

July 15, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of The Old Scotch Church,

Session met last night for a brief July meeting, since the board often doesn't hold a July meeting in 'regular' years. We had some items of business to be discussed before we meet again on August 4, a date which will give plenty of time to plan for our shifting season into the Fall.

Of particular note for the congregation to hear from Session votes are these items:

- Parking lot lines were approved for the front of the church, and that project can proceed before we return to worship at a future date. I will plan to take another video of the front once that is completed, so you can keep up on the 'look' of the church.
- Presbytery will meet July 17-18 online, which means elders and pastors can attend from home. This will be good to watch and learn from, in case our church needs to hold a congregational meeting at some point online. Current polity for the church allows us to meet in this way!
- School U requests for donations was approved. This is an annual ministry of the Deacons, and the new chair is Sue Moore. Sue will be giving the Minute for Mission on Sunday, July 19, to fill the congregation in on needs and how to donate, because those back-to-school sales have begun and we want to capitalize on the savings!
- Finally, due to Washington County being clustered with Multnomah and Clackamas counties as a region for re-opening requests, **Session decided to keep July 26 worship ONLINE** instead of attempting an outdoor service under the current 25-person limitation. The top priority is to worship in a responsible, legal, and healthy way.

At this point, Session plans to be online for worship through at least September 6, with the hope of holding safe, legal, and responsible outdoor worship August 30. We'll keep communicating through mid-week letters and Friday prayer lists, as well as constantly update our website. Any questions? Our church office remains closed to the public, but 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)

Take a moment to give thanks for the lay leadership at The Old Scotch Church. We have thoughtful, creative, prayerful elders guiding the church. We have gracious, energetic, and service-oriented deacons walking with the congregation. We have hard-working, faithful, gifted staff working at their call. We are blessed! And I am grateful to be your pastor alongside these leaders and staff.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Tracie