

**Sunday, January 6, 2019**

## **Epiphany Sunday**



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.

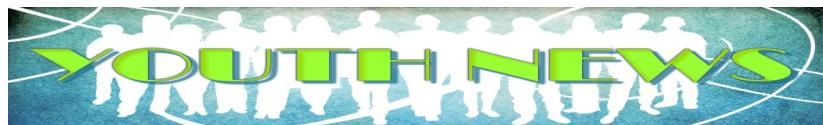
Please take this opportunity to be greeted by our members and be introduced to our Pastor, Matthew Means. We thank you for visiting us today and welcome you to our family of faith!

### 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 any of these communications from Old First, please contact the church office and provide us with your information! We look forward to getting ... and *staying* ... connected with you!



### Middle & High School Youth Group - TONIGHT @ 6:00 PM!

Join us for an amazing night of fun, food, faith, and fellowship with Pastor Matthew, Kerry, Amy, and all of your friends in faith!

*All current 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents who are considering the July 22<sup>nd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> trip to the Great Escape are invited to join us at 5:30 TONIGHT to discuss any questions or concerns!*

### Kids & Youth Choirs and Youth Club Continue January 9<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 - 7:00 pm Youth Club Activities (All Ages!)**

**5:00 - 5:30 pm Kids Choir Rehearsal (Grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>)**

**5:30 - 6:00 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal (Grades 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>)**



### Today We Celebrate Epiphany Sunday

Epiphany is our celebration of the appearance or manifestation of God. While Christmas marks the coming of God, Epiphany celebrates the appearance of the Lord in the midst of humanity. We rejoice in the dawning of the “*light shining in the darkness*,” revealing God’s promised Savior, but also calling followers of the Christ to live as witnesses to God’s true Light - Jesus, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior!

### Epiphany “Star Words” Available Beginning TODAY!

During Epiphany, we remember 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.



### What Is Per Capita and Why Should I Give?

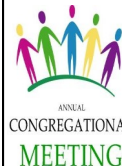


“*Per Capita*” is the cost per member given by Old First for the ministry of our Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. At **\$38.05 per member**, the total budget expense is roughly **\$13,800**. If each of us contributed this as part of our giving, we would have almost **\$14,000 more** to fund worship, fellowship, and mission ministries! Thank you for choosing to share in this important aspect of financial giving.

### B-I-N-G-O ... B-I-N-G-O ... It's Time for BINGO!!!



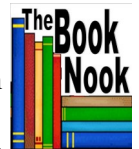
Join us on **Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>** for a potluck dinner and BINGO night with our Deacons! **Potluck** begins at **5:00 pm** (bring your favorite dish to share!) with **BINGO** at **6:00 pm!** The cost is **\$8 per person or \$25 per family** as we raise funds for our Deacons’ ministry! Come one ... come all ... **bring friends and family!**



### Congregational Meeting Set for Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>!

The Session has called a congregational meeting on **Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**. 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 27<sup>th</sup>!** Please plan to join us for this annual celebration of ministry in our congregation!

### “Book Nook” Now Available Behind Parish Hall Stage!



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

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

Sermon Notes for Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>  
Epiphany Sunday

**“The Gifts of the Wise”**

Key Scriptures:

“Arise, shine; for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the people; but the Lord will arise upon you and his glory will appear over you.”

Isaiah 60:1-2

“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

Matthew 2:11

What is the most meaningful gift you have ever given or received?  
What about this gift made it so meaningful to give or receive?

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If someone who did not know you observed how or where you offer your gifts of time, talent, and treasure ... who or what would they say you are worshipping in your life?

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In this New Year, what new and costly gift of time, talent, or treasure is God calling you to offer to the life and ministry of the church?

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**Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **Worship (Epiphany and Communion)**

10:20 - 10:45 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 Meeting (Lower Level - Room 10)

**Monday, January 7<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)

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. NA Meeting (Lower Level - Room 10)

7:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting (Room 101)

**Tuesday, January 8<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)

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

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

**Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

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

9:30 a.m. Presbyterian Women Meeting - All Are Welcome! (Fiske Room)

10:00 a.m. Communications Committee Meeting (Library)

**5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Kids & 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 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

5:00 - 9:30 p.m. Giant Steps (Room 102)

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

8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

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)

**Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

3:00 p.m. Elizabeth Thatcher Memorial Service

**Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

10:20 - 11:00 a.m. Church School

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