

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Sunday, April 14, 2019*



If you are a first-time guest or returning visitor to our church family, please allow us to extend a special welcome to you. We offer an invitation for you to join us in the Parish Hall after worship for coffee, tea, cookies, and a chance to learn more about Old First.

Please take this opportunity to be greeted by our members and be introduced to our Pastor, Matthew Means. Thank you for visiting us today and welcome to our family of faith!

### Get Connected to Old First!



With so many exciting opportunities for us to gather together in worship, fellowship, and service; now more than ever, it is very important to “stay connected” to and with Old First!

We share information about our ministries by phone, email, and through our website and Facebook page. If you are not connected, then you just may miss out!

If you are currently not receiving any of these forms of communication from Old First, please contact the church office **TODAY** and provide us with your information! We cannot wait to get ... and *stay* ... connected with you!!!



### **Middle and High School Youth Group Continues TONIGHT @ 6:00 pm!**

Join us from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Youth Room for an evening of faith, fun, and fellowship with Pastor Matthew, Kerry, Amy, and all of your friends in faith!

*Our Sunday night Youth Group is the perfect time and place for ALL 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students to gather together and share the faith journey at Old First!*

### **Kids & Youth Choir and Youth Club Continue Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>!**

*If you are in 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade, this is the perfect place for you to be on Wednesday nights!*

5:00 - 5:30 pm Kids' Choir (Grades 1-3)

5:30 - 6:00 pm Youth Choir (Grades 4-8)

6:00 - 7:00 pm Youth Club Activities (All Ages!) & Dinner

### **Join Us for a Very Special Concert!**

We have the special privilege of welcoming a talented choir of high school singers from the Abington Presbyterian Church in Abington, Pennsylvania on **Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm!**

This **FREE CONCERT** will feature religious choral music, along with handbells, and is sure to provide a wonderful evening for all involved!



### Today Is Palm Sunday!

Our journey through Holy Week and the final events in the life and ministry of our Christ begins **TODAY** with **Palm Sunday!** We remember the triumphal entry of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem as the people gather to proclaim, “*Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!*” But let us not forget that soon these same voices will cry out for his crucifixion ...

### Each Sunday During Holy Week ...

We will share a different “*Affirmation of Faith*” from the Book of Confessions, detailing what we believe about Jesus Christ. “*A Brief Statement of Faith*,” written in 1983 to celebrate the reunion of the Presbyterian Church in the United States and the United Presbyterian Church in the United States, separated since 1859 over a variety of social and theological issues.



### Join Us for Worship as Holy Week Continues!

Holy Week has arrived and with it comes a number of incredible opportunities to follow in the footsteps of our Christ as we share in the events of his final week of life and ministry! Please join us for the following services of worship as we join our Savior in his journey to the cross and beyond:

**Maundy Thursday**  
**Thursday, April 18th at 7:00 pm**



**Good Friday Tenebrae**  
**Friday, April 19th at 7:00 pm**



**Easter Sunday**  
**Sunday, April 21st at 10:00 am**



### **Pancake Breakfast Is TODAY Following Worship!**



Following worship, please join us in the Parish Hall for our Spring Pancake Breakfast, hosted by our fabulous Old First Church Deacons! All proceeds from today's breakfast will support the annual Deacon Thanksgiving basket ministry!

**Tickets are available at the door for  
\$9 (adult), \$7 (youth), and \$28 (max per family)**

### **Easter Flower Order Forms DUE TODAY!**



If you would like to donate Easter flowers to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, now is the time to complete and submit your order form!

Easter flowers are **\$15 each** and may be taken home or donated following Easter Sunday worship. Forms are available at either entrance to the Sanctuary, in the church office, or by following the link in the weekly Old First email.

### **Are You Missing Something?**



We have a large variety of lost and found items gathered on the table outside the church office! Stop by and see if any belong to you!

### **The Clothesline Thrift Store Needs Volunteers!!!**

Our Thrift Store cannot continue to serve our community without YOU! Volunteers are needed on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please call the Thrift Store during regular hours or contact **Susan Worledge** if you can work a shift or two during the week ... even if it is only an hour or two from time to time!



Sermon Notes for  
Sunday, April 14, 2019

**“Faces”**

Key Scriptures:

“The crowds that went ahead of Jesus were shouting,  
‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the  
one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!’”

Matthew 21:9

“O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever! Blessed is  
the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord.”

Psalms 118:1, 26

As you picture the triumphal entry of Jesus on  
Palm Sunday to shouts of, “Hosanna!” ... which  
of the faces in the crowd would you have been?

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As Jesus surveyed the crowd and looked at their  
faces ... what thoughts, feelings, or emotions  
may have caused him to stop ... and weep?

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When you consider the tears of our Savior that  
begin our Holy Week journey ... can you identify  
thoughts, beliefs or behaviors of Christ’s followers  
today that may continue to cause these tears?

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**WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR**

**Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**  
**PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP**

10:20 - 11:00 a.m. Church School  
Preschool - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (Room 102)  
4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (Upstairs)

**11:15 a.m. EASTER EGG HUNT  
FOR ALL CHILDREN & YOUTH**

**DEACONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Tickets Available at the Door!!!

\$9 Adults \$7 Children  
\$28 Maximum per Family

**6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Middle and High  
School Youth Group (Youth Room)**

6:15 - 8:45 p.m. AA Meeting (Lower Level - Room 10)

**Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (Room 102)  
4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Adult Children of Alcoholics (Room 102)  
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. NA Meeting (Lower Level - Room 11)

**Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (Lower Level - Room 11)  
1:00 - 2:00 p.m. AA Meeting (Lower Level - Room 10)  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. NA Business (Lower Level - Room 10)

**Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (Room 102)  
7:00 - 9:15 p.m. AA Meeting (Lower Level - Room 10)  
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 32 (Gym)

**Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 - 11:00 a.m. PW / Circle 4 Quilting (Room 101)  
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (Lower Level - Room 11)  
5:00 - 9:30 p.m. Giant Steps (Room 102)

**MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP**

**7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall**

8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting (Room 101)  
9:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. PW / Circle 6 Crafts (Room 212)

**GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP**

**7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall**

**Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

**10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**  
**EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**CHRIST IS RISEN!**  
**HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

6:15 - 8:45 p.m. AA Meeting (Lower Level - Room 10)