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**NEWSLETTER OF THE OLD SCOTCH CHURCH
 DECEMBER 2018**

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Sundays

Adult Sunday School	9:00 AM*
Worship	10:00 AM
Children Sunday School	10:00 AM*
Fellowship Hour	11:00 AM
Youth Group	6:00 PM*

Wednesdays

Choir Practice	7:00 PM*
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*See calendar for additional events.
 (*summer hours may vary)*



*Love came down at Christmas,
 Love all lovely, Love Divine,
 Love was born at Christmas,
 Star and Angels gave the sign.*

Christina Rosetti, 1885

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~ "OLD SCOTCH" ~
DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

The Gospel in Surprising Places

When we first had children, I wanted to create Christmas traditions for our family. As a Pastor's family, we never traveled for Christmas, because we had commitments in services. So, our family had to come to us, and they had to be ready to work, because no one in a Pastor's family has time to entertain during Advent and Christmas! My mom was the one who came the most, which is why Christmas is the time when I miss her most.

Some of our failed traditions included doing a birthday cake for Jesus. By Christmas Eve, we'd have so many gifts of food to eat that adding a cake to it became too much. We'd also try not to put a single gift under the tree until after the late Christmas Eve service. That, too, has gone by the wayside as the gift-curiosity wanes, along with our ability to stay up late!

But some traditions have survived, like the coin set sock gifts or clues for a treasure hunt or the clear Advent favorite: Watching the Muppets version of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." We're even thinking of doing this during Thanksgiving week when Ryker is home from Cal Poly.

You are invited to join in this tradition this year, though it doesn't have to include the Muppets. The important piece for our community life together is that Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" is the underlining theme for Advent. We see again that we find the Gospel in surprising places, and this story helps us to see Jesus coming this Advent in fresh ways.

Here are a few ways to read or view the story in preparation for this sermon series:

- Download the .pdf: https://www.ibiblio.org/ebooks/Dickens/Carol/Dickens_Carol.pdf
- Get an eBook: <http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/24022>
- Watch online via YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=92befrZYBLE>
- Listen online to Audio: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n3fN-rupwo>
- Or Buy your own version! Best Buy has it for \$3.99! Amazon has a few different versions to offer - check them out!

Below are the sermon texts to help you prepare each Sunday in December for worship.

Dec 2	Jer. 33:14-16; Ps. 25	Humbug!	Advent Workshop
Dec 9	Phil. 1:3-11	Ghosts of the Past	Children's Sermon
Dec 9	Service of Remembrance, 3 PM, with reception following		
Dec 16	Is. 12:2-6; Phil. 4:1-7	Ghosts of the Present	Minute for Mission
Dec 23	Micah 5:2-5a	Ghosts of the Future	Communion
Dec 24	Is. 62:6-12	Christmas Surprise!	Services at 7:30 and 11 PM
Dec 30	Service of Hymns and Readings, led by The Rev. Helen Lewis		

Grace and Peace,

Juice Bullis

Aspire Available in Three Different Formats

The Aspire is available in three formats. Receive it as an e-mail attachment. Have it delivered to you in the post. Or find an edited version without personal information on our web site at www.oldscootchchurch.org. If necessary, please tell Jeff in the church office how you prefer to access to this important source of information about our congregation.



Family Ministry News

Hey everyone!

The Youth have had a busy fall. We went to see a soccer game where Matty's team won in a landslide, we went to see a play where Genevieve played a pirate (Poke, Poke, Poke!), and have had a great series on dating with a lot of participation and attendance which has been great.

We will continue and finish up our dating series in December and then have our normal Youth Group White Elephant party near the end of the month before taking a little break for Christmas. As we enter this Advent season, I'm excited about all of the things the youth have been accomplishing and what we will accomplish in the new year.

Thanks and God bless,

Zach



News of Our Church Family

An Advent Devotional Option

With all that happens between Thanksgiving and Christmas, remember to take time in this Advent season for space and time for the LORD. Consider connecting electronically to these sets of online Advent options.



Pittsburgh Theological Seminary: https://www.pts.edu/devotional_1

Or download a .pdf for devotions:

Presbyterians Earth Care: <http://presbyearthcare.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/2018-Advent-Devotional-print-layout-.pdf>

While the link is not live yet, there are also options if you google these places:

San Francisco Theological Seminary Advent Devotions

Austin Theological Seminary Advent Devotions

New Opportunity for Tax Deductible Donations



In 2018, the IRS has made a permanent law that those over 70 and 1/2 who have an IRA can make their annual mandatory distribution to a qualified charity (like Old Scotch Church) tax free. There are more details in the attached October financial report. Please talk to your tax advisor. This is an excellent idea for those who do not need those funds to live on.

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTION

If you would like to give an offering to the Old Scotch Church but don't carry cash or checks, you can donate electronically via your smart phone. Just follow these simple steps: 1) Download a free QR code reader app. 2) Scan the code on the Electronic Giving Option card found in the pew. 3) Use the link to make a donation to the Old Scotch Church Paypal account with your credit card. If you have questions, please contact Terri Browning or the church office.



