

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Sunday, June 2, 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!**

*Our Sunday night Youth Group is the perfect time and place for ALL 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students to gather together and share the faith journey at Old First!*

#### Looking Ahead As We Close The School Year:

**June 9<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 p.m. — Meet at Station Sports**

**June 16<sup>th</sup> — To Be Determined by Youth**

**June 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 3:00 p.m. — End-of-Year Pool Party!**

#### Non-Perishable Food Donation Continues!

We have a few more days remaining to collect food for Long Island Cares - The Harry Chapin Food Bank. You may continue donating to this local food program devoted to feeding the hungry on Long Island by using the cardboard box in the entryway of the church!



#### Our Kindness Challenge Continues...

In ongoing celebration of our opportunity to share kindness grounded in the love of God with our brothers and sisters in Christ, please take time to **visit the bulletin board** in the entryway hallway for ideas ... **write down your experiences** on the notecards ... and **pin them up** to share with others!



### Today We Celebrate Communion!

During worship, we will gather around the Lord's Table and celebrate the truth that God invites **all who trust and believe in him** to join together in receiving bread and cup. This includes our young disciples, whom we will welcome back into worship in time to share Communion with us!

We share this meal to remember what Christ has done for us in his life, death, and resurrection. If you have questions about celebrating Communion at Old First, please contact our Pastor, Matthew Means, following worship.



### What Is Ascension Sunday?

During worship, we remember the moment when the Risen Christ went with his disciples to the Mount of Olives (just outside Jerusalem), gave them final instructions about the life of faith, and was taken up into heaven. The **Day of Ascension** is officially 40 days after the resurrection (*May 30<sup>th</sup> this year*), but many churches celebrate the following Sunday.

### Pentecost Worship and Church Picnic ... June 9<sup>th</sup>

We are rapidly approaching a joyful day in our worship ... **Pentecost Sunday!** Join us **NEXT SUNDAY, June 9<sup>th</sup>** as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit among the followers of Jesus Christ. Be sure to **WEAR RED** as we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit, freely given by God on the Day of Pentecost!



Don't forget to join us after worship for a church picnic outside on the front lawn! It's going to be an **Picnic AMAZING** day of worship and fellowship!!!

### Prayers for the Nominating Committee & Nominees

**CALLED To Lead** The Nominating Committee is discerning those God is calling to serve as Elders, Deacons, and Trustees for Old First. You may share in the journey by holding the committee and those whom God is calling in your prayers.

Pray for God to open hearts, minds, and spirits to hear the call to ministry and answer, “*Here I am, Lord! Send me!*”

### Bereavement Group Continues June 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm

If you or someone you love would benefit from talking with others about grief and loss, please join us in the **Fiske Room** for **seven weeks**, continuing **Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**. These holy conversations will be led by Deacon, Stephen Minister, and Licensed Social Worker Sue Degan. Please be sure to forward this information to anyone who may benefit from this special ministry of comfort and hope.



### The Clothesline Thrift Store Needs Volunteers!

**TO LOVE TO HELP? YES! TO SERVE TO HELP? YES! TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP? YES!**  
**VOLUNTEER**  
Our Thrift Store cannot continue to serve our community without **YOU!** Volunteers are needed every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please call the Thrift Store during regular hours or contact **Susan Worledge** if you can work a shift ... even if it is only for an hour or two from time to time!

This is an exciting ministry to share and we look forward to the joy of serving others in mission with you!

*Sermon Notes for  
Sunday, June 2, 2019*

**“Passing the Baton”**

*Key Scriptures:*

*“Jesus replied, ‘But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’”*

*Acts 1:8*

*“As they were watching, Jesus was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven?’”*

*Acts 1:9-11*

*What stands out to you most about this final exchange between Jesus and his disciples before his ascension?*

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*In what ways has Jesus “passed the baton” of faith to you? What gifts, skills, or talents has God given you to carry the baton faithfully?*

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*If Jesus has indeed “passed the baton” of faith to you ... then to whom or to where has Jesus called you to carry it that nobody else may go?*

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**WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR**

**Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

***Worship with Communion***

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

3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Ballet Recital Rehearsal (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, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

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

6:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting (Library)

**7:00 p.m. Bereavement Group (Fiske Room)**

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

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

**Tuesday, June 4<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)

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. NA Business (Lower Level - Room 10)

**Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. NHGC Flower Show (Parish Hall)

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

**11:30 a.m. Presbyterian Women Meeting  
at Home of Heather Tucker (303 Bay Avenue)**

3:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting (Library)

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

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 32 (Gym)

**Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. NHGC Flower Show (Parish Hall)

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, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. NHGC Flower Show (Parish Hall)

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, June 8<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 p.m. Ballet Recital (Parish Hall)

**Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Worship (Pentecost)**

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)

**11:15 a.m. Church Picnic**

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

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

7:00 p.m. Ken Friese Vocal Student Recital (Parish Hall)