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**NEWSLETTER OF THE OLD SCOTCH CHURCH
 MAY 2019**

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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 is the story
 and the prayer
 that matters the most.*

Brian Doyle, Oregon novelist and poet, 1956-2017.



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~ "OLD SCOTCH" ~
MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER

May Preparations

May is a full month of Eastertide, the season of reflecting on the good news of resurrection. With that Gospel news to buoy us, we'll be reading the prophet writings of Habakkuk for our worship series, going back to the 7th century BCE. The dynamic nature of Scripture always impresses me, but I find it especially striking when the hard questions asked nearly 3 millennia ago are still really good questions to ask today. So we'll be walking with Habakkuk to see how his prophetic witness bounces into the 21st century.

Since the church tends to work on a monthly cycle (monthly meetings, events, communion, etc), May also marks the last month before I go on sabbatical. I've been preparing the congregation through these Aspire articles, but I think we're all a little surprised it's now a month away.

First, let's review what I've been saying. It's important to engage with the community of faith this summer, and to step up as a vital piece of our church as a whole to offer your gifts. This begins with the gift of presence, and an awareness of the people and potential needs around you. This is the time to lean in and be in prayer for one another, as God's people.

Next, remember that your work while I'm away is vital to the larger church, as you encourage, teach, and support Zach in his role of exploring aspects of ministry beyond the Family Ministry Director position. Chris Macfarlane and Teresa Griffels will be working with Zach in the area of pastoral care, so check in with them, too, to see you can be of support to someone who needs it this summer.

Also remember to learn and to listen through the different voices you'll hear preaching this summer, as well as the different forms of special music we'll have. I've worked hard to invite a variety of preachers and musicians, so be prepared with an open heart for God's Word to each person.

Next month's Aspire will have an overview of what I'm doing, and who is leading in worship, as well as some prayer focus areas for us all over the summer. Together, we can look forward to how God will continue to work in our lives through this different kind of summer.

Below are the sermon texts and themes to help you prepare each Sunday for worship.

May 5	Isaiah 6:8; 1 Peter 2:4-10	Chris Macfarlane	Minute for Mission
May 12	Habakkuk 1:1-11	Wishing and Wanting	Mother's Day
May 19	Habakkuk 1:12-2:20	Faith and Adversity	Communion
May 25	Habakkuk 3:1-19	God as our Center	Memorial Day

Grace and Peace,

Janice 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.oldscotchchurch.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!

We have had a wonderful spring with the youth group, finishing up our series on mentorship and getting to play with some legos while we were at it. The youth continue to do awesome things, from sports to service to academics, and they are such a wonderful group to work with and engage with every week.

We have some major events coming up! First of all, we had an amazing youth auction last year that launched two wonderful mission trips. This year, we have one mission trip, and we are holding a youth auction again to help us with the costs! We are going to be having a bit smaller auction this time, but we are excited about the things we are bringing, the support from the church, and the planned Cinco de Mayo themed potluck that has already been pledged. We are excited about our mission trip to Idaho and are so grateful for the many ways the church supports us.

We also have VBS coming up this summer from July 15 to July 18. We have a theme of Farm Fresh Faith and look forward to using farming as a way to engage with our local community and church members this summer! I am directing this year with a great team of volunteers and this should be a very exciting program - hopefully I can get outside for some more games with the kids!

Thank you from the youth and myself for all of the wonderful support the church gives us, as we wouldn't be able to do the things we do without this amazing church praying and providing for us.

God bless,

Zach Brennan

News of Our Church Family

Welcome, New Members!

The Old Scotch Church is excited to officially welcome four new members to our congregation: Karen and Scott Ables, Elizabeth Lipes, and Sally Thornton. Our new members have been worshipping with us for the past year or in most cases longer, and attended a new member class this past March. Several members of the session had the opportunity to meet with them and hear their faith stories. It was a wonderful opportunity to get to know them a bit better. Please join us all in congratulating them!



Scott & Karen



Elizabeth



Sally

Directory Update Coming soon!

Have you moved recently? Got a new phone number or email address? Thank you for helping us keep our rosters up to date by sending your information or updates to office@oldscotchchurch.org.



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.



Scholarships Available

Harriet Unruh was a long-time member of the Old Scotch Church and a strong advocate for Christian Education. When she died in 1987, she endowed the church with a memorial fund to be distributed to young people in our congregation who were pursuing academic goals. The Memorial Committee is responsible for the administration and awarding of scholarships available through the Harriet Unruh Scholarship Fund. Active participants in the Old Scotch Church who plan to attend an academic, vocational, or technical institution during the 2019/2020 school year are eligible for assistance from this fund for up to four years of undergraduate study and two years of graduate study. Applications will be available after June 1 and must be returned by July 1. Please contact the church office for an application or more information.

PER CAPITA GIVING



Every year the church pays a "per capita" to Presbytery for each member of our church. This year that per capita amount is \$35.50 per member. We have already paid that full amount for 2019. It is always wonderful to have our membership pay their own per capita back to Old Scotch if they are able as it really does help our budget. If you can do this for yourself and each member in your family, please make out a check to Old Scotch Church and be sure to write "per capita" in the note section of your check.

Thank-you! Terri Browning



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Adults: Adult Sunday School is covering I, II, and III John from May 5 through June 2. Sunday school (adult and children's) will end on June 2 for the summer.

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

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.



ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTION

If you would like to donate electronically via your smart phone during the worship service, 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 (and included here). 3) Use the link to make a donation to the Old Scotch Church Paypal account (found at oldscotchchurch.org/give.html) with your credit card. If you have questions, please contact the church office.



Missions: Local and Beyond

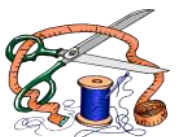


Committee News

Enthusiasm from our recent Puerto Rico trip has added some new members to the Mission Committee! We are thankful to Brad Parker, Teresa Griffels, and Karen Ables for offering their commitment of time. Our goal this year is to find a local Mission Trip for our church to participate in, plus day-long local projects. Brad Parker, Tom Ormiston, and Teresa Griffels are heading up an exploratory committee. We welcome congregational ideas! If you have any, please contact Brad Parker or the church office.

Missional Sewing Project!

The Mission Committee has approved funding for a HOODED TOWEL project, to sew for the children at the Regazo de Paz Home in Puerto Rico. Supplies and instructions will be available on Saturday, May 18, 10:30-11:30 am. Come to learn this easy sewing project! If you cannot make Saturday, all supplies left will be at worship on Sunday, May 19, although there is no guarantee how many sets will be available. Completed towels must be returned by June 1.



Mark Your Calendar!

Spring Clean-up Day Coming Up!

Please join us for our annual Spring Clean-up Day on Saturday, May 4, from 9:00 AM until noon. As usual, we will be doing landscape pruning and cleaning, and some miscellaneous repairs and maintenance. Please wear work clothes and gloves and bring gardening tools to share.



YMT Auction/Cinco de Mayo Potluck

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship Sunday, May 5, for a Cinco de Mayo potluck followed by the annual Youth Mission Trip Auction. Don't miss the opportunity to bid for a variety of great items—including some amazing baked goods! All proceeds will go toward supporting the team's trip to Idaho this Summer.

Volunteer Opportunity!

Every year hundreds of women run past our church during the Hippie Chick half marathon, stopping in front of Old Scotch for water. This year we have the opportunity to run the water station and need volunteers to help pass out water, no experience necessary! Join us May 11 from 8 -12 for all or part of the time. Contact Anna Gamble to sign up.



VBS Slated!

Vacation Bible School is slated for July 15 to July 18 this summer. We have a theme of Farm Fresh Faith and look forward to using farming as a way to engage with our local community and church members! We have a great team of volunteers and this should be a very exciting program.

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. 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.



Out-to-Lunch Bunch



Join us on the first Sunday of each month as we go out to lunch at Pumpkin Ridge Golf course restaurant. We leave the church at 11:30 AM.

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 APRIL — Terry Browning

COMMUNION SERVERS, May 19 — Dan Browning, Terry Browning, Caitlin Mitchel-Markley, Bruce Waller

USHERS FOR MAY

Alternate Coordinator: Church Office

May 5	Teresa Griffels and Sheri Hiester
May 12	Metz Family
May 19	Kent Upton Family
May 26	Parker Family

USHERS FOR JUNE

Ellen Vanasche

June 2	McFadden Family
June 9	Steve and Inez Griffels
June 16	Kinnear Family
June 23	Mike and Judy Charles
June 30	Dan and Terri Browning

MAY SAFETY MANAGERS

5/5, Dan Browning; 5/12, Tim Rippe; 5/19, Don McCoun; 5/26 Ben Nelson

ASPIRE SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE ISSUE—MAY 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	Henk Ploem
Outreach & Membership	Anna Gamble
Building & Grounds	Bruce Waller
Fellowship	Sheri Hiester

Deacons

Dan Browning • Teresa Griffels • Bette Hahn • Gary Hahn • Debi Knox • Peggy McShane
Caitlin Mitchel-Markley • Jean Moseley • Kali Nelson • Robin Parker • Duane Zieman

This Month at Old Scotch – May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30 PM - Choir Practice	2 7 PM - Knitters <i>National Day of Prayer</i> 	3	4 8 AM - Men's Breakfast 9 AM - Church Cleanup Day 
5—3rd Sunday of Easter  9 AM - Adult Sunday School 10 AM - Worship/Sunday School 11:15 AM - Joy & Youth Choirs 11:15 AM - YMT Auction/Cinco de Mayo potluck No Youth Group 	6 7 PM - Scouts	7 7 PM—Guild 7 PM—Worship & Music meeting 	8 7 PM - Choir practice	9 7 PM - Knitters	10	11 8 AM - “Hippie Chick” run volunteer opportunity 
12—4th Sunday of Easter MOTHER'S DAY 9 AM - Adult Sunday School 10 AM - Worship/Sunday School 11 AM - Fellowship Hour 11:15 AM - Joy & Youth Choirs No Youth Group 	13 7 PM - Scouts	14 7 PM - Session	15 11 AM - Staff 7 PM - Choir practice  June Aspire Submissions Due	16 7 PM - Knitters	17	18 9:30 AM - Deacons
19—5th Sunday of Easter COMMUNION 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. 6 PM - Youth Group 	20 7 PM - Scouts	21	22 7 PM - Choir Practice	23 7 PM - Knitters	24	25
26—6th Sunday of Easter COOKIE SUNDAY 9 AM - Adult Sunday School 10 AM - Worship/Sunday School 11 AM - Fellowship Hour 11:15 AM - Joy & Youth Choirs 6 PM - Youth Group 	27 7 PM - Scouts  MEMORIAL DAY	28	29 7 PM - Choir Practice	30 7 PM - Knitters	31	