

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, February 17, 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!

No Choir or Youth Club This Week! We Return on Wednesday, February 27th!

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)

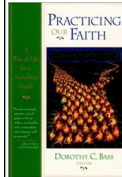
6:00 - 7:00 pm Youth Club Activities (All Ages!) & Dinner

What Is “Per Capita?”

“Per Capita” is the cost per member given by our church to support the ministry of our Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. At **\$38.05 per member**, the total expense to Old First is **roughly \$13,800**. If each of us contributed this amount, we would have **almost \$14,000 more** to fund our ministry! Thank you to all who share in this important way of giving financially!



In Preparation for the Season of Lent ...



You may want to pick up “**Practicing Our Faith**” by Dorothy Bass (adults) or “**Way to Live**” by Dorothy Bass and Don Richter (youth). We will explore two spiritual practices each week as part of our Lenten worship in order to give us practical tools for being drawn deeper into relationship with our God in Jesus Christ.

Our prayer is for each of our members and friends to learn new spiritual practices that will impact our faith journeys as a community of faith as well as individual disciples of Jesus Christ!



A Warm Welcome to Our New Members!!!

During last week's service of worship, we had the great joy and honor of introducing our new members to the congregation!

Please join us in officially welcoming Bill, Meghan, Billy, and Mackenzie Alexander; Bruce and Arden Benvenuti; Vera Dole; Heather, AbbeyRose, Cassidy, and Evie Goldman; Andrew Schweighardt; Emery and Rosalie Schweighardt; Michael, Madeline, Clara, and Oliver Upston!

Welcome to the family! We can't wait to grow with you!

Ash Wednesday Worship is Wednesday, March 6th!

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, March 6th at 7:00 pm** as we gather to remember the frailty of human life, our redemption through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and begin our journey together through the season of Lent by hearing God's call to repentance and turn our hearts toward God. Our Ash Wednesday worship will feature **Communion** as well as the **Imposition of Ashes**.



This **family-friendly service** will begin at the conclusion of our Wednesday evening Youth Club activities ... so please make plans to worship together as a family!

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Tickets Soon Available!



Please join us on **Saturday, March 23rd** as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day in style at Old First!

This **FANTASTIC** evening of food, fun, and fellowship will feature a corned beef and cabbage dinner, live music, Irish step-dancing, and more!

Tickets will be available for purchase beginning next week (**\$20 adult and \$8 child under 12**) from Priscilla Jahier following worship or by calling her at (631) 351-4941.

Deacons Scholarship Application Now Available!

If you are an **active member of Old First Presbyterian Church AND a graduating senior**, then now is your time to shine!

Deacons scholarship applications are now available in the church office or via email. Pick up a copy today and submit all required elements **no later than April 21st**. Our Deacons are looking forward to partnering with a graduating senior in continued success!

Questions? Please see Martha Tibbetts or Pastor Means!



The Clothesline Thrift Shop Needs Volunteers!!!



Volunteers are needed on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please call the Thrift Shop during regular hours or contact **Susan Worledge** if you can work a shift or two with us during the week ... even if it is only an hour or two from time to time!

Sermon Notes for
Sunday, February 17, 2019

“Let Us Pray!”

Key Scriptures:

“Pray then in this way ... Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.
Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give
us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring
us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.”

Matthew 6:9-13

“Are any among you suffering? They should pray.
Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise.
Are any among you sick? They should call for the
elders of the church and have them pray over them.”

James 5:13-14

What is the purpose of
prayer in your spiritual life?

How would you describe the current quality,
content, and consistency of your prayer life?

In what areas of your prayer life does
the Lord’s Prayer offer you insight on
how you might pray more effectively?

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, February 17th

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

1:00 p.m. America’s Best Auction (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)

Monday, February 18th

Presidents Day

Church Office Closed / No Outside Activities

Tuesday, February 19th

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)

2:00 p.m. Budget & Stewardship Committee (Library)

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. HBF Soccer Club (Gym)

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. NA Business (Lower Level - Room 11)

Wednesday, February 20th

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

No Kids or Youth Choir

Rehearsals or Youth Club Tonight!

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

Thursday, February 21st

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 - 6:00 p.m. HBF Soccer Club (Gym)

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, February 22nd

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, February 24th

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

10:20 - 10:45 a.m. Church School

Preschool - 3rd Grade (Room 102)

4th - 8th Grade (Upstairs)

**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)

Save the Dates Old First:

Ash Wednesday

March 6th @ 7:00 p.m.

St. Patrick’s Day Dinner

March 23rd @ 6:00 p.m.