

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, January 13, 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 at 6:00 pm!!!

Join us from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Youth Room for an evening of faith, fun, and fellowship with Kerry, Amy, Pastor Matthew, 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, January 16th!!!

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!



Today We Celebrate the Baptism of Jesus!



Today we remember the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist in the Jordan River ... a moment when the heavens opened, a dove appeared, and the voice of God was heard, declaring, **“This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well-pleased!”** As we share the baptism of our Lord and Savior, may we all remember with joy our own baptisms as we renew our covenant with God!

Epiphany “Star Words” Now Available!

On Epiphany Sunday, we remembered the visit of the magi to the Christ child by receiving the gift of “star words.” Each of us is invited to reflect on our word during the coming year and consider the significance it may have in our lives or how God may be speaking to us through these simple one-word messages.



Are You Interested in Membership at Old First?



If you are interested in joining our church family or have questions about the ministries of Old First or beliefs of the Presbyterian Church (USA), please contact Pastor Matthew Means!

We are holding a **“New Member Class”** on **Sunday, February 3rd AND Sunday, February 10th** (please come to both days!) at **9:00 am**. We want to make sure we include **ALL** who are interested!

We are looking forward to sharing our church family with you and cannot wait to welcome those who are interested!

It's Almost Time for Potluck and BINGO!

Join us on **Sunday, January 27th** for a potluck dinner and BINGO night with our Deacons! **Potluck** begins at **5:00 pm** (bring your favorite dish to share!) with **BINGO** at **6:00 pm**!



The cost is **\$8 per person** or **\$25 per family** as we raise funds for our Deacons' ministry! Come one, come all, and make sure to **invite friends and family of all ages** to join us!

Congregational Meeting: Sunday, February 10th!



The Session has called a congregational meeting on **Sunday, February 10th**. This special day in our church family is a chance to look back at the year that was, while joyfully looking ahead to the coming year. **All annual reports are due to the office (electronic delivery preferred) no later than Sunday, January 27th!** Please make plans to join us for this annual celebration of the ministry of our congregation!

“Book Nook” Available Behind Parish Hall Stage!

Book treasures left over from the Fall Fair are now available in the **“Book Nook”** behind the Parish Hall stage! Donations are welcome and proceeds will be given to LI-CAN, a local non-profit addressing the opioid crisis on Long Island.



Last year, our efforts raised **more than \$200!** Let's see if we can surpass that amount this year! Happy reading!

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, January 13, 2019
Baptism of the Lord Sunday

“Just Another Day???”

Key Scriptures:

“Thus says the Lord, he who created you,
O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.”

Isaiah 43:1

“When Jesus had been baptized ... the heavens were
opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending
like a dove ... and a voice from heaven said, ‘This is
my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased.’”

Matthew 3:16-17

What do you remember about your baptism?
If you do not remember your baptism first-hand,
what stories have been passed down to you?

When you are invited to “remember with joy”
your baptism, what is it that fills you with joy?

What does it mean to consider the voice of God
speaking in your life, saying, “This is my daughter /
Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased?”

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, January 13th

**10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Worship
Baptism of the Lord Sunday**

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

11:30 a.m. Thrift Store Volunteer Meeting (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, January 14th

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (Room 102)
4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Adult Children of Alcoholics (Room 102)
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Education Committee (Room 101)
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. NA Meeting (Lower Level - Room 10)

Tuesday, January 15th

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)
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. HBF Soccer Club (Gym)
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. NA Business (Lower Level - Room 10)
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting (Room 101)

Wednesday, January 16th

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, January 17th

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, January 18th

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, January 20th

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

10:20 - 11:00 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)