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Sunday Worship 10:00am
The Old Scotch Church
Monday–Thursday
8:30am–12:30pm

Cemetery Needs
Contact the cemetery:
Phone: 503-389-0624
Email: cemetery@oldscotchchurch.org
or visit
www.oldscotchchurch.org/cemetery

SEPTEMBER 2026

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Electronic Giving Option

To donate electronically via your smart phone, just follow these 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 oldscotchchurch.org/give.html)



A Note from Pastor Tracie

THE LITTLE BITS OF HISTORY

As people who pay attention to history at The Old Scotch Church, we have not only recorded and listened to the story of our congregation or of some of the stories of those in our cemetery or of the larger story of our reformed faith. For the last twelve years, we spend the Fall months listening to the Old Testament history of God with the people of Israel, starting 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, Ezekiel and Jeremiah as well as from minor prophets. This year, we will make our way out of exile to the return into Jerusalem.

This September, after we wind up our summer series with our last synoptic gospels story, we'll hear some stories from Daniel, which we may remember from our childhood Sunday school or Vacation Bible School days. Connected to those texts will be the opportunity on September 27 to renew a profession of faith and remember our baptisms. Since we've had a number of visitors who have sought to reaffirm their faith, we are giving an opportunity to do that in a personal and meaningful way on that Sunday. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity, please speak with me.

In addition, we are holding our annual membership exploration conversation on Sunday, August 30, after the worship service in the sanctuary. This is a chance to hear what being a member at The Old Scotch Church means. Then, on Sunday, September 13, after worship is the opportunity to meet with elders about joining the church. If you are interested in what being a member is about, join us on August 30. If you aren't available on that date, or have questions, please contact me.

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

September 6	Matthew 19:16-22	Final Synoptic Text	Communion
September 13	Daniel 1:1-17	Perseverance	Minute for Mission; Sunday School
September 20	Daniel 6:3-23	Prayer and Trust	Bibles Given
September 27	Daniel 4	Repentance	Stewardship; Baptism Renewal

Grace and Peace,

Tracie 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



**We will meet at the home of Sheri Hiester at
7 pm on Thursday Sept. 3.**

We begin with a shared delicious dessert followed by devotions and a short business meeting. Our program will be a recap of summer activities with fellowship time. Please come if you are new to our church or if you have had a lapse in attending or if you never miss a meeting. We welcome and invite all women to attend!



**Saturday, September 5
All men are invited 8 AM at
Elmer's Restaurant
390 SW Adams Ave.,
Hillsboro**



Unruh Scholarships Recipients

Five members of The Old Scotch Church received Unruh Scholarships towards their college expenses. Congratulations and best wishes to Avery Cooper who will be attending UofO as a freshman, Evelyn Kinnear in her 2nd year at George Fox University, Russell Kinnear who will be a freshman at Vanguard University, Genevieve Metz in her 3rd year at OSU, and Hannah Metz in her first year of graduate school at Lewis and Clark. Please keep these students in your prayers and we look forward to reconnecting when they are home on breaks.



The school year is starting and so is Sunday School at Old Scotch Church! Both children's and adult Sunday School will start on Sept. 13. Once again, the children will have Sunday School during the church service (being dismissed to class right after the choir sings) except for Sundays when we have communion. Adult Sunday School is at 9 am in the basement.

Children's Sunday School:

The children will continue with the curriculum we started over a year ago. In September, they will be looking at the stories of Jesus healing a Roman officer, a man born blind, and 10 men with leprosy.

Adult Sunday School:

In September, we will look at the sacraments - first what they are and then looking at Baptism and the Lord's Supper. After that we will begin studying the book of Acts.

