

Dear Friends,

Things are changing rapidly with regards to the COVID-19 virus and our response. Schools in Oregon are now closed for an extended spring break, the universities have gone to online classes, and city and state government have recommended all non-essential meetings be canceled or held virtually. We also received a request from the Presbytery Leadership Commission of Cascades Presbytery to suspend worship services and church meetings.

As such, we have decided to cancel church services and meetings through March. This includes March 15, March 22, and March 29. We will reconsider what to do as we head into Holy Week.

Please know this decision was not made lightly. We are concerned for the most vulnerable in our congregation. We are also concerned for the spiritual well-being of each of our members. Please reach out to members of our congregation with phone calls, emails, and cards. We want to stay connected. The Deacons will continue to provide care to members of the congregation. If you need help, there are folks who can help. Please let us know.

I will be posting materials on the [church's website](#) in support of engaging in home worship during this time. Jeff will continue to manage the church office. Pastor Tracie had foot surgery on Friday, March 13th. She is home and doing well. She should be available by email/phone in a few days. I am also available if you need pastoral care.

Please pray for the friends and members of the Old Scotch Church, our families and friends, and for all those both here and throughout the world who are affected by this pandemic.

Peace,  
Chris