



ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Spotlight on the Pastor Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

Besides Preaching on Sunday mornings at Roslyn, I work with United Adult Ministries and Glenwood Life Center. Glenwood Life Center (GLC) is housed in the closed Glenwood Landing Church. It is a community center and in non-COVID times has a wonderful variety of classes offered throughout the week. There is yoga, tai chi, dance, art, children's classes, and theatre productions. It is exciting to see the potential of the space come alive and God's glory can be glorified in new and different ways. GLC is considered to be a New Worshiping Community through the PC(USA)—our Presbyterian Church.

Besides being the Director of GLC, I am the Church Liaison with United Adult Ministries. UAM began almost 100 years ago with seven Presbyterian Women who were taking care of other women who did not



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have family and needed care as they aged. This Ministry of caring for the aged continues today through the partnership with the NYC Presbytery, LI Presbytery, and the Synod of the Reformed Church of America. The main mission of the United Adult Ministries is the apartment building in Flushing, Queens for 300 seniors, Flushing House. This is an affordable independent senior housing that comes with all the benefits of a senior center. Usually my time at Flushing House is limited, but in this moment of COVID I have been providing Chaplain Services for Flushing House residents. I am trained in Chaplaincy and worked as a Chaplain for more than eight years.

My husband, Russ Roth, is also an ordained Presbyterian minister. Our three children, Livia (9 years old), Ian (7), and Trevor (5) keep us pretty busy outside of work time. Our family enjoys cycling and if we aren't at church, we are probably on a trail somewhere. Livia is on Star Track, a cycle team out of Queens, and Ian races BMX (bicycle motorcross). Trevor loves riding and can't wait until he is able to join Livia's team. Usually we do a long bike-pack ride over the summer. Last summer we rode around Prince Edward Island, Canada. This summer we had planned to do the entire length of New York State. We are not doing the Erie Canal ride this year, but I am sure I will find an interesting place for us to ride.

Marjory



Decorations for Pentecost, May 31

News From the Clerk and Session

Pastor Marjory Roth continues to lead our virtual services that are taped in advance. The link is posted on our website where past services are also available. On Sunday, June 7 we had our first Zoom coffee hour following the service.

The Rev. Marjory Roth was one of the pastors featured in *Newsday's* "Asking the Clergy" feature article on May 3. On the same page our on-line service was listed in the "Calendar Watch" of religious services (p. 28 and subsequent Sunday issues in the LI Life section). Learn more about Marjory in "Spotlight on the Pastor" in this issue. Pastor Marjory successfully defended her dissertation in March and has received her doctoral degree. Our congratulations on this major accomplishment! In normal times, Helen Lockman would bake and decorate a cake to celebrate her achievement.

The "Congregational Spotlight" in this issue features Katie Zarghami. She is an Elder, currently serving on Session and a member of the Nurture and Personnel Committees. She has frequently ushered for services in the sanctuary and regularly provides the elements for communion services.

The Presbytery of Long Island presented a communion service featuring Executive Presbyter Mark Tammen leading the service and preaching, with Presbytery staff assisting in the service from their homes. This gave Pastor Marjory and other ministers a needed respite from learning and coping with the new technology.

The Session has begun planning to resume in-person services in our sanctuary, though it is impossible at this time to set a possible date. At this writing, Long Island is scheduled to move to Phase 2 of reopening on June 9. We need to make preparations to ensure everyone's safety.

The Worship & Music Committee has begun discussing policies in preparation for in-person services in our beautiful sanctuary, e.g. requiring facemasks and social distancing. Sanitizers will be made available. Our choir will not be able to be part of the service, but Gary and Kita will provide the music. Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide food and drink for the coffee hour (as per safety guidelines), but there may be opportunity after the service to meet and chat with one another, while maintaining social distancing. Details need to be worked out and we hope to continue services on-line once we resume meeting in the sanctuary. We have had many visitors to our virtual services on our website. We hope many will come when possible to services in our sanctuary when it is allowed, but we know that will not be possible for some people.

The Session is meeting virtually via Zoom at this time of our cloistering at home. At its May meeting, the Session authorized a \$500 donation to the Long Island Council of Churches Emergency Food Center. You can designate a contribution to this mission during these difficult days with high unemployment during the pandemic. Donations can be made to Roslyn Presbyterian Church with credit cards via PayPal (go to our website, RoslynChurch.com for details) or by mail to the church at 140 East Broadway, Roslyn, NY 11576. The Roslyn Presbyterian Church needs you to make contributions so we can pay our ongoing expenses.



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

Congregational Spotlight

Katie Zarghami

Katie Barr was born in Glasgow Scotland in 1937. She was raised as an only child during the war, when food was rationed. Those early experiences of hardship helped her decide to become a nurse and specialize in midwifery.

She trained at Glasgow Western District hospital and worked in the industrial district delivering babies for disadvantaged families. She developed a real love for the families she helped, and it was during that time that she believed she was destined to do God's work.

She met her future husband, Shah Zarghami, at Glasgow University where he was a medical student. They married shortly after his graduation and had a daughter, Soraya. They traveled to Iran, where he was from, to help families with healthcare in rural areas. Reflecting on this time, she said, "The hardest part of that experience was the high temperatures and the constant smell of oil." They had settled in Abadan where the average summer temperature is 116 degrees and Dr. Zarghami worked for the British Oil company.

It was there that they had their second daughter, Cyma. Soon after she was born, they emigrated to Canada with a three-year visa, with the eventual goal of settling in the United States. Dr. Zarghami moved his family to Boston where he became a resident at Massachusetts General Hospital and they had a third daughter, Rachel. The family soon numbered six with three girls, and a boy, Taymore, and the family moved to New York where Dr. Zarghami became Chief of Obstetrics at Harlem Hospital.

Katie became very involved in every community they lived, whether it was president of the PTA or a Sunday school teacher.

They eventually settled in Port Washington, New York. All four of their children married and blessed them with ten grandchildren. Sadly, on April 5, 2020, Shah Zarghami passed away from lymphoma, leaving Katie after 62 years of marriage.

