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## NEWSLETTER OF THE OLD SCOTCH CHURCH September 2025

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**Sunday Worship 10:00am**  
**The Old Scotch Church**

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

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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).  
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# TUALATIN PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

~ “OLD SCOTCH” ~

SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

## WALKING WITH WISDOM

We do love our history at The Old Scotch Church. Part of that love is about the story in the past. People have marvelous stories, if we will just take the time to listen. Part of it is about drawing strength from history, as people who see and expand on what's happened before. Part of it is the wisdom we can find in history when we stand in the position of hindsight to make better choices, because we are ever-hopeful to mature and grow. Our Old Testament history is part of who we are today as people of the Christian faith. When we walk through that history, we gain a pathway to God's wisdom for us today.

With the start of the Fall season, our study of Old Testament history continues to work through the prophets. This fall, we explore the exile to Babylon. Over ten years ago, we started this Fall focus of listening to the Old Testament with Abraham's life. We followed his line of children into Egypt, and then Moses led us out. We've walked with the Kings, probably spending the most time with King David, who is centrally featured in Old Testament history. We raced through the wild kings of the Northern and Southern split of the People of God into Judah and Israel. Then, we took a look at some of the prophetic voices who walked with the kings before Israel split into two kingdoms and then those with the Northern tribes, whether the kings listened to them or not. We've heard from familiar prophets like Isaiah and Ezekiel as well as from minor prophets.

To start September, we'll hear from the little-known prophet Obadiah before we take the rest of the season to listen to the prophet Jeremiah, who started a hopeful ministry with King Josiah, who was a reformer. Then his ministry became tougher with almost every king, because Babylon was gaining power and momentum as King Nebuchadnezzar led Babylon toward Israel. Jeremiah tried a number of approaches and used many metaphors to help the people turn toward God. Even as he was taken into exile, he kept reminding the people that they were God's people. Even in the midst of exile, he gave them the true and comforting words that the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases and God's mercy never comes to an end.

So, as we walk into the cooler days and up-tick of activity that September brings, remember that we are part of a long history of God's work in the world and that God is always, always working in our lives, speaking to us through whatever means we might listen ... even through a prophet.

As you prepare for worship each Sunday, here are the texts, themes and events for September.

September 7	Obadiah	Kingdom Work	Communion; Bibles Given
September 14	Jeremiah 1:4-11	Called by God	Minute for Mission
September 21	Jeremiah 3:5-12	Forgiving Failure	Stewardship update
September 28	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1	Praying	Children's Question

Grace and Peace,

*Janice 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

## Choir Resumes in September

Adult choir will sing the anthem for Sunday service beginning September 7 and 14 with rehearsal before church at 9:00 a.m. NO Wednesday rehearsal until September 17. There will be a rehearsal after church on August 31 to kickoff the choir year! If you have any questions, please contact Maurine Granat or Cindy Uecker.

Children's Joy Choir and Youth Chime Choir will begin in late September.



## Men's Breakfast Saturday, September 6

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



## Sunday School is Starting!

**Children's Sunday School:** The first day of Sunday School class will be September 14 and will be continuing the curriculum used last year. In the first few weeks the children will be learning about the Israelites reaching the Promised Land.

**Adult Bible Study:** The first day will be September 21. The exact schedule is still being worked on, but the overall theme of the year will be looking at the Old Testament - reviewing the many books, the history, and stories while listening for what God would have us hear through it all.



## Women's Service Guild

The September meeting of the Women's Service Guild will be on **Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, Sheri Hiester's home.**

We will be meeting at 7:00 pm. All women are invited to attend. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on the 4<sup>th</sup> for a delicious dessert, brief business meeting and program presented by Sheri.

## NEW MEMBERS CLASS

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH

## Interested in Membership?

Please join Pastor Tracie in the sanctuary after worship on September 14th from 11:00AM to 11:45 to learn about Presbyterianism, Old Scotch Church, and membership.

If you are ready to move forward with membership, you are invited to join Pastor Tracie and the Elders on September 21st after the service for a 30-40-minute meeting in room 2 downstairs next to the kitchen.

We will have a conversation about membership and give you the opportunity to talk to various session members (the Elders) about your faith story and your sense of call to join Old Scotch Church.

We look forward to seeing you on September 14th and 21st. If you cannot make these meetings, please contact the church office.





## **SPLANKNIDZOMAI! Got Something or Someone Pulling at Your Gut?**

The greek word in the Bible for that 'Gut Pull' where you can't let something go and need to act on it with compassion is called splanknidzomai. This is what moved Jesus to reach toward the man with a skin disease and touch him and what moved Jesus to ask others to reach out with love. Others like US! So, may we LISTEN to the Holy Spirit who nudges those kinds of compassionate pull. May we support others who are discerning a gut-pull. And may we discern as a congregation where God is calling us to move out with love.



### **Combo Youth Group with HPC!**

We are joining with Hillsboro Presbyterian Church (HPC) for youth group this fall. The first meeting is Sunday, September 21, at HPC from 6-7:30 pm. Youth group is open to students in 6th-12th grades. Please plan to bring your student to/from HPC directly (172 NE 32nd Ave, Hillsboro). The theme for the first night is "The Frito Is Your Friend." What do you think that means? A snack will be provided and youth events for October to December will be shared soon!



