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NEWSLETTER OF THE OLD SCOTCH CHURCH

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Sunday Worship 10:00am

The Old Scotch Church

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday
8:30am-12:30pm

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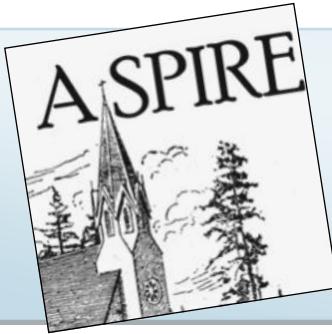


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TUALATIN PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

~ “OLD SCOTCH” ~

JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

THE GOODNESS OF BEGINNING TOGETHER

While the Christian Calendar began weeks ago with the start of Advent, the cultural calendar begins in January. We speak to our community life with communion, and then the month is filled with wonderful ways that we can express our faith as servant-leaders, in community and around the sacraments.

After paying attention to the start of Epiphany and the role of leadership for our congregation, we will be following the lectionary passages in First Corinthians until Lent begins on Wednesday, February 18. We look forward to worshiping our Lord each Sunday as we listen for God’s Word in many forms. Remember to check in with a Session member about worship if weather is of concern, and please only travel if you can do so safely.

A favorite tradition for the first Sunday of each year is to break the bread and pour the cup around our community table and then to receive our Epiphany Star, which will have a focus word on it to guide us through 2026. This practice is a nod to the star in Bethlehem that guided the Magi to meet Jesus, which is our text from Matthew’s Gospel on January 4. We trust the Holy Spirit in each of our lives to give us the focal point we need to keep our eyes on Christ.

Deacon and Elder leadership also pass the baton and dream for the future a bit in January. The first Saturday of the year, January 3, is a leadership gathering from 9 am to noon, where both boards come together to connect, learn, and envision the possibilities for The Old Scotch Church. Then, we install and ordain our leadership on January 11 for their terms, recognizing again how blessed we are to have so many capable servant-leaders among us.

Our January 17-18 women’s retreat is a great chance to connect with one another, to learn, to eat fabulous food, and to build community. I invite you to make space for that time, especially since we have invited women from Hillsboro Presbyterian Church to join us. For the men in our congregation, check in with each other that weekend to find ways to enjoy each other’s company.

Finally, we have the gift of remembering our own baptisms as we share in the baptism of an adult who has recently started worshiping with us and would like to profess their faith and be baptized. We are privileged to share the Good News in word and actions so that others might see Jesus.

Here are our sermon texts and community life events as we begin 2026 together.

January 4	Matthew 2:1-12	Epiphany Stars and Communion
January 11	Acts 6:1-7	Ordination/Installation of Leadership
January 18	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	Women’s Retreat Weekend
January 25	1 Corinthians 1:10-17	Remembering our Baptisms

Grace and Peace,

Janie Bullis



WORSHIP SERVICE RECORDINGS



The recording of our Sunday worship service will be available by noon on the Monday following the recording. To access the recording at the earliest time, please go directly to our YouTube channel to watch it, since the update of our website may take until Monday evening. The Church YouTube Channel link is: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtsQCBGAU8gyja2DFrymmYQ>

Church Family News

Men's Breakfast Saturday, January 3

All men are invited to attend 8:00AM at Elmer's Restaurant
390 SW Adams Ave. Hillsboro



Here are the Sunday School plans for January at Old Scotch Church:

Children's Sunday School:

The children will be continuing a series looking at Israel at the time of the Judges, specifically at Deborah and Gideon.

Adult Bible Study:

We will get back to our study of the Old Testament. We should be finishing our look at the Pentateuch by studying passages in Exodus and Deuteronomy.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Session has set the **Annual Congregational Meeting** For Sunday, February 22, after worship. We will celebrate 2025, review the 2026 Budget, and elect a 2026 Nominating Committee. A potluck lunch will follow.



Epiphany Stars

Epiphany stars will be drawn on Epiphany Sunday January 4, 2026.

If you're unable to join us for worship that day, please contact the church office and we will get one to you.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual Reports are due to the office by January 15, 2026.

Please email reports to office@oldscotchchurch.org. Electronic submissions only please!



The January meeting of the Women's Service Guild will be at 7pm on Thursday, January 8th, at the home of Sheri Hiester. All women are invited to come and enjoy delicious refreshments followed by devotions, a short business meeting and a program by Sheri. We hope all women can attend.

January 4th is the last day to register for the Women's Retreat, Jan. 17-18 this month. Don't miss out! Sign up Sunday at the Faith in Action Table downstairs. Need help registering? Call Janet Hopson or Sherry Ormiston for more information.

YOUTH GROUP

Upcoming Presbyterian Youth Events For Grades 6-12

Mark your Calendar!

January 4 Youth Trivia Night @ Hillsboro Presbyterian 6:00-7:30pm

January 18 Board Battles—Board Game Night with Pizza! @ Hillsboro Presbyterian 6:00-7:30pm

February 1 Guest Speaker @ Hillsboro Presbyterian 6:00-7:30pm



JOIN US FOR OFFICER INSTALLATION!