Follow Us On Facebook!



Follow Old Scotch Church on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/OldScotchChurch. This is another way to stay connected about events in the life of the church. We also have a new closed group on Facebook called "Old Scotch Church Members and Friends." Here, you may add photos and posts about our church life together. Material will only be accessible to members of the group.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Children (grades K-5): Meet downstairs during worship except on Sundays when there is communion. The children will be invited to go to Sunday school right before the Reading of the Word and the sermon, when the younger children are currently invited to go to the nursery.

Youth (grades 6-12): This is now part of youth group activities. Youth can also join the adult Sunday school.

Adults: Our Advent study will be Madeleine L'Engle's *Bright and Evening Star*. The winter study, January 6 - March 3, is "Keine Gewalt! No Violence!: How the Church gave birth to Germany's only peaceful revolution" by Roger Newell. Roger will lead the first and last sessions.

Missions: Local and Beyond

Alternative Gift Giving



Beginning December 2, we will have a table downstairs following worship for three Sundays where you can purchase an alternative gift option for Christmas. You can also complete and leave the attached form with the church office. Our alternative gift options this year include: supporting numerous needs of Hogar de Ninos Regazo de Paz children's shelter in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, [supporting this summer's youth mission trip](#), HomePlate Youth Services, and Community Hands Up, formerly William Temple House West. Please consider giving your children's teacher, your hairdresser/barber, a loved one, or a good friend the gift of mission through OSC.



SUPPORT COMMUNITY HANDS UP

The mission of Community Hands Up is to give those in need "a hand up not a hand out." Below is a list of items needed at the food pantry. Perhaps consider clipping it and posting it on your frig for easy reference!

Personal Items

- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Bar soap
- Toothpaste
- Tooth brushes
- Lotion
- Toilet paper
- Kleenex
- Lip balm
- Throat lozenges
- Socks
- Gloves

Cleaning Items

- Pod laundry detergent
- Pod dishwasher detergent
- Dish soap
- Paper towels

Food Items

- Oatmeal
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Soups
- Ramen



Mark Your Calendar!

Advent Workshop and Potluck

Please join us after worship Sunday, December 2, for a potluck followed by the annual Advent Workshop. Please bring a family favorite holiday dish to share. The Fellowship committee will provide ham and beverages. All are welcome!



Old Scotch Church Giving Tree



On December 2, the first Sunday of Advent, the Old Scotch Giving Tree arrives in the Fellowship Hall. This year, we will be helping families from local schools. We have asked each family to provide us with a need and a wish list. Our tree will have specific gift tags for each member of the family. We suggest no more than \$25.00 for purchase of a gift. The tags will provide you with a hint at what is either needed or wished for. Monetary donations to the Deacon Fund will be used for grocery gift cards added to our gift boxes and for *additional gifts needed* for the families. Come down to the Fellowship Hall and choose a tag and sign the roster. Return the gift, wrapped with the tag attached no later than December 16. Questions? Contact Dan Browning or another Deacon.

Remembering Those Loved During the Holidays

As a church surrounded by a cemetery, we are reminded of our mortality every time we arrive. Those who drive by our property, or who stop to visit a deceased loved one, are reminded of their own losses. During the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, these losses can be felt most heavily. This year, our church is again reaching out in ministry to those who have had a recent loss. We are inviting those in the congregation and those who have buried someone in our cemetery to a worship service. Please join us at 3:00 PM Sunday, December 9, for this special gathering. Childcare will be provided. A reception will follow.



SAVE THE DATE, WOMEN!

The annual Guild Women's Retreat is set for January 26 and 27 at Tilikum retreat center. Please contact a Guild member for a registration form and more information.



Don't Forget!

MEN'S BREAKFAST



The Men's Breakfast meets the first Saturday of each month at Elmer's Restaurant. Come join us at 8:00 AM for conversation and a hearty meal. All men are welcome! For more information, contact Bruce Waller or the church office.

Women's Service Guild

The Women's Service Guild meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. However, this month's meeting is the church decorating party and luncheon beginning at 9:00 AM Saturday, December 1. All women are welcome!



Knitters



The knitters meet most Thursdays at 7 PM, usually at Peggy Ploem's home. Please check the monthly *Aspire* calendar for any weeks they may not meet. If you are new to the group, call Peggy to make sure of the location. All are welcome!

COOKIE SUNDAY

The last Sunday of each month is Cookie Sunday during Fellowship Hour. We invite you to bring your favorite cookies or healthful snack to share.



Choir



Our choirs are active September through June. Adult choir meets Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary to prepare for Sunday worship. Joy and Youth Choirs (3 years old through grade 12) meet most Sundays at 11:00 AM. All are welcome!