### **Office Job Share**

Starting in September, Julie Metz will be joining staff, as she and Becky will begin a job share as office administrators. Becky has begun her own grief coaching business and is cutting back her time in the church office. Julie has been subbing in the office for several months and has been fabulous! Becky and Julie work well together and are looking forward to collaborating in the office. Please take a moment to welcome Julie to the church staff!



### **"SCHOOL U" Supplies**

"SCHOOL U" appreciates the bargain shopping you do! When stores advertise their best prices on school supplies, the Old Scotch Church family has been careful and generous shoppers to help our community elementary students. THANKS from kids and staff at both North Plains schools for the many gifts given to them last year.

Here it comes again...good buys on printing paper, marking pens, etc. Please place donated supplies on the bench by the elevator ramp in the church basement. Gift cards are very welcome too and could be placed in an envelope with DEACONS on the address line. Now, let's go swimming, while it's still vacation time!

## North Plains Food Bank and Volunteering

The "Kickstart2school" event was a success and free of charge to all participants. Here's a summary provided by Alan Hallberg:

- There were ~300 kids that attended.
- All kids got personalized name tags, backpacks and many essential school supplies to fill their packs.
- 270 pairs of brand-new shoes were given away
- Countless clothes were donated to needy families and put to good use. Roughly ~50 large garbage bags filled with clean, organized clothes to choose from.
- Virginia Garcia Medical Center had 2 large vans on site for treatments: Vaccinations, dental exams and treatments and other medical services and connections.
- Vision to Learn and Lion's Sight and Hearing Foundation Screened 40 children and all 15 that needed it went through VTL van full eye exams on site and referred to clinics for glasses. Both teams provided contact information for any further follow-up support. Eye screening was available to all, but only 40 chose to or knew they needed screening (they either just had exams, or already had glasses, and opted not to screen)
- July seemed early for this, but here we are now 3 weeks from school starting, and hundreds of kids now much more prepared for success.

The NPFB is planning to move on August 26th. The FB will not be closing. A small building directly across 314<sup>th</sup> St is being rented. In addition, a shed is being purchased to hold fridge and freezers. Longer term a mobile trailer may be placed on the length of this grassy lot that is part of the property. The FB supplies and demands continue to grow, 4000lbs of food serving over 300 families, almost 2000 clients fed on a weekly basis.

**The NPFB will be open to moving help during the week of 8/26-8/31 when they are to be completely moved out.**



### Saturday October 4, 2025



Rise Against Hunger food packaging event  
at Bethany Presbyterian Church Gym!  
From 9:00am-1:00pm



Register Online using this link!

<https://rah.secure.force.com/events/homepage?id=701Pj00000aUS3r>





## 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.oldsotchchurch.org/cemetery](http://www.oldsotchchurch.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 SEPTEMBER

### ELDER OF THE MONTH

Matt Metz

### DEACON OF THE WEEK

9/7 Emily West; 9/14 Meredith Bach; 9/21 Joanne Ploem; 9/28 Lois Sterenberg

### SAFETY MANAGERS

9/7 Marty Bullis & TBD; 9/14 Tim Rippe & Marty Bullis; 9/21 Ben Nelson & Tim Rippe; 9/28 TBD & Ben Nelson

### USHERS

Alternate Coordinator: Joanne Ploem  
9/7 West Family; 9/14 Kyle & Vance Sele; 9/21 Henk & Joanne Ploem;  
9/28 Linda Gratterer & Ellen Vanasche

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

9/7 N/A; 9/14 Maggie Hudson; 9/21 Anna Gamble; 9/28 Joanne Ploem

## ASPIRE SUBMISSIONS FOR OCTOBER IS SEPTEMBER 15

### *Church Staff*

Pastor	Rev. Tracie Bullis
Parish Associate	Chris Macfarlane
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	Melissa Ellefson
Business & Finance	Matt Metz
Mission	Brad Parker
Worship and Music	Maurine Granat
Christian Education	Brian Kinnear
Cemetery	Jeff Uecker
Outreach & Membership	
Building & Grounds	Scott Weinbender
Fellowship	Judy Ingala

### *Deacons*

Meredith Bach • Glenda Benton • Winston Benton • Kurt Granat • Russell Kinnear  
Julie Metz • Joanne Ploem • Lois Sterenberg • Sue Weinbender • Emily West

# This Month at Old Scotch

# September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2	3	4	5	6 8am Men's Breakfast @ Elmer's Restaurant
7 9am Choir Practice 10am Worship/Communion 11am Mission Mtg. 11am Fellowship Mtg.	8	9 7pm - Session 	10	11	12	13
14 9am Choir Practice 10am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11am Cemetery Commission Mtg. 11:15am New Members Class	15	16	17 7pm—Choir Practice 	18  Homeplate 4pm-8pm	19	20 9:30am Deacon's Mtg. 
21 9am Bible Study 10am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:15am New Members Class	22	23	24 7pm—Choir Practice 	25	26	27
28 9am Bible Study 10am Worship 10:30am Sunday School	29	30 <div>Worship and Music Zoom Mtg 7pm</div>				