

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 21, 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 MAY 5TH @ 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 6th-12th grade students to gather together and share the faith journey at Old First!

Kids & Youth Choir and Youth Club Continue Wednesday, May 1st!

If you are in 1st - 8th 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 4th 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 Easter Sunday!

Today we celebrate the joyful truth that Jesus is our Lord and Messiah - the one who willingly gave his life on the cross, was buried in death, and rose to everlasting life on the third day! As we proclaim the Risen Christ, may you know that God's love for you is so great, that God freely gave the gift of God's own Son, so that as you believe, you may have eternal life!

Each Sunday During Lent and 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.



Who's Ready for Some Laughs?

Mark your calendars and make plans to join us on **Friday, May 10th at 7:00 pm** for a special evening of food, fellowship, and comedy!

Sponsored by the Presbyterian Women, this "**adult dinner and a show**" will feature a delicious meal, followed by an evening of laughs with the Veterans Comedy Assault Team.

Space is limited and tickets are now available for **\$25 per person** (wine and beer served) by contacting (631) 871-9410.

Please Join Us In ACTIVELY Growing In Faith!

This is an exciting time in the life and ministry of our church family and we continue to invite all of our friends, members, and visitors to **get involved!**



With many opportunities for worship, fellowship, and mission at Old First, we are sure you can **find your place!** If not, we will be more than happy to create new opportunities for ministry along side you! Regardless ... we hope and pray that you will **find a home** in the family of God at Old First!

Is God Calling You to Leadership in Ministry?



A new season of prayerful discernment has begun as we work toward new classes of elders, deacons, and trustees at Old First!

We are very blessed to have wonderful people of faith in our church family ... many who have the gifts, skills, and talents to serve our church as leaders.

If you believe God is calling you into leadership at Old First, please reach out and discuss with our Nominating Committee chairperson, Elder Kerry Degnan, or speak with Pastor Matthew Means at your earliest convenience!

Are You Missing Something Important?

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 ... even if it is only for an hour or two from time to time! We look forward to sharing the joy of serving others in mission with you!

Sermon Notes for
Sunday, April 21, 2019

“Nobody But Jesus!”

Key Scriptures:

“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again.”

Luke 24:5-7

“We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear ... to us who were chosen by God as witnesses.”

Acts 10:39-41

As you discover or re-discover the joy of the empty tomb today, what are your thoughts or feelings about once again finding the tomb empty and Jesus risen?

What are some **specific** ways to translate the joy of Easter Sunday into the reality of living every day of your life as a disciple of Jesus Christ?

As you embrace the truth that “nobody but Jesus” can do what God has done for us ... what aspects of your life are you most in need of surrendering to God in relationship with Jesus Christ?

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, April 21st

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

CHRIST IS RISEN!

HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Reminder: No Middle & High School Youth Group!
6:15 - 8:45 p.m. AA Meeting (Lower Level - Room 10)

Monday, April 22nd

Church Office Closed

No Outside Groups or Activities

Tuesday, April 23rd

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)
7:00 p.m. “Stitch Together” Knitting Group (Room 101)

Wednesday, April 24th

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (Room 102)

Reminder: No Choir Rehearsals or Youth Club Tonight!

7:00 - 9:15 p.m. AA Meeting (Lower Level - Room 10)

Thursday, April 25th

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)
7:30 - 8:30 p.m. MA Meeting (Lower Level - Room 10)
8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, April 26th

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)
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (Lower Level - Room 11)

Sunday, April 28th

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Worship - “Footprints in the Sand”

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

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

Save the Dates Old First:

May 4th @ 7:30 p.m.

**Abington Presbyterian Church
Youth Choir and Bell Ringers**

May 10th @ 7:00 p.m.

Women’s Dinner and Comedy Night

May 28th @ 7:00 p.m.

**Old First Church Annual
Kids & Youth Choir Concert**