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NEWSLETTER OF THE OLD SCOTCH CHURCH October 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.
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3) Use the link to make a donation to the Old Scotch Church (found at oldscotchchurch.org/give.html)





TUALATIN PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

~ “OLD SCOTCH” ~

OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

WALKING WITH STEADFAST JEREMIAH

In September, after a splash into the rather obscure book of Obadiah, we started our fall study of Jeremiah the prophet as he spoke to God's people who were heading into being conquered and exiled. As we learned from his call story, being a prophet is a hard call. Yet God promised Jeremiah, and us, to be equipped and never without God's presence. Then we heard echoes of Jesus as the Living Water when Jeremiah helped us to consider the ways we built broken vessels on our own instead of going to the Source of Life. Finally, Chris Macfarlane walked us into the power of prayer in one of the many prayers Jeremiah says.

October will be full of more of Jeremiah's trademark imagery as he uses everyday items to point us to the work and purposes of God. Jeremiah is repeatedly faithful to following God in a chaotic world where leadership is lacking and the enemy is drawing ever closer. Jeremiah's boldness and steadfastness are handholds for us in the winds that seek to blow us off course. We are God's people called to follow the ways of Jesus. May we listen for the tools God is offering through the prophet Jeremiah.

Besides worship and sermons, we have the opportunity to learn and grow through the 9AM Sunday School class in rooms 1 and 2. For Sept. 21 and 28, Jean Nevills, who is a Spiritual Director, led us into an exploration of what it means to walk with God's Holy Spirit. We hope to hear more of her teaching in the Spring. In this month, Brian Kinnear will prepare us for the basics of Bible Study on Oct. 5 and 12 and I will be leading class on Oct 19 and 26 for a conversation around how we move from the Biblical text into modern situations we are encountering today. Please consider making time for these learning opportunities.

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

October 5	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Trusting the Lord	World Communion Sunday
October 12	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Molded by God	Minute for Mission
October 19	Jeremiah 20:7-13	Following God	Stewardship Update
October 26	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7	Growing while afraid	Reformation Sunday Communion

Grace and Peace,

Juacie 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



Men's Breakfast Saturday, October 4

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



Women's Service Guild The October meeting of the Women's Service Guild will be on **Thursday, October 2, At the Vanasche Barn, 7pm**

The October 2nd meeting of the Women's Service Guild will be held in the Vanasche barn at 7:00pm. After a short business meeting we will repair and create new Chrismons for the sanctuary Christmas Tree. We invite all women to join us for this fun craft activity.



Advent Workshop
*It's back! Save the date for the
Advent Workshop:
December 7th
after worship in the
Fellowship Hall.
Watch for more details in
November's Aspire.*

**SCHOOL
SUPPLIES NEEDED**

"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.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Saturday, Oct 4, 9 am to noon - RISE AGAINST HUNGER all-church event with Hillsboro and Bethany Presbyterian churches! Sign up at the Faith In Action table.

Sunday, Oct 5, 6-7:30 PM - Youth Group @ Hillsboro Presbyterian (Sheri will be there!)

Sunday, Oct 19, Meet at 5 PM at Hillsboro Presbyterian to go to the CORN MAZE at Savie Island (more details to come) Neither Tracie nor Sheri can attend.

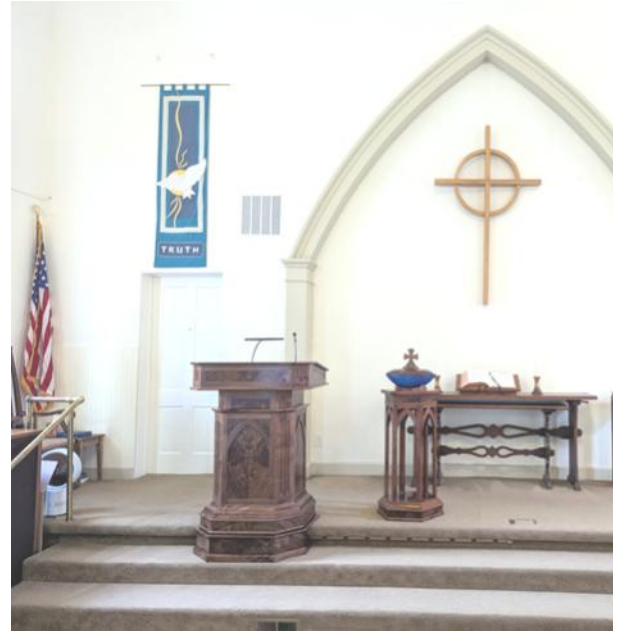
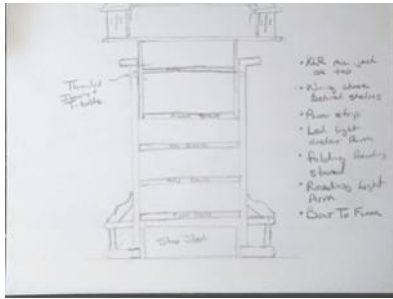
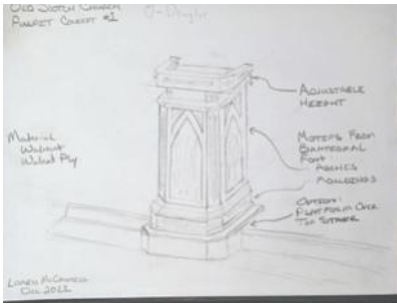
Sunday, Nov 2, 6-7:30 PM - Youth Group at Hillsboro Presbyterian (Tracie will be there!)

