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A Note from Pastor Marjory

This is the season of Easter, which is celebrated within the church from Easter morning until the eve of Pentecost. Jesus has risen. Jesus lives! The disciples are left to try to figure all this out, reconciling the last several years of their life following Jesus with their new call to leadership.

For how important this season is for our church today, our Gospels have very little to say about Jesus' time after his resurrection. The Gospel of Matthew has 20 verses which begin when the woman and see the empty tomb and end in Galilee with Jesus offering the great commission to the disciples. The Gospel of Mark's original ending had only 8 verses telling us that the woman said nothing, out of fear. Obviously, the news spread and verses were added to Mark to explain that the woman indeed told the disciples. The Gospel of Luke does



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Upcoming Events

Wednesdays

10am Weekly Bible Study
In Person at Church

Mon 5/9

7pm Monthly Bible Study
via Zoom

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A Note from Pastor Marjory (continued)

even better with 53 verses and includes the Road to Emmaus. Luke is also not meant to be read alone and continues in Acts. The Gospel of John has 56 verses and includes many of the familiar the stories of the disciples in the upper room as well as the disciples fishing and Jesus coming to the shore.

We are here as a church today because Jesus died and rose. Yet our Gospels point to the importance not of Jesus' final act of resurrection or even the gift of the Holy Spirit but Jesus' life. Jesus' disciples learned how to go on without him; how to step up and lead and bring new people in. Jesus' disciples spread the mystery and miracle that was their Savior because for the last several years they had learned from his life. They had sat with him, they shared meals and formed a relationship.

Jesus died for all. This is true. Jesus loves all. This is true. But for ALL to feel God's love or understand God's grace, we need to fulfill Jesus' commission. The Risen Lord might define our faith but it is Jesus' life that steers us into relationship and show us how to live.



Let us spend the Easter season reflecting on how big the task of going out and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ must have been for his disciples; and how today we can get past our own obstacles to do just that.

Many Blessings,
Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

News From the Clerk and Session

We are delighted to "officially" welcome two new members this month. Josephine Gencorelli has transferred her membership from the Community Church of Merrick to Roslyn. ("JoJo" is featured in the Congregational Spotlight in this issue.) The Session accepted her transfer at its meeting on April 25 and she will be received into membership on Sunday, May 8. Soraya Gage also will be received as a member on May 8. Soraya's profile is in our October 2021 Newsletter, which is available on our website (RoslynChurch.com).

The exterior of the church has now been repainted with new shingles being installed and other necessary repairs made, especially on the back of the building facing Gerry Pond. Robert Gilmore, Chair of the Property Committee, has overseen this necessary work (see Robert's photos, page 5).

As noted in the March Newsletter, the Roslyn Presbyterian Church sign at the intersection of Old Northern Boulevard and East Broadway had come down. A new sign was secured, and Robert Gilmore mounted it on the 24th of April (see Robert's photos, page 5).

Fresh flower bouquets now grace our services. Flower Chair Kita de Sesa had provided silk flower arrangements or green plants during the pandemic. If you wish to donate flowers, the cost is \$44 for two arrangements on a Sunday. A sign-up sheet is in the North Room on Sundays where you can indicate in whose honor or memory the flowers are dedicated. A sheet is also there where you can volunteer to bring refreshments for after a Sunday service (coffee, cream and paper goods are provided). If you have questions about refreshments, speak to Helen Lockman or Katie Zarghami, who co-chair the Nurture Committee.



Our thanks to Helen Lockman who brought and put plants in the two planters in front of the church. Thanks also to donors of lilies for Easter

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Sunday: Kita and Gary de Sesa, Soraya Gage, Josephine Gencorelli, Maya Leibfreid, Helen Lockman, Natalie Naylor, Warren and MaryAnn Soare, and Katie Zarghami.

Local Missions Chair Warren Soare continues to bring donated food to the Long Island Council of Churches Food Center. His most recent delivery totaled 45 pounds. The Center indicated they especially need cereals, soups, and canned tuna fish. The special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing resulted in our sending \$300 to our denomination's mission agency.

Bible study continues meeting in the North Room on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. We are focusing now on the gospels of Mathew and Luke. The monthly evening Zoom Bible study has moved to the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. (contact the church office for the link if you want to attend).

Pastor Marjory Roth and Katie Zarghami have visited Edith van Raalte at the Amsterdam in Port Washington (she had a stroke recently). We are thankful that Cathy Shimmel has been making a good recovery from her recent heart surgery.



Betty Buckhout (who was mentioned in our March Newsletter), and her family attended our service on March 27, a few days after her 100th (!) birthday. We sang Happy Birthday to her after the service.

—Natalie Naylor, Clerk of Session



Photo Gallery - Church Repainting and New Sign in Village



Old Sign



New Sign

Congregational Spotlight

Josephine Gencorelli

My name is Josephine Gencorelli and I live at the Atria in Roslyn. I came to America in 1961 to work for a family, having received my degree in Pediatric nursing. I had only intended staying for three years, but as luck (or God) would have it, I met my future husband and married in 1963. Frank came from a family of twelve and was born in America. He went to Yale and earned his degree in Architecture.

My early religious training was in the Anglican church as my father was an ordained minister in England. I have attended Episcopal and Presbyterian churches for many years, and have recently moved to Roslyn from Merrick where we lived for 58 years.

In America I have worked in Nursery Schools, Dental and Pediatric offices, clothing stores. and volunteered. I also taught piano for more than 40 years.

My husband Frank and I are the proud parents of Caterina and Margherita and grandparents to Joshua. Caterina (Catie) is an artist and has been flipping houses in New Hampshire for the past twenty years. She lives with Jeff and four cats! My second daughter, Margherita (Meg), is married to Peter and they have a son, Joshua, who attends Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York. Peter works for Bloomberg and they just sold their house in Glen Cove. They are taking care of our former house in Merrick before moving upstate.

Frank and I have been at this Atria for more than a year now. I am so happy to have found the Roslyn Presbyterian Church and in meeting the congregants and Pastor.

Thank you for welcoming me.

- Jojo

