

## Announcements

*Sunday, December 8, 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.

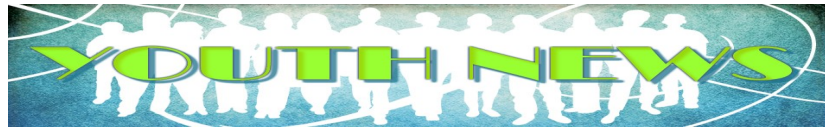
Please take this opportunity to be greeted by our members and be introduced to our Pastor, Matthew Means. We thank you for visiting us today and welcome you to our family of faith!

### Get Connected to Your Church Family at Old First!



With so many exciting opportunities for us to gather together in worship, fellowship, and service; now more than ever, it is 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 receiving these communication from Old First, please contact the church office **TODAY** and provide us with your information! We look forward to getting ... and **staying** ... connected with you!



### Sunday Night Middle and High School Youth Group Continues on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 8:00 pm!

*In a world that demands so much, is there anything better than an evening of faith, fun, and fellowship with your church family?*

*Current 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders ... be in conversation with your family about the Great Escape (July 27<sup>th</sup> - Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>)! Deposits due Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>!*

### Kids and Youth Choir Rehearsals Continue December 11<sup>th</sup>!

Whether you have sung in the choir in the past or not, if you are in 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, then this is the place for you to be on Wednesday nights!

**5:00 - 5:30 pm Kids' Choir (Grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>)**  
**5:30 - 6:00 pm Youth Choir (Grades 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>)**

**\* Don't forget "Christmas Pageant" rehearsal from 5:00 - 7:00 pm!**



### Today We Light the Second Candle of Advent!

Today is the **Second Sunday in Advent**, the time in the life of our faith when we prepare our hearts to receive the gift of God's **peace**, given in Jesus Christ. As we worship each week around the themes of God's **hope, peace, love, and joy**, may each service assure us of the Spirit of God present among us as we prepare to welcome Christ in our lives!

### Annual Advent Study Continues in the Fiske Room!

Please join us each Sunday throughout the season of Advent as we share our weekly Advent Study together! Make your way to the Fiske Room following worship as we discuss **Ed Robb and Rob Renfroe's, "The Wonder of Christmas."** Books are available from Pastor Means, but are not necessary to participate!



### "Service of Comfort & Hope" - Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm



Is Christmas a time when you remember friends, family, or loved ones who are no longer with us? A powerful way of honoring our losses is to bring our heartaches before God.

You are invited to join us for a very special **"Service of Comfort and Hope"** on **Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm** in the Parish Hall as we remember those no longer with us and share the hope, peace, and love of God with one another.

### Mission Donations During Advent Worship:

Each week during the season of Advent, we are collecting items in support of ongoing mission ministries at Old First. **Help us fill the table** by donating **any non-perishable food item** for the Helping Hand food pantry as well as items to stock **blessing bags for those experiencing homelessness** (small first aid kits, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouth wash, warm socks, travel size tissue, baby wipes).



### The Mitten Tree Is Ready For Your Donations!

During the season of Advent, our Church School students are once again sponsoring a "Mitten Tree" ... now available in the hallway outside the back entrance of the Sanctuary.

Let's fill this tree with hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves for local children in need! On behalf of our young disciples, thank you in advance for your faithful and generous support!



### Meet the Challenge: Invite a Friend to Church!!!

The number one way people find their way into a new church is through the invitation of friends, family, or loved ones! As the Christmas season approaches, why not answer the challenge by inviting someone to join you?!?! Just think how a simple invitation changes lives through God's hope, peace, joy, & love!

**Bible Presentation Sunday**  
**December 8, 2019**

As we present each of our children and youth with their own, age-appropriate Bible, may this be our prayer through the years:

*“Eternal God, you enlighten all with your truth.  
Plant the seeds of your Word in the hearts of our young disciples, that they may grow into a rich harvest of faith, justice, mercy, and love. May the time spent in your Word lead each of them to seek to follow the One who was, who is, and who is to come; your Word of life, Jesus Christ, our Lord.”*

*- adapted from the PC(USA) Book of Occasional Services*

**Baby's First Bible:**

Autumn Stockell

**Toddler Bible:**

Aidan Cantave

**Deep Blue Children's Bible:**

Nova Camarata	Cassidy Goldman
Evie Goldman	Jordan Gonzalez
Spencer Lapp	Steven Lapp
Lyla Means	

**Student Bible (Middle & High School):**

William Alexander	Mackenzie Alexander
Jake Amend	Kate Balm
Liva Camarata	Michaela Dopico
Felicity George	Charles Girimonti
Thomas Girimonti	Sierra Healy
Amalia Heinz	Briahna Means
Nolan Means	Lilly Polak
Miller Polak	Alexa Schirripa
Rebecca Terc	Sarah Thatcher

**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. ***Worship - Second Sunday in Advent***

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)*

***11:30 a.m. Legacy Giving Luncheon (Parish Hall)***

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

**Monday, December 9<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)  
7:00 p.m. Education Committee (Library)  
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. NA Meeting (Lower Level - Room 10)

**Tuesday, December 10<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)  
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting (Room 101)

**Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (Room 102)  
***5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Kids Choir Rehearsal***  
***5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal***  
***5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal***  
7:00 - 9:15 p.m. AA Meeting (Lower Level - Room 10)  
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 32 (Gym)

**Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Circle 4 Quilting Luncheon (Fiske Room)  
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (Lower Level - Room 11)  
5:00 - 9:30 p.m. Giant Steps (Room 102)  
8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting (Room 101)  
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (Lower Level - Room 11)

**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. ***Worship - Third Sunday in Advent***

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)*

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

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