

May 26, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of The Old Scotch Church,

Much has been brewing with the Mission commission, and I want to highlight their work in this last week of May. If you haven't had a chance to watch Teresa Griffel's Minute for Mission from the worship service last Sunday, check it out!

I'd like to give a little background to the Presbytery grant of \$1,000 that started the snowball effect of multiplying that gift. The Cascades Presbytery knew there is significant need due to Covid-19 disrupting life all over Oregon (and the world), so they wisely reached out to every church with the challenge to meet a Covid-19 need, to try to multiply the \$1,000 in concert with others to meet the need in a bigger way than just one church at a time.

Our mission commission responded with taking \$1,000 to match the grant, doing so on top of the \$850 they had already given to HomePlate, Bienestar's Esperanza Fund (which has now grown to \$50,000!), and a Presbyterian Mission worker fighting Covid in Peru (with our gift matched by another donor).

Then, they decided how to focus their Covid-19 aid, and decided on the theme "Feeding Our Neighbor, Nourishing Our Souls". After researching a wide variety of food support organizations, the needs in the Latinx community seems to be most pressing right now, so they offered a 'challenge grant' to Centro Cultural's Centro Esperanza Relief Fund, inviting them to *match* the \$2,000 with gifts from their donors. This is such a great story with wonderful momentum going that we will be sending you a special letter in the Aspire with more information about the work of Centro Cultural, if you know of someone looking for an effective way to help in this Covid-19 crisis. May our gift grow even beyond the \$4,000 through other individual gifts!

At this point, the Mission Commission has nearly spent their funds, and so we now have two opportunities to supply that hard-working commission with resources for the rest of the summer. First, we have a kind of "Alternative Father's Day Gift" opportunity with the chance to give a gift to the Mission Fund in honor or memory of a father or important man in your life. A donation sent to the church with "Father's Day" in the memo and the name(s) of the gift recipient(s) on a note with the check will result in an email sent to you that you can forward to your wonderful guy. If your gift is received by Wednesday, June 17, the name(s) of you submit will be highlighted on our online worship service for Sunday, June 21.

Second, the beautiful Youth Sunday artwork by Hannah Metz was requested so heavily, that Hannah is making available 25 signed and numbered 5x7 prints. For a minimum donation of \$10, you will receive a print, and Hannah is generously donating the proceeds to the Mission Fund. To receive a print, email Julie Metz at [jmetzphotos@gmail.com](mailto:jmetzphotos@gmail.com) with your name and address, then send a check to the church for at least \$10 per print and the print(s) will be mailed to you. Feel free to combine a Father's Day gift and a print in one check by simply noting how much goes to each in the memo field.

Any questions? Jeff Uecker is working in successful isolation at church and can answer all of your questions! (Church phone: 503.648.9573; church email: [office@oldscotchchurch.org](mailto:office@oldscotchchurch.org))

Friends, how often do we watch the news or read an article and wonder, "What can I do to help?" These opportunities from the Mission Commission not only answer that question, but help us to honor and celebrate our church and the wonderful men in our lives.

Grace and peace,

*Pastor Tracie*