

July 21, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of The Old Scotch Church,

Life is moving pretty fast these days, and we are staying at our rhythm of weekly online worship as we encourage you to keep in touch with each other and build community. In case you are short on time and don't get a chance to read this whole message, please NOTE:

Worship on Sunday, July 26 will be posted online by Saturday. NO outdoor worship.

I had a full weekend of a Cascades Presbytery meeting, held online. We all learned a few things, plus managed to take care of business and at least see one another's faces. One of the highlights was seeing the video report from churches throughout the Presbytery regarding their investment of the \$1,000 mission gift. Our church matched that gift, then challenged Centro Cultural to match our \$2,000, plus invite others to give to the fund. Last we heard, the gift was approaching \$5,000! Below are two videos that highlight the mission work, and our own Cindy Uecker (chair of Missions) tells our story in Part 2. Take a few minutes to celebrate the way Presbyterian churches shared God's grace!

Part 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-4KoDQxxxJA&feature=youtu.be>

Part 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPENvoiTMXk>

If you want to watch the Presbytery meeting, or look at any other Presbytery videos, here's the channel link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3yWiafR8r_GgO3csKUgs4Q

I also had the great delight and pleasure of 'winning the golden ticket' to officiate, along with a great Rabbi, at Claire McFadden's wedding, as she married Gordon Friedman. We wish them a rich life together!

A couple of announcements include the upcoming parking line painting, expected to be done by August 1. It might just be a reason to take a Sunday drive to visit the church and see how our property and the road around us has changed. Also, we are collecting school supplies, and the *Aspire* newsletter will describe how to donate those. Feel free to catch the sales while they are going, and we'll get instructions to you soon.

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)

Friends, may we keep looking to Christ our Lord to give us flexibility and strength while we navigate these unprecedented times.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Tracie