to continue to remain at the forefront of the church. This program requires my time, both



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in a classroom as well as offering pastoral care/chaplaincy at my assigned location.

I am looking forward to this program as it should make me a better Pastor. I am looking forward to having my relationship with God pushed and challenged as it is shaped into something stronger than it is now.



This means that I will not be available during the day hours to the extent that I currently am. However, I will remain as your Pastor. The Session has agreed to continue my contract at reduced hours so that I can be present for my program as well as for you all on Sunday mornings. I am honored that we can embark on this new journey with each other.

It is easy in relationships to never really see them as new. Yet, the changes in this year's contract will make this a new relationship. Throughout our lives we are asked to look around and see how our relationships with each other, as well as with God, have changed. Some changes are organic and others are changed by decisions; changes in the paths that one chooses to take. Let us take this year to look truthfully at ourselves, our relationship with God and our relationship with the community, and listen for what God is calling us to do.

Many Blessings,
Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

Important Dates

October 1st is World Communion Sunday

*We will be doing something different that Sunday
and holding worship in the North Room in the round.
Come ready to worship, and bring a friend.*

October Bible Study Dates Via Zoom

**10/4 7pm
10/18 7pm**

**Check your email on each date
for the Zoom link
(link remains the same)**



Church Humor

Do You Know Your Hymns?

- Dentist's Hymn . . . "Crown Him with Many Crowns"
- Weatherman's Hymn . . . "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings"
- Contractor's Hymn . . . "The Church's One Foundation"
- Tailor's Hymn . . . "Holy, Holy, Holy"
- Golfer's Hymn . . . "There's a Green Hill Far Away"
- Politician's Hymn . . . "Standing On the Promises"
- Optometrist's Hymn . . . "Open My Eyes That I May See"

Submitted by: Gary de Sesa

News From the Clerk and Session

As Pastor Marjory indicates in her message, she has reduced her hours in Roslyn to enable her to enroll in an interfaith chaplaincy certification program. She told us in August that she had thought about doing this for years, but when she was living upstate, the program was only offered at quite a distance. Now this program is available near where she lives on Long Island. Our Personnel Committee and the Session concurred in accommodating her plans and approved her year's contract starting October 1. She will continue to conduct Sunday services, hold Bible study (via Zoom), moderate Session meetings, and generally provide leadership to our church, though her hours and salary are reduced. The Presbytery's Committee on Ministry approved her new contract at their September 12th meeting. We are delighted to have her continue as our pastor.



In recent months, we've had a number of special activities at church and looking back will bring back pleasurable memories. On June 11 we enjoyed food and fellowship at our annual picnic, held this year again in the North Room (see Gary's photograph on left).

The Memorial Service for our long-time member Dwight Dyer who had died in December was held on June 17 in our sanctuary. A string quartet of family members performed many musical selections at the service in honor of Dwight who was a talented violinist and music teacher. Family, friends, and Pastor Marjory spoke about Dwight at the service and a reception followed in the fellowship hall downstairs. You can watch the service on our YouTube channel (Google: Dwight Dyer Memorial; the service begins about twenty minutes into the recording).

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Kexin Liu was our guest pianist during the summer. When Pastor Marjory was on vacation, CRE Magalene McClarrin was pulpit supply on June 25 and the Rev. Antoinette Walrond on August 6 and 20. During Marjory's Study Leave on September 24, we had a Hymn Sing; I led the service with Ira Cooper assisting and Gary de Sesa at the organ. Soraya Gage handled the recording for these services, though one time the computer had a mind of its own and thwarted her best efforts resulting in audio only. (All services are available on our website or YouTube.)

Our church owns the Roslyn Cemetery on Northern Boulevard, and it is under the care of the Session and its Cemetery Committee. This summer we had the Toll House in the cemetery repainted. This required getting permission for the new paint colors from the Roslyn Landmark Society, which holds a covenant on the property to ensure the restoration remains historically accurate. It is now painted an attractive blue color, found when the paint was scraped. See "A Bit of History on the Toll House" in this issue (p. 6) and drive into the cemetery to see its new color.

Painting has also been underway in the church building downstairs in rooms used by the Growing Tree Nursery School. The North Room will be painted soon. Elder Robert Gilmore is in charge of our property, in addition to being the church treasurer.

We are delighted that Jojo Gencorelli is back in Roslyn and worshipping with us. It was good to see Louise Dunbar, a former member and treasurer, at one of our services in August. Margaret (Peg) Grosser, a life-long member of our church, moved from assisted living in Virginia in April to Denton, Texas, to be near her relatives.

We continue to support the Long Island Council of Churches Food Pantry. Elder Maya Leibfreid brings donations to their site in Freeport.

Please join us for a special celebration of World Communion on Sunday, October 1 in the North Room.

—Natalie Naylor, Clerk of Session



A Bit of History of our Toll House

Why is there a toll house in the Roslyn Cemetery? Visitors were never charged to enter the cemetery. The East Gate Toll House was constructed by the Flushing-North Hempstead Toll Road Company by 1860 to improve the highway that today is Route 25A (Northern Boulevard). The West Toll-Gate House, which has not survived, was near the intersection of today's Old Northern Boulevard and Shore Road at the west end of the Roslyn business district. At both, a long pole extended over the road to stop vehicles, which was raised after the toll was paid. The toll collector lived in the building. When constructed, the east toll gate house was not in the cemetery, but when Northern Boulevard was relocated some yards south of the toll house (year is uncertain), the toll gate house, no longer used to collect tolls, was left behind and became part of the cemetery.



Toll house prior to 2023 repainting. Photo courtesy of the Roslyn Landmark Society.

For many years, the toll house stored equipment for the cemetery. In the 1970s, spurred initially by a competition for matching restoration grants for the Bicentennial, funds were raised for the restoration of the toll house from various sources. After restoration, the toll house was used initially as a toolshed, workshop, and for other cemetery functions. After interior restoration by the Roslyn Preservation Commission, the tollhouse has been rented as a residence. Our church, which owns the cemetery, is responsible for maintenance of the toll house and receives rent from the long-time tenant. This is the only one of the many 19th-century toll houses that has survived on Long Island.

—Information from Roslyn Landmark Society, *Annual House Tour Guide*, June 4, 1977, pp. 77-80. See also the RLS's 1983 *House Tour Guide* and the Roslyn Landmark Society's website.

—Natalie Naylor

