

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 7, 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 6th-12th grade students to gather together and share the faith journey at Old First!

Kids & Youth Choir and Youth Club Continue Wednesday, April 10th!

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 the Fifth (and Last!) Sunday in Lent!



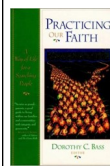
Today is the **fifth Sunday in Lent**, a season to walk together in the footsteps of our Christ as he journeys to the cross of our salvation. Lent is a time to share in worship, fellowship, and service that allow us to grow in faith as we are reminded of the depth and power of God's unconditional love for all!

Each Week During the Season of Lent ...

We will share a different “**Affirmation of Faith**” from the Book of Confessions, detailing what we believe about the ministry of Jesus Christ. “**The Confession of 1967**,” written by the PC(USA) as a modern statement of faith to supplement the Westminster Confession and other statements of faith as a call to unity in confession and mission required of all disciples still today.



Please Join Us for Our Weekly Discussion!



During the season of Lent, we will be exploring spiritual practices from “**Practicing Our Faith**” by **Dorothy Bass (adults)** and “**Way to Live**” by **Dorothy Bass and Don Richter (youth)**.

Our prayer is for each of our members and friends to learn practical spiritual disciplines that will impact our faith journeys as a church and individual disciples of Jesus Christ as we are drawn deeper into relationship with our God.

Please join us in the Fiske Room each Sunday following worship to continue the conversation and grow with us!

Join Us for Holy Week Worship!

Holy Week is nearly upon us 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:



Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 14th at 10:00 am

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 — Sunday, April 14th

Mark your calendars and plan to join us on **Palm Sunday (April 14th)**, immediately following worship for our pancake breakfast, hosted by our fabulous Old First Deacons! All proceeds from the breakfast will support the Thanksgiving basket ministry!

Tickets are \$9 (adult), \$7 (youth), and \$28 (max per family).

Tickets are ON SALE NOW in the Parish Hall!

Easter Flower Order Forms Now Available!

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.



*Sermon Notes for
Sunday, April 7, 2019*

Of the two practices discussed (Singing Our Lives and Dying Well) ... with which do you have more comfort practicing in your faith life? Why?

“Singing Our Lives”

Key Scripture:

*“Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,
sing his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.”*

Psalms 149:1, 3

*As you consider your faith expressed through the
gift of music ... what hymns stand out as favorites?
What does this music say about your faith?*

“Dying Well”

Key Scripture:

*“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things
to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor
anything else in all creation, will be able to separate
us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

Romans 8:38-39

*God assures us that “in life and in death, we belong
to God.” What confidence does this promise hold
for you as you consider the end of your life?*

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, April 7th

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

Worship with Communion

Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:20 - 10:45 a.m. Church School
Preschool - 5th Grade (Room 102)

11:30 a.m. Lenten Study (Fiske Room)

**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 8th

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

4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Adult Children of Alcoholics (Room 102)

7:00 p.m. Education Committee Meeting (Room 101)

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. NA Meeting (Lower Level - Room 11)

Tuesday, April 9th

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)

5:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting (Library)

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting (Room 101)

Wednesday, April 10th

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

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Kids and Youth

Choir Rehearsals and Youth Club

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 11th

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 12th

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 14th

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

Palm Sunday Worship

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

11:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

11:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast (Parish Hall)

**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)