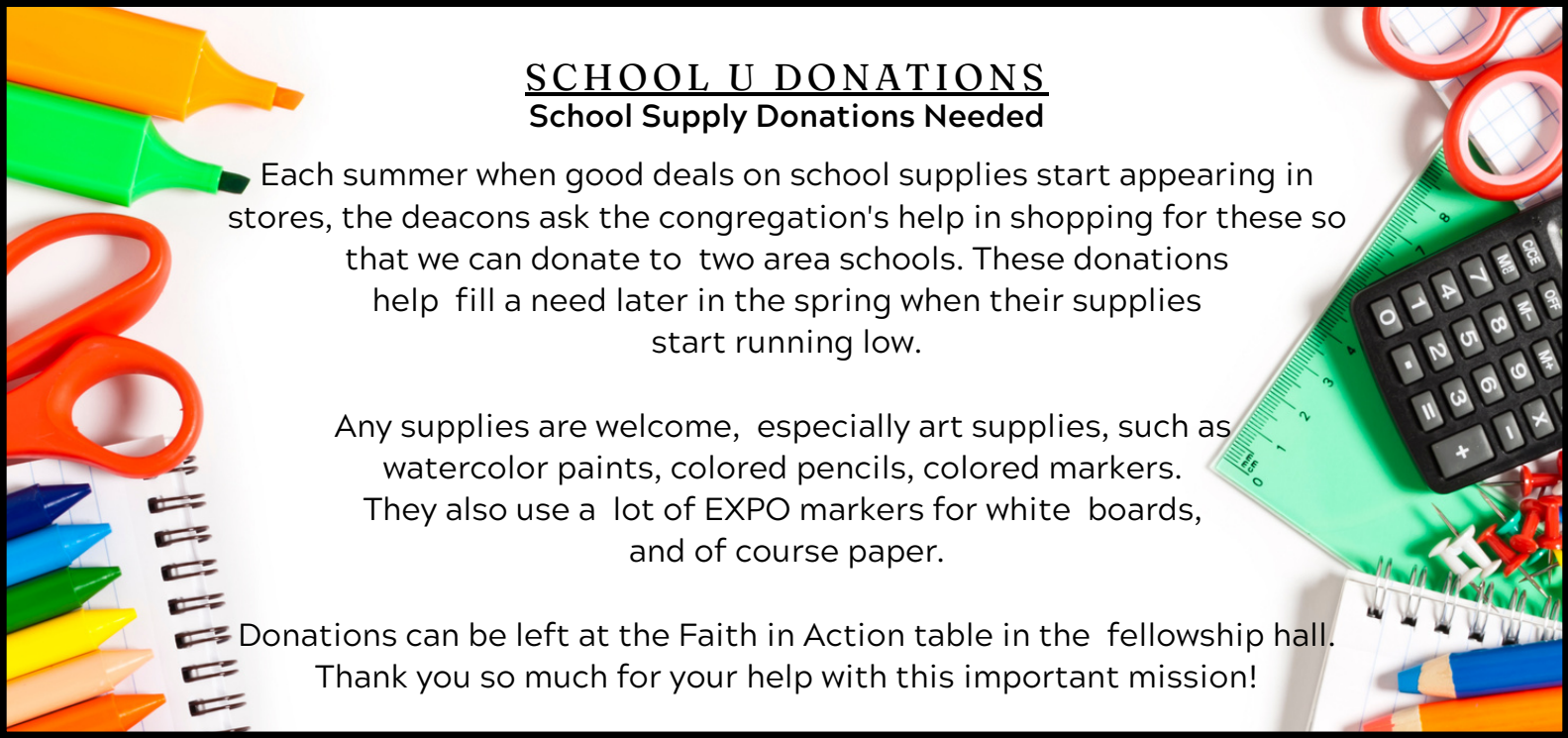
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SCHOOL U DONATIONS School Supply Donations Needed

Each summer when good deals on school supplies start appearing in stores, the deacons ask the congregation's help in shopping for these so that we can donate to two area schools. These donations help fill a need later in the spring when their supplies start running low.

Any supplies are welcome, especially art supplies, such as watercolor paints, colored pencils, colored markers. They also use a lot of EXPO markers for white boards, and of course paper.

Donations can be left at the Faith in Action table in the fellowship hall. Thank you so much for your help with this important mission!



FREE

Free Desk and Chair

These two furniture items are available!

You haul.

Chair: 67" long, 31.3" deep, 29.5" tall

Desk: 22" long, 21" deep, 36" tall



"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens"

ECCLESIASTES 3:1



MISSIONS

MISSION & SERVICE AT OLD SCOTCH CHURCH: LIVING THE MEANING OF WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday is one of those rare moments in the church year when we pause and remember that the Table we gather around is bigger than our sanctuary, our town, or even our denomination. As the PC(USA) reminds us, this day is about recognizing our unity in Christ across cultures, languages, and continents – and about joining in God’s work of justice, kindness, and humble service in the world.

But here at Old Scotch Church, that calling isn’t limited to a single Sunday. Our Mission Committee embodies the spirit of World Communion all year long – connecting our congregation to the needs of our community and the wider world through service, compassion, and generosity.

World Communion Sunday lifts up ministries of racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical partnership. Those same values show up in the hands-on work our congregation does every month.

- **Serving meals to houseless youth at HomePlate each month**- When we prepare and serve dinner for young people experiencing housing instability, we’re living out Micah’s call to love kindness in a tangible way. A warm meal, a welcoming smile, and a safe place to rest – these are acts of communion.
- **Packing meals with Rise Against Hunger on October 3**- In just a couple of hours, our volunteers help prepare thousands of shelf-stable meals that travel across the globe to communities facing food insecurity. It’s a powerful reminder that the Table of Grace stretches far beyond Oregon.
- **Hosting the “Estate Planning Made Simple” workshop on September 20**- Offering education and support to our members and neighbors is another form of care. Helping people plan for the future, reduce stress, and make thoughtful decisions is a ministry of compassion – one that strengthens our community and honors the dignity of every household.

