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NEWSLETTER OF THE OLD SCOTCH CHURCH April 2024

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Sunday Worship 10:00am

The Old Scotch Church
Office Hours Monday—Thursday
8:30am-12:30pm

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FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AT WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/OLDSCOTCHCHURCH.



ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTION

To 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 (and included here).
3) Use the link to make a donation to the Old Scotch Church (found at oldscotch-church.org/give.html)





TUALATIN PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

~ “OLD SCOTCH” ~

APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

Open Space

At least daily in the second half of the month of March, I would hear from someone that they couldn't believe Easter was just around the corner. It seems an early Easter doesn't help one to pay attention in Lent. Life seems to blow by too quickly.

So here we are in April, with two full months before the summer is upon us, and my prayer for all of us is that the time stretching before us feels like open space. Spring Break has happened. Easter Sunday has ushered us into the season of Eastertide. We have confidence the snow and ice storms are behind us for the Spring season. And we have two months, nearly 9 weeks, with a Mother's Day holiday in six weeks and a 3-day Memorial Day weekend to round us out. What might we venture into? How can we explore beyond our usual haunts? Who will we get to know better? Where will God lead us? What we will learn in these days?

Entering April with an open heart and mind is an invitation to all of us. We could choose the opposite, to keep our heads down, to cling to our agendas, or to rush from one thing to the next. But an early Easter gives us space after the Great Resurrection Sunday to take some time to listen and pray and ponder.

To get at this invitation another way, consider the plight of my friends who recently planned a glorious European anniversary trip ... only to have a medical emergency on the day they were to depart. Once their health was restored, I received an email a week after their intended departure describing how the sudden change of plans became an opportunity rather than a disappointment. They wrote, "As a consolation, we have these more spacious days to feel some relief and to move slowly, continuing to hold these two weeks with an intention for a more contemplative pace. Between showers I've had long walks on our road while the earth is, indeed, resurrecting."

I love this sense of open hands and receiving hearts to what God offers us. In April worship services of Eastertide, as we listen to the first responses to resurrection, may we hear how God finds us. As Chris preaches on the loaded idea of expectations, may we see God's hopes for us. As we let the children lead us to Christ, may we see the steadfast love of God through their trusting eyes. For Sundays, here are our sermon texts and community life events for worship.

April 7	Luke 24:13-32
April 14	Luke 24:33-43
April 21	Philippians 1:19-26
April 28	

Jesus meet us Minute for Mission
Searching for peace Stewardship update
Guest Preacher Chris Macfarlane speaking on expectations
Youth Sunday, led by our kids! Communion

Grace and Peace,
Jacie 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/UCtsQCBGAU8gvja2DFrymmYQ>

Church Family News



What's going on in Sunday School in April?

The children are learning about The Lord's Prayer.
Preteens continue looking at Scripture for wisdom to tough life questions.
Adults are studying answers to common questions about the Holy Spirit.



The Women's Service Guild will meet on April 16th at 7:00pm in the church Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to join us for a delicious dessert, business meeting, and program. And if you like to sew you can get a look at examples of Fidget Blankets, our new service project! We hope to see you there!

Men's Breakfast | Saturday, April 6

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



Upcoming Presbyterian Youth Events!!

For Grades 6-12

April 6: Youth Work Day
May 26: Outdoor Play on Giant Slides & Obstacle Course, in the afternoon with an early dinner
June 24-29: Youth Mission Trip



Hospice Service Project

The Women's Service Guild is working with Brighton Hospice to provide prayer shawls and blankets for their Hospice patients. If you knit, sew, or crochet, we need your help! We would like to deliver the shawls and blankets 3 times/year in the months of May, September and January. Here is how you can help:

- Knit/crochet a prayer shawl
- Knit/crochet a lap blanket
- Sew a base for a fidget blanket
- Sew fidget items to a blanket base

Please contact Janet Hopson for more information. Directions and patterns are available. Thank you!

Change for Change

After discussing local options the Women's Service Guild voted to donate the money to the new North Plains Food Bank. The food bank is open every Monday afternoon at the North Plains Senior Center. It is wonderful to see that our Change for Change coins continue to make positive changes in our local community. Thanks to all of you for bringing in those pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters! Now it's time to fill up the jar again! You can find donation jars in two locations after worship each Sunday:

1. Upstairs on the shelf below the office window.
2. Downstairs on the table in the Fellowship Hall.



SAVE THE DATE

Knowing Ourselves:
An Introduction to the Enneagram

with Rev. Dr. Sarah Sanderson Doughty

Gather with Presbyterians from across the region to learn about the enneagram and how it can enrich your personal relationships as well as relationships within your church family.