During worship on January 11, we will be installing our new officers! We are grateful for the service of those who have completed their terms. Melissa Ellefson has served as Clerk, Maurine Granat has served as Worship and Music Chair and Brad Parker has served since Covid began as Missions Chair. Our Deacons who served with such grace are Winston and Glenda Benton, Kurt Granat, and Russell Kinnear as our Youth Deacon. Lois Sterenberg is also finishing a term of service, but has agreed to serve another two years as Deacon for a longer continuous term. Thank you all for your wonderful years of service to this congregation!

MANY THANKS!

Your kind and generous gift to our family for Christmas, given on the fourth Sunday of Advent, is such a gracious work of you all as a community of faith. We appreciate your thoughtful care to us. You are a gift to our family, and we are grateful for each of you.

~ Pastor Tracie & Marty

*thank
you!*

Epiphany

May the Epiphany remind us of the good news of Christ



Words of Thanks from Chris

My journey and call as Parish Associate has come to an end. I feel very blessed to have been able to serve the Old Scotch Church as a Commissioned/Certified Ruling Elder. I am beyond grateful for your faith in me in this role and for the many ways you walked beside me during this time. Your prayers, words of encouragement, and thank-yous made a huge difference and were always appreciated. Pastor Tracie has been a wonderful colleague in ministry and has provided many opportunities for me to stretch and grow in both faith and works. Above all I'm so thankful to have had the Holy Spirit walking beside me and with me on this journey. The cards were the BEST! I loved reading them. They will serve as a wonderful reminder of you all and my time as Parish Associate. Thank you, each and every one! The potluck was fabulous! I loved seeing all of you spend time with each other! The generous gift from the congregation ... oh, my! Thank you, thank you, thank you! Making memories is a definite plus. I'm not leaving! Tim and I will continue to worship here and I am transitioning to being the Outreach and Membership Elder for the next 3 years. I'm looking forward to meeting new folks and encouraging our community to get to know one another. I'm still good for a hug, if you need one; and, I will always, always pray for you! Blessings to each of you!

Most gratefully, Chris Macfarlane



PICTURES FROM DECEMBER



OUR CEMETERY

OLD SCOTCH CHURCH CEMETERY PRICE STRUCTURE

	Members	Non-members	
<i>In-Ground*</i>			
Regular, 4'x10' lot	\$700	\$1500	(double-depth burial allowed in unoccupied lot)
Infant section, 4'x7' lot	\$200	\$500	
Cremation, 2'x2' lot	\$150	\$500	
(*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 details.

REMINDERS IN OUR SERVICE TO GOD FOR JANUARY

ELDER OF THE MONTH

Jeff Uecker

DEACON OF THE WEEK

1/4 Joanne Ploem; 1/11 Emily West; 1/18 Meredith Bach; 1/25 Sue Weinbender

SAFETY MANAGERS

1/4 TBD & Marty Bullis; 1/11 Rick Clay & Tim Rippe; 1/18 Tim Rippe & Jeff Uecker;
1/25 Rick Clay & Bryan Gamble

USHERS

Alternate Coordinator: Joanne Ploem

1/4 Judith Lamp & Sandra Zieman; 1/11 Rebitzke Family; 1/18 Vance & Kyle Sele;
1/25 Sheri Hiester & Cheryl McFadden

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

1/4 N/A ; 1/11 Joanne Ploem; 1/18 Cindy Uecker ; 1/25 Anna Gamble

ASPIRE SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY IS JANUARY 15

Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Tracie Bullis
Office Administrators	Becky Oswald, Julie Metz
Choir Director	Maurine Granat
Accompanists	Meredith Bach, Judy Charles, Phyllis Laners
Treasurer	Katherine Kinnear
Building Liaison	Robi Knox

Session

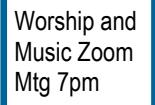
Clerk of Session	Lorraine Prather
Business & Finance	Matt Metz
Mission	Carl Winch
Worship and Music	Fara Laners
Christian Education	Brian Kinnear
Cemetery	Jeff Uecker
Outreach & Membership	Chris Macfarlane
Building & Grounds	Scott Weinbender
Fellowship	Judy Ingala

Deacons

Meredith Bach • Wendy Hultengren • Cheryl McFadden • Hannah Metz • Julie Metz • Joanne Ploem
Amy Schneider • Lois Sterenberg • Sue Weinbender • Emily West • Vickie Williams

This Month at Old Scotch

January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 8am Men's Breakfast @ Elmer's Restaurant 9am Leadership Training
9am Bible Study 10am Worship/Communion 10:30am Sunday School 11am Mission Mtg.	4 5	6	7 7pm—Choir Practice 	8 Women's Service Guild Mtg. 7pm 	9	10
9am Bible Study 11 10am Worship/Ordination & Installation 10:30am Sunday School 11am Cemetery Commission Meeting	12	13 Worship and Music Zoom Mtg 7pm 	14 7pm—Choir Practice 	15 HOME PLATE Youth Services Homeplate 4pm-8pm	16	17 Women's Retreat
9am Bible Study 18 10am Worship 10:30am Sunday School Women's Retreat	19	20	21 7pm—Choir Practice 	22	23	24
9am Bible Study 25 10am Worship/Baptism 10:30am Sunday School	26	27 7pm - Session 	28 7pm—Choir Practice 	29	30	31