The World Communion Offering teaches that justice and kindness take many forms – advocacy, education, global partnerships, and local action. Our congregation reflects that same diversity of service:

- Some of us serve through action: cooking, packing, organizing, showing up.
- Some of us serve through prayer: holding our community and the world before God.
- Some of us serve through financial giving: supporting ministries that reach places we cannot go ourselves.

This October, as we join Christians around the globe at Christ’s table, may we celebrate not only our unity in faith, but also the many ways our mission work continues that communion throughout the year.

Because when we all give a little – of time, of resources, of compassion – it truly adds up to a lot.

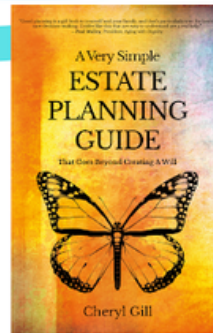


Click here to register for the
Rise Against Hunger Event
on October 3.

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Estate Planning Workshop



- How to get started
- Key documents everyone should have
- What's best - Will or a Trust?
- Simple ways to avoid probate
- Common mistakes - and how to avoid them

Attendees receive a free estate planning checklist and more!

VerySimpleEstatePlanning.com



Sun., 09/20/26
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Registration requested.
Sign up at the Faith in Action table.

Meet Your Speaker: Cheryl Gill

Retired paralegal and author, she shares a relatable perspective using simple language and real-life examples to empower you with knowledge & confidence!



BECOMING THE GRIEF INFORMED CHURCH

Equipping communities of faith to become counter-cultural in this grief avoidant society.

Speaker Becky Oswald, Thanatologist and Grief Educator

November 14, 2026 | 9:00am-3:30pm
Hillsboro Presbyterian Church
172 NE 32nd Ave, Hillsboro, OR 97124

Two morning and two afternoon sessions with lunch included

Watch for more information regarding registration fees and how to register

Seminar questions?
Please email journeysgriefcoaching@gmail.com

OLD SCOTCH CHURCH CEMETERY PRICE STRUCTURE

	Members	Non-members
In Ground*		
Regular, 4'x10' lot	\$1500	\$2750 (double depth burial allowed in unoccupied lot)
Infant Section, 4'x7' lot	\$200	\$500
Cremation, 2'x2' lot	\$500	\$1000

(*These prices do not include grave opening and fabrication and installation of marker.
Additional record-keeping fee of \$250 for each interment.)

Columbarium**		
Top Row	\$1100	\$1500
Middle Row	\$1050	\$1450
Bottom Row	\$1000	\$1400

(**Additional inurnment and engraving fees apply. Additional recordkeeping fee of \$250 for each inurnment. Member pricing limited to 2 per member.)

Cemetery: (503) 389-0624 or email cemetery@oldscotchchurch.org or visit www.oldscotchchurch.org/cemetery.

REMINDER OF SERVICE FOR SEPTEMBER

ELDER OF THE MONTH

Lorraine Prather

DEACON OF THE WEEK

9/6 Meredith Bach; 9/13 Sue Weinbender; 9/20 Hannah Metz; 9/27 Lois Sterenberg

SAFETY MANAGERS

9/6 TBD & Marty Bullis; 9/13 TBD & Jeff Uecker; 9/20 Bryan Gamble & Ben Nelson;
9/27 Marty Bullis & Steve O'Connor

USHERS

Alternate Coordinator: Joanne Ploem

9/6 West Family; 9/13 TBD & Winston Benton; 9/20 Arnold Family; 9/27 Ellefson/Parker Family

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

9/13 Cindy Uecker; 9/20 Anna Gamble; 9/27 Maggie Hudson

ASPIRE SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER IS SEPTEMBER 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
Bereavement Coordinator	Robi Knox

Session

Clerk of Session	Lorraine Prather
Business & Finance	Matt Metz
Mission	Carl Winch
Worship & 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



September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 7pm Women's Service Guild Mtg.	4	5 8am Men's Breakfast
6 10am Worship Communion 11am Missions Mtg.	7 7pm Worship & Music Mtg. on Zoom 	8 7pm Session	9 7pm Choir Practice	10	11	12
13 10am Worship 11am Cemetery Mtg. 11am Membership Mtg.	14	15	16 7pm Choir Practice	17 4pm Homeplate	18	19 9:30am Deacon's mtg.
20 10am Worship 12pm Estate Planning Made Simple Workshop	21	22	23 7pm Choir Practice	24	25	26
27 10am Worship Cookie Sunday	28	29	30 7pm Choir Practice			