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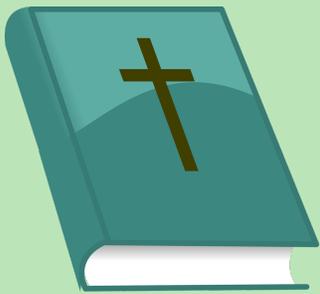
A Note from Pastor Marjory

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are Online!**

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Easter season is a beautiful time. There is new life on the Earth around us. The days are longer and the rain is warmer. For us in our church year, new life is around us. We are reminded of Jesus rising from the grave and the gift of everlasting life in the Kingdom of God. Although Fall is my personal favorite season, Spring is a very close second. Both seasons are not seasons of extreme



weather but seasons of mild temperatures. Our faith doesn't have to be a bunch of moments of extreme either. We should not only turn to our faith when things are really low or when things are super happy. We must find a balance in our lives. This means practicing our faith in all seasons. The time between the extremes is the most important time to ground ourselves in our faith. Let us practice living into God's new life for us this spring, so that we are ready for whatever life has in store. Allow God to grant us courage and strength in all we do. we were all made worthy of God's redeeming Grace.

Many Blessings,
Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

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News From the Clerk and Session

It's been a long, long year since the Covid pandemic changed things at Roslyn Presbyterian Church (and the rest of the world). Our in-person services were suspended in March 2020 and Covid is still with us. We have had in-person services at 10 a.m. on Sundays since October. They are available in real time on Facebook in addition to having services which are recorded in advance and available on our website and YouTube. Plans are for this hybrid arrangement to continue, but we hope as more people are vaccinated in coming weeks, more will attend in-person on Sundays. Our Music Director, Gary de Sesa, and soloist Kita de Sesa provide the music for all the services.

Winter weather resulted in cancelling in-person services on a couple of Sundays. The Session approved long-overdue vacation time for Pastor Marjory to visit her mother in Florida. The in-person service on April 25 has been cancelled, but she will record a service in advance for that Sunday. If you missed any services or want to watch again, they are available on our website, RoslynPresbyterianChurch.com (go to Worship in the banner at the top).



We are delighted that two baptisms will be celebrated in the near future. Cora, daughter of Margaret (“Meg”) and Robert Himes, will be baptized (in-person) on Sunday, April 18. See the Congregational Spotlight on the Himes family in this issue. Blair and Nataliya Yagnik have been attending virtual services, and joined services in-person on Easter. They completed new member classes with Pastor Marjory and will be joining the church and have their baby Karina Anna, born February 8, 2021, baptized on May 30th.

Tricia Basdeo and Alex Deonarine will be married in our sanctuary on Saturday, May 1 in a ceremony with limited numbers attending. Pandemic protocols will be followed.

Many will remember former member David Brackett who now worships with the Merrick Presbyterian Church. He led two of our worship services in the fall of 2019. After watching one of our services online, David recently sent a donation to the church and wrote: “I will always remember that the Roslyn Church put me on the journey I hope to complete by the end of this summer. I really enjoyed preaching there and hope to have the opportunity to do so again at some time in the future. God bless you all and please let Kita know that I continue my Easter practice of wearing an Easter bonnet. She never knew what she started! Blessings and Happy Easter, David Brackett.” David has been taking courses to become a Commissioned Ruling Elder.

The Kalam (Lutheran) Christian Church, which meets in our building, continues with their virtual services. They had a Memorial Service in our sanctuary on March 31 for a member, but do not anticipate resuming in-person services before June at the earliest.

We thank all who have contributed to our church during the pandemic. Checks can be mailed to the church or donations made online. Numbered and dated boxes of envelopes for donations are available upon request—they facilitate our keeping records.