May 18, 2024

9-4pm

United Presbyterian Albany
\$25 early bird registration fee
lunch is included





What's Happening with Missions

Mission Update

We are sad to say that Community Hands Up will close its food bank doors in April 2024. However, we are excited to work with North Plains Food Bank which started serving the community last November.

Please continue to drop off canned and dry goods, and personal hygiene supplies, as well as pet food in the bin in the front of the church. Emily West will deliver it on Monday afternoon to the North Plains Senior Center. Thank you Emily, and thank you to everyone who continues to support this wonderful service. ~ Brad Parker, Mission Chair



Once Again , Rise Against Hunger Volunteer Meal Packaging Event!

Save the Date: Saturday, September 21, 2024
Place: Vanasche Family Barn

Rise Against Hunger is a Christian based nonprofit organization whose goal is aligned with the United Nations Goal #2 of zero hunger. For over 25 years they have been a safety net to provide short term nourishment, while supporting education skills training, and health services. By partnering again with Rise Against hunger we have the opportunity to have a fun, one day, multigenerational event, packaging 10,000 nutritious meals.

Last year we packaged 10,000 meals which were sent to the Phillipines, 8,000 meals and to Nicaragua, 2,000 meals.

We would like to have 50 volunteers like last year. Rise Against Hunger will provide the training, music, safety supplies, to make it a fun experience. This event supports our global mission goal of helping to reduce hunger. We will have more information as the date gets closer.

Respectfully submitted, Brad Parker, Mission Elder.



Thank You for Celebrating Easter with Joy!

Many thanks to Brian Kinnear for putting up the Stations of the Cross,
to Alana Mapes for the floral arrangements,
to the choir for wonderful choral music and Maurine for leading the effort,
to Heather McConnell and the Fellowship board for the pastries between
Easter services,
to Kurt Granat and Dave Bratton for changing all the banners,
and to the Women's Guild for overseeing lilies for Easter.



thank you

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 APRIL

ELDER OF THE MONTH

Dave Vanasche

DEACON OF THE WEEK

4/7 Mary Easton; 4/14 Meredith Bach;
4/21 Joanne Ploem; 4/28 Sue Weinbender

SAFETY MANAGERS

4/7 Dan Browning; 4/14 Jeff Uecker; 4/21 Dan Browning; 4/28 Tim Rippe

USHERS

Alternate Coordinator: Julie Metz

4/7 Jeff Uecker & Sherry Ormiston; 4/14 Chris Macfarlane & Tim Rippe;
4/21 Laura Hartlieb & Rick Clay; 4/28 TBD

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

4/7 Terri Browning; 4/14 Joanne Ploem, Debbie Nash; 4/21 Anna Gamble,
Debbie Nash; 4/28 N/A

ASPIRE SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR MAY IS APRIL 15

Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Tracie Bullis
Parish Associate	Chris Macfarlane
Office Administrator	Becky Oswald
Choir Director	Maurine Granat
Accompanists	Meredith Bach, Judy Charles, Phyllis Laners
Treasurer	Katherine Kinnear
Building Liaison	Robi Knox

Session

Clerk of Session	Melissa Ellefson
Business & Finance	Teresa Griffels
Mission	Brad Parker
Worship and Music	Maurine Granat
Christian Education	Debbie Nash
Cemetery	Henk Ploem
Outreach & Membership	Carolyn Fowler
Building & Grounds	Dave Vanasche
Fellowship	Sheri Hiester

Deacons

Meredith Bach • Mary Easton • Kurt Granat • Bette Hahn • Gary Hahn • Debi Knox • Evelyn Kinnear
Emily West • Joanne Ploem • Lois Sterenberg • Sue Weinbender • Glenda Benton • Winston Benton

This Month at Old Scotch

April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY					
	1	7pm - Worship and Music Meeting on Zoom 	7pm - Choir 	4	5	8am @ Elmer's 					
9am Adult Ed. 10am Worship 10:30am Sunday School	7	8	7pm - Session 	9	7pm—Choir 	10	11	12	13		
9am Adult Ed. 10am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11am Christian Ed. Commission Mtg.	14	15	7pm - Women's Guild 	16	7pm - Choir 	17	4pm-8pm 	18	19	9am Deacons Meeting 	20
9am Adult Ed. 10am Worship 10:30am Sunday School	21	22	23	7pm - Choir 	24	25	26	27			
9am Adult Ed. 10am Worship/ Communion 10:30am Sunday School 	28	29	30								