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*We are delighted to announce that the
Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth has become our pastor!*

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

This year I will be celebrating ten years of ordination. When I picked the scripture reading for my ordination service, I chose "The Road to Emmaus," Luke 24:13-35. I felt this passage reflected my call into ministry then and I believe it still does today. Jesus in this passage, newly resurrected, walks alongside two disciples. Not two of the twelve but just two every day believers. He learns from them and he teaches them. At the end of their time together, he breaks bread with them, their eyes are opened and they recognize the God that walked alongside them. I feel that, as a Pastor, I am not just meant to stand in front and lead a charge, but instead journey with you all. Standing side by side and learning from each other, we as a



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community have an opportunity to do great things. As an Ordained Pastor, I have the privilege of breaking bread and serving communion, a moment in which God's glory in our lives is recognized. Jesus offers a way to minister to his people in this passage that I take seriously.

This past year I have been a part of the Roslyn Presbyterian Church community. I have preached, I have celebrated coffee hour, and I have officiated at a funeral. During this time, I have come to know many of the church members and look forward to getting a chance to know more of you. The year 2020 has provided us with many challenges; yet churches have been facing challenges for the last several years. I am willing and ready to take the leap of faith with you all into whatever the future holds for Roslyn.

One more thought on the Road to Emmaus. The disciples were on a journey going in one direction, and after recognizing Jesus they ran back—not to the situation that they left, but to something new. We have the opportunity as a church to take a journey together. This journey might lead to some paths that take us nowhere. It might take us in a couple of wrong directions. But if we take this journey together, one will lead us to recognize who and what God is calling the Roslyn Presbyterian Church to be.

Many Blessings on this next chapter,
Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth



Recent Repaving of East Broadway

News From the Clerk and Session

Our biggest news you already know—Pastor Marjory Roth is now officially minister of the Roslyn Presbyterian Church. This culminates a year in which we had a number of different ministers filling our pulpit. Marjory provided continuity during Advent and Lent and did extended pulpit supply during the past six months, recording services. (All services since March are on our website, under Worship.)

Sincere thanks to the members of our Search committee: Robert Gilmore, chairperson, Gary de Sesa, Helen Lockman, Colin Thompson, and Katie Zarghami. They had many hours of meetings and spent considerable time reviewing applications in a nationwide search. Marjory only decided to apply for the position in August. The committee interviewed her and the Session approved the committee's unanimous recommendation to offer her the position. The Committee on Ministry of the Long Island Presbytery officially approved her to be our minister at their meeting on September 1. The starting date of October 1 enabled her to wind up her work at the Glenwood Life Center and at Flushing House for United Adult Ministries.

We are hoping to re-open the church on Sunday, October 18; more details will be forthcoming. At meetings of the Session and its task force on reopening during the past few months, we have made the preparations to keep everyone safe. Of course, masks and social distancing will be required and additional modifications will be necessary. We are committed to continue providing services online, for those at a distance or not yet comfortable venturing out. We plan hybrid services, i.e. both streaming in real time (at our traditional 10 a.m.) and recording so people can watch later, via both YouTube and Facebook platforms. There may be a few initial glitches as we make the transition from pre-recorded services to live, "real time" services.



Pastor Marjory's husband, Russell Roth, is the minister of the Oceanside Presbyterian Church. The Roths and their three children (Livia, Ian, and Trevor), live in the Oceanside Church's manse. After we selected Marjory to be our pastor and that she would not be using our manse, we had an opportunity to rent the manse to the Rev. Je Ho Choi who is pastor of the Korean United Presbyterian Church of New York, which meets in the New Hyde Park Presbyterian Church. This is a mutually beneficial arrangement. The Choi family moved into the manse in Roslyn on October 1.

The Growing Tree Nursery that rents space in our church for weekday classes resumed sessions on September 8. The Kalam Christian Church (a Lutheran Taiwanese congregation) also uses our sanctuary and social hall, primarily on Sunday afternoons. They are still streaming virtual services online. AA and Al Anon, which have evening meetings in our church, hope to resume in-person meetings soon.

Our Administrative Assistant has been working remotely from home during the pandemic and comes to the church office periodically. Daniel Villegas, our sexton, has done a good deal of painting inside and outside the church. He refinished the floors in the social hall and performed other maintenance projects in recent months.

Have you wondered about Pastor Marjory's plaid stole (see photo on p. 1)? She told me it is a clergy tartan, dating back to the days when clans were fighting, so ministers wouldn't be associated with one specific clan. It is most popular among Presbyterians in Scotland, though clergy of any denomination can use it (and like other clan tartans, there are various versions).