—Natalie Naylor, Clerk of Session (Natalie.Naylor@Hofstra.edu)

Congregational Spotlight

Margaret (Meg) Himes

I grew up in a suburban town just outside of Akron, Ohio. I was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Barberton and actively participated in the youth group, the bell choir and the youth choir. After high school, I attended the University of Hartford and graduated with a BFA in dance pedagogy. I then traveled to NYC to dance on scholarship at the Martha Graham school of Contemporary Dance. Traveling back to Connecticut, I then taught children's ballet, adult ballet, and Martha Graham technique for the University of Hartford. After meeting my husband, Rob, I obtained my Master's of Arts in Teaching with certification for teaching students with disabilities, birth-grade 6. I currently am a teacher in a self-contained third grade classroom for Hempstead Public Schools.

While I was beginning a new career, my husband was building his own construction company, Clarity Construction. He really is the most wonderful contractor, and an even better father and husband. It must be said that I was his first employee and to say I learned a lot in those first few years is an understatement.

Last year, 2020, was a whirlwind of a year for us, as I am sure it was for all of you. So much uncertainty and separation from friends and family. The shining light for our family was welcoming our daughter Cora Rose Himes on March 31st, 2020. A scary time for a mom to deliver, but God blessed us with a healthy baby girl to shine some light on us. Her big brother Robbie has been such a big help to his mother and father and enjoys making Cora laugh and giggle. Robbie is now four years old and loves to play outside and is as gregarious as ever. We are pretty sure that he will run for mayor one day. We are excited to introduce Cora to the congregation and to baptize her in the name of the Lord.



Why the Name Roslyn?

Have you ever wondered about the name Roslyn? The original name for the area was Hempstead Harbor. Because of the similarity of the name to Hempstead, North Hempstead, and Hempstead Branch (before zip-codes), mail was being sent to different locations. To solve that problem, Roslyn was selected as the new name at a meeting in 1844. A resident, William Cairns, suggested the name because the area reminded him of Roslyn, Scotland. (From Richard A. Winsche, *The History of Nassau County Community Place-Names*, p. 88.)

Nonetheless, popular local legend attributes the name to a young lady who hoped to join a Scottish soldier who left Hempstead Harbor at the end of the Revolutionary War with the bagpipes playing “Roslin Castle.” It is documented that the 60th Regiment marched out of Hempstead to a popular tune of the day, “Roslin [or Roslyn] Castle.” A Sea Cliff artist, Robert Gaston Herbert, painted a 6 x 10 foot mural in 1937 under WPA auspices in the Roslyn High School auditorium depicting the Scottish soldiers in Hempstead Harbor. The mural is now in the East Hills School, on Locust Lane.

The village of Roslin (8 miles south of Edinburgh) in Midlothian, Scotland has Roslin Castle and Rosslyn Chapel, each dating to the 15th century (note variant spellings). In addition to the Village of Roslyn, two other nearby incorporated villages include the name Roslyn (Roslyn Estates to the west and Roslyn Harbor to the north), as well as the hamlet of Roslyn Heights to the south. The highest point in Nassau County is Harbor Hill at 348 feet in the Village of East Hills (to the east), which is also part of Greater Roslyn. There is a Roslyn in Pennsylvania (in suburban Montgomery County, west of Philadelphia), in northeastern South Dakota, and in the state of Washington (in the Cascade Mountains, 80 miles east of Seattle), which has a Roslyn Presbyterian Church. New Zealand has two Roslyn communities.



Church Humor

Let's enjoy some laughter; it's been a full year since we included any in our *Newsletters*.

Robert Gilmore recently shared with the Session pictures of church signs with the following messages:

Adam & Eve: The first people to not read the Apple terms & conditions.

Too hot to keep changing sign. Sin bad, Jesus good. Details inside.

On a sign buried in snow: If you are praying for snow, please stop.

Be the kind of person your pet thinks you are.

Honk if you love Jesus. Text while driving if you want to meet him.

Whoever stole our AC [air conditioning] units, keep one. It is hot where you're going.

And one painted inside a Heinz ketchup logo: Catch up with Jesus. Lettuce praise & relish him.

'Cuz He loves me from my head to-ma-toes.