

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 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!

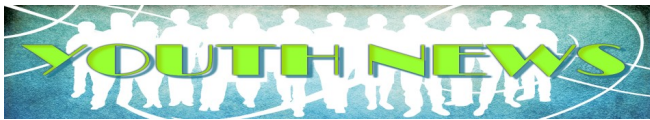
Get Connected to Old First!



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!

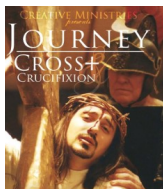
If you are currently not receiving any of these forms of communication from Old First, please contact the church office **TODAY** and provide us with your information! We cannot wait to get ... and *stay* ... connected with you!!!



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!



“Journey, Cross, & Crucifixion” Outing on Sunday, March 31st

All 6th - 12th grade youth are invited to join us for a dramatic presentation of the final events in the life and ministry of our Christ. We will meet at 6:00 pm **SHARP** at Old First and travel to St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Hicksville. Please contact Pastor Matthew Means for more information.

Kids & Youth Choir and Youth Club Continue Wednesday, March 20th!

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

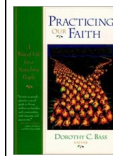
Today Is the Second Sunday in Lent!



Today is the *second Sunday in Lent*, a season to walk together in the footsteps of our Christ as he journeys to the cross of our salvation. Lent is a time to share in worship, fellowship, and service that allow us to grow in faith as we are reminded of the depth and power of God's unconditional love for all!

Each Week During the Season of Lent ...

Our worship service will highlight a different “*Affirmation of Faith*” from the church's Book of Confessions, celebrating what we believe about the ministry of Jesus Christ. Today we feature the “*The Nicene Creed*,” a profession of faith created by two church councils (*Nicaea in 325 and Constantinople in 381*) seeking to unite the church that remains one of the very few confessions of faith shared by Christians from different nationalities and denominations throughout the world!



Please Join Us for Our Weekly Discussion!

During the season of Lent, we will be exploring spiritual practices from “*Practicing Our Faith*” by Dorothy Bass (*adults*) and “*Way to Live*” by Dorothy Bass and Don Richter (*youth*).

Our prayer is for each of our members and friends to learn practical spiritual disciplines that will impact our faith journeys as a church and individual disciples of Jesus Christ as we are drawn deeper into relationship with our God.

Please join us in the Fiske Room each Sunday following worship to continue the conversation and grow with us!

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Tickets NOW 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 include a delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner, live music, and Irish step-dancing!

Tickets are **NOW AVAILABLE** for purchase (**\$20 adult and \$8 child under 12**) from Priscilla Jahier following worship or by calling her at (631) 351-4941.



We're Celebrating Our Nonagenarians!

Join us on *Sunday, March 24th* as we celebrate those special members and friends of our church family who are between the ages of 90 and 99!

We are blessed with a number of people who serve as tremendous examples of faith in their later years and we need your help to show them how much we appreciate their incredible witness and contribution to our church family!

OFC Women: Join Us for a Taste of Spring!

Our Presbyterian Women invite *all women* to join us on *Friday, April 5th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm* to sample healthy smoothies and create party pinwheels with registered dietitian Jennifer Heinz!

Wine and appetizers will be served and you may RSVP by April 3rd to Susan Oehrig at susan.oehrig@gmail.com!



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, March 17, 2019*

Of the two practices discussed today (Honoring the Body and Forgiveness) ... with which do you have more comfort practicing in your faith life? Why?

“Honoring the Body”

Key Scripture:

*“For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.”*

Psalms 139:13-14

*If our bodies are created by God in the image
of God ... what does this mean for how we
are called by God to care for our bodies?*

“Forgiveness”

Key Scripture:

*“Put away from you all bitterness, wrath, and anger ...
and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving
one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.”*

Ephesians 4:31-32

Do you find it difficult or easy to forgive others?

*What does it mean for you that our
forgiveness of others is directly
connected to God’s forgiveness of us?*

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, March 17th

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

Worship - Second Sunday in Lent

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

11:30 a.m. Lenten Study (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, March 18th

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (Room 102)
4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Adult Children of Alcoholics (Room 101)
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. NA Meeting (Lower Level - Room 11)

Tuesday, March 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)
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. HBF Soccer Club (Gym)
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. NA Business (Lower Level - Room 10)

Wednesday, March 20th

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, March 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 - 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, March 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)

Saturday, March 23rd

6:00 p.m. St. Patrick’s Day Dinner (Parish Hall)

Sunday, March 24th

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

Worship - Third Sunday in Lent

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

Nonagenarians Reception (Parish Hall)

11:45 a.m. Lenten Study (Fiske Room)

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