Our Cemetery

OLD SCOTCH CHURCH CEMETERY PRICE STRUCTURE

	Members	Non-members
<i>In-Ground*</i>		
Regular, 4'x10' lot	\$700	\$1200 (double-depth burial allowed in unoccupied lot)
Infant section, 4'x7' lot	\$200	\$500
Cremation, 2'x2' lot	\$150	\$300

(*These prices do not include grave opening and fabrication and installation of marker. Additional record-keeping fee of \$150 for each interment.)

<i>Columbarium**</i>		
Top row	\$750	\$1100
Middle Row	\$700	\$1050
Bottom Row	\$650	\$1000

(**Additional inurnment and engraving fees apply. Additional record-keeping fee of \$150 for each inurnment.)
For more information about cemetery policies, contact the church office or visit www.oldscotchchurch.org/cemetery.

ADVANCED ARRANGEMENT PLANNING PACKET AVAILABLE

Our church provides information on advance directives, POLST, donor programs, wills, long term stewardship, memorial services, and the cemetery. Please contact the church office for more details.

Reminders in Our Service to God

ELDER ON CALL IN NOVEMBER — Brian Kinnear

COMMUNION SERVERS, December 23 — Dan Browning, Terri Browning, Peggy McShane, Sue Moore

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

Alternate Coordinator: David Bratton

December 2,	Sally Thornton and Sue Moore
December 9,	Peggy Ploem and Judi Eckersley
December 16,	Teresa Griffels and Jean Moseley
December 23,	Robi and Tim Knox
December 24, 7:30 PM,	McFadden Family
December 24, 11:00 PM,	Joanne and Henk Ploem
December 30,	Scott and Karen Ables

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Alternate Coordinator: Peggy Ploem

January 6	Dave and Ellen Vanasche
January 13	TBA
January 20	Duane and Sandy Zieman
January 28,	Gary and Bette Hahn

DECEMBER SAFETY MANAGERS

12/2, Marty Bullis; 12/9, Dan Browning; 12/9 Remembrance Svc., Dan Browning; 12/16, Tim Rippe; 12/23, Jeffry Uecker; 12/24 7:30 PM, Marty Bullis; 12/24 11:00 PM, Dan Browning; 12/30, Don McCoun.

ASPIRE SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY ISSUE—DECEMBER 15

Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Tracie Bullis
Family Ministries Director	Zach Brennan
Office Administrator	Jeffry Uecker
Treasurer	Katherine Kinnear
Choir Director	Maurine Granat
Accompanists	Meredith Bach, Judy Charles, Kevin Upton
Wedding Hostess	Robi Knox
Nursery	Jasmyne Adame








Session Leadership

Clerk of Session	Lois Sterenberg
Business & Finance	Terri Browning
Mission	Cindy Uecker
Worship and Music	Kurt Granat
Christian Education	Brian Kinnear
Cemetery	Tim Knox
Outreach & Membership	Anna Gamble
Building & Grounds	Bruce Waller
Fellowship	Ellen Vanasche

Deacons

Dan Browning • Teresa Griffels • Bette Hahn • Gary Hahn • Debi Knox • Julie Metz
Caitlin Mitchel-Markley • Robin Parker • Joyce Reynolds • Jo Ann Tannock • Duane Zieman

This Month at Old Scotch – December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1  8 AM - Men's Breakfast 9-noon - Guild sanctuary decorating event and luncheon 
2—1st Sunday of Advent  9 AM - Adult Sunday School 10 AM - Worship/Sunday School 11 AM - Advent potluck and workshop No Joy & Youth Choirs 6 PM - Youth Group	3 7 PM - Scouts	4	5 7 PM - Choir Practice	6 7 PM - Knitters	7	8
9—2nd Sunday of Advent  9 AM - Adult Sunday School 10 AM - Worship/Sunday School 11 AM - Fellowship Hour 11:15 AM - Joy & Youth Choirs 11:15 AM - Bldg. & Gnds. mtg. 3 PM - Service of Remembrance 6 PM - Youth Group	10 7 PM - Scouts	11 7 PM - Session	12 Noon - Staff luncheon 7 PM - Choir practice	13 7 PM - Knitters	14	15 9:30 AM - Deacons  <i>December Aspire Submissions Due</i>
16—3rd Sunday of Advent 9 AM - Adult Sunday School 10 AM - Worship/Sunday School 11 AM - Fellowship Hour 11:15 AM - Joy & Youth Choirs 6 PM - Youth Group White Elephant party 	17 7 PM - Scouts	18	19 7 PM - Choir Practice	20 7 PM - Knitters	21	22
23—4th Sunday of Advent COMMUNION 9 AM - Adult Sunday School 10 AM - Worship/Sunday School 11 AM - Fellowship Hour 11:15 AM - Joy & Youth Choirs No Youth Group 	24 7:30 & 11 PM - Christmas Eve Service	25 Christmas Day  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	26 No Choir Practice	27 7 PM - Knitters	28	29
30—1st Sunday after Christmas Day COOKIE SUNDAY No Sunday School 10 AM - Worship/Sunday School 11 AM - Fellowship Hour 11:15 AM - Joy & Youth Choirs No Youth Group 	31					