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

Pastor Search Committee

The Pastor Search Committee is happy to announce that Dr. Marjory Roth has been chosen to be our new pastor. With considerable diligence the Search Committee evaluated more than 50 resumes submitted from throughout the United States and observed many videos of sermons. The Search Committee voted unanimously for Marjory and the Session similarly concurred. In 2006 Marjory received her bachelor's degree in Philosophy from the University of Albany and her Master's of Divinity in 2009 from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. In 2020 she received her Doctor of Ministry from Lancaster Theological Seminary. She most recently was the Director of the Glenwood Life Center in Glenwood Landing, Long Island. During the past year we have been fortunate to have Marjory as our Temporary Pulpit Supply minister. In recent months, she has delivered her sermons online when the pandemic prevented us from meeting in person. Because of the positive interaction with Church members and the quality of her sermons, we are grateful that she accepted our offer to be our pastor. We all look forward to working with Marjory to build our Church membership and to provide Christian leadership for our community. Members of the Search Committee included Gary De Sesa, Robert Gilmore, Helen Lockman, Colin Thompson, and Katie Zarghami.



News of Members and Congregants

Dwight Dyer who has been our Financial Secretary, keeping track of donations for many years, stepped down in March. Our regular givers did not receive quarterly summaries of their giving in March and June as the pandemic hit. We have revised the process and hope to have summary reports to donors in October as well as at the end of the calendar year.

Emma Steck returned from Florida in July. Her time there was extended by the pandemic. Betty Carbonaro spent months with relatives on Cape Cod. She returned to Long Island in September and is featured in the Congregational Spotlight in this Newsletter. Helen Lockman gashed her foot in August, but the wound is healing with five-day-a-week outpatient treatments.

The Isaias storm on August 4 took its toll, with electricity outages—some of our members had no power for nearly a week or more. East Broadway where the church is located was closed to traffic for several days. Our Roslyn Cemetery on Northern Boulevard had considerable damage to trees and a hefty bill for tree removals.

Some of our long-time members will remember the Rush Forquer family. Rush moved to Southold on Long Island and then to Atlanta, Georgia to be near his son, George. Rush died in 2019 and was buried in Nassau Knolls Cemetery in Port Washington, with the Rev. Robert Zemke officiating at the interment. David Forquer's wife, Martha, wrote recently that David retired in June.

The Session voted an additional \$500 at its September 23rd meeting to the Long Island Council of Churches Emergency Food Pantry. When in-person services resume, we welcome your contributions of non-perishable food (plastic bags are also needed).

Congregational Spotlight

Betty Carbonaro

I was born near Rochester, N.Y., the youngest of six children. My father was a lawyer and my mother a chemistry teacher before her marriage. My mother was a single child and very much wanted a large family. She wanted three boys and three girls—and got them. My oldest brother was a surgeon at NYU Medical Center, next brother a lawyer, and youngest brother a chemist. My oldest sister was a French teacher and my other sister a social worker. My career was in publishing. I am the only one still living.



In 1928 my father bought a very old beautiful house (1828) and had it moved to the shores of Lake Ontario as a summer home. We spent all our summers there. It is still in the family and we have our annual Breed family reunion there each August.

I graduated from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, majoring in American history and political science. After graduating I came to New York City and got a job in publishing with Doubleday and Co. on Madison Ave. and 57th Street. My apartment was on 65th Street and Madison Avenue, so I could walk to work. My roommate and I had the whole New York City experience. I fell in love with New York City and all it had to offer.

Victor and I were married in 1952 and moved first to Great Neck and then in 1956 we moved to Roslyn. After hearing one of Rev. John Van Zanten's sermons, we knew this was the church for us. We joined in the spring of 1956. We both became elders and served on the Session. Because my husband was an attorney, he did all the church legal work. I joined the women's club then known as Omicron Delta Chi and became its secretary. A few years later (1963), Virginia Myers and I "founded" the coffee hour. Churches were just beginning coffee hours and our minister didn't like the idea, but Virginia and I persisted—and the rest is history. I also sang in the choir until I had a throat operation that somehow disturbed my vocal chords and I sadly had to drop out.

My interests are reading, opera and theatre, genealogy and historic preservation. I'll read any book on Lincoln and love biographies. I was a 28-year subscriber to the Metropolitan opera and always loved attending Broadway plays and musicals. Because of my love of history and genealogy, I am a member of two hereditary organizations: Daughters of the American Colonists and Daughters of the American Revolution. Both do a great deal for historic preservation.

I have been a member of the church for 64 years and met many wonderful people who became dear friends. It will always be a very special place for me.