Sunday, Nov 16, 6-7:30 PM - Youth Group at Hillsboro Presbyterian (Sheri will be there!)

****Sunday, Dec 7, 6-8 PM - Christmas Party at Old Scotch Church! **** Yes, we are keeping the tradition of the Christmas Party at OSC with a dinner, games, Christmas reflection and White Elephant gifts!



New pulpit



Thoughts Behind the Timber and Tradition

In a heartfelt presentation during the Aug. 31 worship service, member Loren McConnell unveiled his newly crafted pulpit at the Old Scotch Church — a meaningful step in the congregation's ongoing renewal. Following the church's 150th anniversary celebration in 2023, restoration efforts have continued with repaired windowpanes, a new roof, fresh paint and now a pulpit built to honor both tradition and longevity.

McConnell designed and constructed the pulpit over a two-year period. It features Gothic Revival elements that echo the sanctuary's architecture, including arch-top panels that mirror the church's windows. Remarkably, the walnut wood used for the pulpit and the baptismal font beside it — also created by McConnell — came from the same locally harvested tree. The tree was donated by his parents decades ago and saved for a worthy project.

Beyond its craftsmanship, the pulpit was dedicated with a message about its deeper purpose: to serve as a spiritual anchor for the congregation. Drawing inspiration from Herman Melville's vivid description of a ship-like pulpit in *Moby-Dick*, McConnell emphasized its role in guiding, replenishing and uniting the community. He offered three guiding principles for its use: speak truthfully, trust that God's message will be heard and be a good listener.

The pulpit, he reminded attendees, is not just a fixture but a vessel for shared faith, reflection and growth. As the congregation gathers around it in the years to come, it will stand as a testament to enduring craftsmanship and collective devotion.

Blessing and Prayer of Dedication for the New Pulpit

By Chris Macfarlane

From chaos, God, the Creator created our world in seven days. Since time immortal, God has called and directed woodworkers, masons, carvers, weavers, artisans, and crafters to create, build, and make. Wood, stone, clay, glass, fiber ... each crafted to give God the glory; each reminders of God's love, grace, and sacrifice and our redemption.

Blessed are the builders and the makers. From the monumental to the small; from the ornate to the plain ... and somewhere in between. From temple builders to the carpenter from Nazareth. From Noah who built an ark to Loren who has created a new pulpit for our sanctuary.

We, the community of the Old Scotch Church receive this pulpit with gratitude and thanks for the gift of Loren's talent, time, and generosity. We thank the McConnell family for the gift of wood grown and harvested not far from here to provide for this pulpit.

Please pray with me Gracious God we dedicate this pulpit for worship in our sanctuary and ask your blessing on it. May each one of us, now and in the future, pastor or lay person, feel the blessing of spirit, love, and craftsmanship embedded in its design and construction. May it grace our sanctuary for years to come and provide a sacred space for liturgy, scripture, teaching, and prayer.

Thank you for the gifts of the people, given to your glory, and in your Son's name, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Service of Remembrance

November 9, 2025

3:00pm

Reception following the service

at The Old Scotch Church
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A ministry of care to those who have lost loved ones and especially feel that loss during the holidays.

Please park in the back parking lot. The entrance to the parking lot is to the west of the church through the cemetery.

Saturday October 4, 2025

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



**"FALL FAVORITES"
POTLUCK!**

Sunday, October 12
You bring your favorite
side dish or dessert
to compliment
Pulled Porkwe are thrifty!



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.oldschotchchurch.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 OCTOBER

ELDER OF THE MONTH

Scott Weinbender

DEACON OF THE WEEK

10/5 Meredith Bach; 10/12 Lois Sterenberg; 10/19 Winston Benton; 10/26 Julie Metz

SAFETY MANAGERS

10/5 Winston Benton & TBD; 10/12 Rick Clay & Bryan Gamble;
10/19 TBD & Marty Bullis; 10/26 Marty Bullis & Rick Clay

USHERS

Alternate Coordinator: Sherry Ormiston
10/5 Scott & Karen Ables ; 10/12 Scott & Dorothy Pasley; 10/19 Julie & Matt Metz;
10/26 Jessie Head & Sherry Ormiston

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

10/5 N/A; 10/12 Anna Gamble; 10/19 Maggie Hudson; 10/26 N/A

ASPIRE SUBMISSIONS FOR NOVEMBER IS OCTOBER 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

October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	 7pm Women's Service Guild at the Vanasche Barn	2	3 8am Men's Breakfast @ Elmer's Restaurant 9am Rise Against Hunger
5 9am Bible Study 10am Worship/Communion 10:30am Sunday School 11am Mission Mtg.	6	7	8 7pm—Choir Practice 	9	10	11
12 9am Bible Study 10am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11am Potluck	13	14 7pm - Session 	15 7pm—Choir Practice 	 16 Homeplate 4pm-8pm	17	18 9:30am Deacon's Mtg. 
19 9am Bible Study 10am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 5pm Youth Corn Maze	20	21	22 7pm—Choir Practice 	23	24	25
26 9am Bible Study 10am Worship/Communion COOKIE SUNDAY	27	28	29 7pm—Choir Practice 	30	31	