



ROSLYN
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



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A Note from Pastor Marjory

My favorite season is Fall. I love the changing leaves and their vibrant colors. Each season I am amazed at how a season of green and lush can quickly become colorful then bare. In this beautiful and magical way, summer is gone and days are shorter. The vibrant colors are like the celebration of the summer before the winter comes.

This speaks to life. The ebb and flow of the seasons of our life. Yet just because we all attend the same church doesn't mean we are all in the same season. It is important for each of us to notice the seasons our friends, family and even passing strangers may be in.



Jesus understood this. Jesus doesn't have one way to approach people or one way to speak to those who approach him. Jesus meets people in their season. Jesus speaks to them first. Let us use that as an example as we show God's glory to the world.

Many Blessings,

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth



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are Online!**

For our Website

**"Google" our name,
or use address:**

www.RoslynChurch.com

Upcoming Events

Wednesdays

10am Weekly Bible Study
In Person at Church

Tues 11/2

7pm Monthly Bible Study
via Zoom

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News From the Clerk and Session

As we welcome the cooler temperatures of autumn, we continue hybrid services, i.e. worshiping in the sanctuary Sunday mornings when the service is live on Facebook and YouTube. The service is uploaded to our website (Roslynchurch.com) on Monday where you can also access past services. We welcomed back Gary de Sesa, our Music Director, and Kita de Sesa, our soprano soloist in September. We missed both of them during the summer months. We are delighted now to enjoy the church organ at services, with thanks to Marjory for resolving the technical problems. We had hoped to have our annual Welcome Back picnic in September, but between the increase in Covid cases on Long Island with the delta variant and a number of usual attendees who planned to be out of town that weekend, we reluctantly cancelled the picnic.



We have resumed coffee hour in the North Room following the church service. Helen Lockman and Katie Zarghami, co-chairs of our Nurture Committee, are in charge. They welcome assistance from others to bring snacks (coffee, tea, and paper goods are provided). We plan to use a Keurig coffeemaker, which will streamline providing coffee.

The Session authorized a special offering for Peace & Global Witness. Flyers and envelopes for contributions have been available for several weeks. Checks should be made payable to the Roslyn Presbyterian Church (RPC). This offering is divided among the national church, the Presbytery of Long Island, and RPC for peacemaking and reconciliation. This special offering is dedicated on World Wide Communion Sunday (October 3). After several communion services when we brought our own bread or crackers, beginning in September we passed the bread baked by Pastor Marjory.



Warren Soare faithfully delivers donated food to the Long Island Council of Churches Food Pantry in Freeport. His most recent trip included 95 pounds of food. RPC has also donated \$1,000 this year to the Food Pantry.

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News From the Clerk and Session (continued)

Robert Gilmore, our treasurer, also chairs our property and cemetery committees. He devotes considerable time to fulfilling these responsibilities. The maintenance tasks he has overseen recently including painting and repairs on the exterior of the church building (primarily on the sides and back facing Gerry Park which you may not see), and repairs to the elevator shaft following water damage from recent storms.



Our Personnel Committee is co-chaired by Cathy Shimmel and Warren Soare and includes Helen Lockman and Katie Zarghami. Following its review of her service, the Session approved its recommendation to extend Pastor Marjory's contract another year. The Presbytery's Committee on Ministry affirmed their decision in September.

Elder Katie Zarghami recently donated an antique Persian rug to the North Room, where it joins another she had donated some years ago. Both brighten up the room considerably. Many thanks. We also appreciate and thank Maya Leibfreid for the flowers she planted in the large containers on the steps at the entrance of the church

Bible study continues in-person on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the North Room. On the first Tuesday of the month, the Bible study is on Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Additional participants are welcome. We learned at one of the meetings recently that most churches follow a lectionary, which specifies Bible selections for each Sunday over a three-year cycle. (There is also a daily lectionary that has a two-year cycle.) The ecumenical Revised Common Lectionary is the one most commonly used in Protestant churches. Pastor Marjory is planning this year to follow the newer Narrative Lectionary.

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



Congregational Spotlight

Soraya Gage



Soraya Gage attended the First Presbyterian Church in Englewood, New Jersey, while growing up in the 1970s and has recently reconnected with her Presbyterian roots at Roslyn Presbyterian Church where she attends regularly with her mother, Catherine Zarghami.

Soraya started her professional career as a Page at NBC after graduating in 1983 from Trinity College in Hartford Connecticut with a BA in Fine Arts. Subsequently, she received her Master's at the Columbia University School of Journalism and has been working at NBC News ever since as a producer. She was General Manager of Education Nation, which focused on the challenging issues regarding education in America, and recently as General Manager of the NBC News Audio Group which produces podcasts.

In addition Soraya has been a trustee for 20 years on the Board of NYU Langone Hospital, Long Island, formerly Winthrop University Hospital.

She is married to G. Robert Gage, a defense attorney and has three children, George, who is working towards becoming an actuary, David, an aspiring filmmaker, and Katherine, who is a sophomore in college. The family has lived in Garden City, Long Island for 25 years.

She is very appreciative of the community she has met through the Roslyn Presbyterian Church and the ministry of Marjory Roth, especially during the uncertainty of the pandemic.



The Zarghami family: Cyma Zarghami and Soraya Gage with their parents, Katie and the late Shah Zarghami. (Not pictured, sibling Rachel Wolf, who lives in Georgia.)

