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## A Note from Pastor Marjory

With the first Wednesday of the month, we entered into Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent, a time for remembering that it was not just for the sins of the past that Christ came to Earth to live among us, but for all the sins of all time, including ours. That we cannot just claim that it was those people back then who were responsible for his death but that we share in that responsibility. The typical response to this Lenten season is to give something up in a form of fasting, the idea being that by reducing a distraction we have more time to focus on God. But being that we are part of a culture that doesn't easily give things up, it always seems that the process of giving something up becomes a bigger distraction than the thing given up. The true goal isn't to get rid of something, it's to replace it with more time spent with God. As Matthew 6 puts it, it isn't to be like



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### Upcoming Events

#### Wednesdays

10am Weekly Bible Study  
In Person at Church

#### Tues 4/5

7pm Monthly Bible Study  
via Zoom

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one of the hypocrites and make a production of what you are doing but rather it is a chance to strengthen a relationship with God. These can be easy steps to take. Perhaps replace the negativity of the news at your morning coffee with the good news of the daily lectionary and meditate on the meaning of a scripture wakening your spirit while the caffeine awakens your mind. Instead of staring at a screen each night for one last show before bed, share a moment with God as you think back on that day's blessings and offer up a prayer of thanks. Perhaps take the time to add a daily walk to enjoy the beauty of God's creation and offer thanks that you are blessed with it. Do something this season that reminds you that God sent Jesus for you, and you appreciate and give thanks for that. It will make this season holier and strengthen your relationship, the true goal of Lent.



Many Blessings,  
Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth



## Church Humor

Which Bible character was super-fit? Absalom.

What do you call a Bible character who just pulled into church? A parking Lot.

What did pirates call Noah's boat? "The arrrrrrk."

Why did Boaz hate lying? Because he loved *truth*.

What kind of car would Jesus drive? A Christler.

What's a believer's favorite fruit? Spiritual.

*Credit: Kelsey Pelzer, Parade website*

## News From the Clerk and Session



It was a joy to be able to have our traditional Christmas dinner on December 12. We were in the North Room and sang carols accompanied by Gary de Sesa on the small organ there. (This was the first time most of us had heard that organ!) Many thanks to Helen Lockman, Mary Ann Soare, and Katie Zarghami who oversaw arrangements. (Kita de Sesa's photographs from the dinner are above.)

The beautiful Christmas Eve service featured violin soloist Gary Bouroff de Sesa, soprano soloist Kita de Sesa, and Gary de Sesa at the organ. Livia Roth and Kita assisted in the readings. We were delighted to see Emma Steck at the service.

Helen Lockman, Katie Zarghami, and Maya Leibfreid provided sandwiches and brownies before our Annual Meeting (postponed to February 6 because of a snowstorm on the 30th). The packet of reports was mailed in advance and printed booklets were available at the hybrid meeting. Helen Lockman and Katie Zarghami were elected to new three-year terms on Session and Maya Leibfreid to a two-year term (two years rather than three to balance the terms expiring each year). Robert Gilmore and Natalie Naylor rotated off the Session because they had served two consecutive three-year terms, but Robert continues as Treasurer and Natalie as Clerk. At the Sunday service on March 6, Maya was ordained, and the three Ruling Elders installed, with some modification in the traditional laying on of hands for Covid precautions. The other Session members are Kita de Sesa, Cathy Shimmel, and Warren Soare; the Session currently has one unfilled position. (See Soraya Gage's photographs below of the installation.)



## News From the Clerk and Session (continued)

Pastor Marjory provided Elder Training on March 2 which five elders attended. We were introduced to the Presbyterian Book of Confessions and Book of Order and learned about the responsibilities of our national PC(USA) General Assembly, the Synod of the Northeast, and the Presbytery of Long Island. Bible study continues weekly on Wednesday mornings, currently focused on the gospel of Mark. The first Tuesday of the month Bible study is held in the evening in a Zoom gathering.

Gary and Kita de Sesa enjoyed a well-deserved vacation recently, including Sundays on February 27 and March 6. Our services those weeks included pre-recorded music by Gary and Kita. Kudos to Pastor Marjory for her technical skills for these services and throughout the pandemic.

The Kalam congregation has resumed its weekly Sunday services downstairs in the social hall.

You may want to visit the Bryant Library next door to the church to see a large painting of our church, which is behind the Reference Desk. It is a view most of us don't see, since it was painted from Gerry Park. (Our website—Roslynchurch.com—does have a beautiful photograph from that perspective.) The Local History page in the current Bryant Newsletter (p. 2) is devoted to Betty Buckhout who will celebrate her 100th birthday on March 23. Betty attended our Christmas Eve services before the pandemic and wrote a letter of appreciation after the December 2018 service which was reprinted in our Newsletter. You can still find her letter on our website (under, "Please leave a comment").

As spring approaches, our Lenten services are underway and Information on the One Great Hour of Sharing offering has been distributed. Our 10 a.m. worship services continue, in person and live on FaceBook and YouTube and archived on our website. As the pandemic recedes, our lives and church are beginning to adjust to the new normal.

—Natalie Naylor, Clerk of Session

