

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Sunday, March 24, 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!

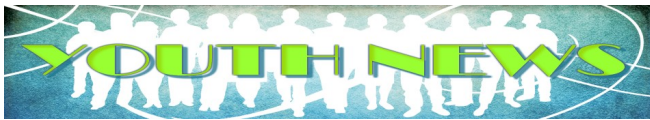
### Get Connected to Old First!



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!

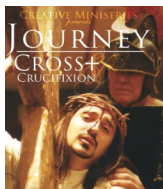
If you are currently not receiving any of these forms of communication from Old First, please contact the church office **TODAY** and provide us with your information! We cannot wait to get ... and **stay** ... connected with you!!!



### **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 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students to gather together and share the faith journey at Old First!*



### “Journey, Cross, & Crucifixion” Outing on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

All 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>!**

*If you are in 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Third Sunday in Lent!



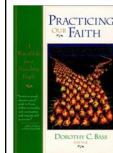
Today is the **third Sunday in Lent**, a season to walk together in the footsteps of our Christ as he journeys to the cross of our salvation. Lent is a time to share in worship, fellowship, and service that allow us to grow in faith as we are reminded of the depth and power of God’s unconditional love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

### Each Week During the Season of Lent ...

We will share a different “**Affirmation of Faith**” from the Book of Confessions, detailing what we believe about the ministry of Jesus Christ. “**The Scots Confession**,” the charter document of the Church of Scotland, written by six prominent ministers (including John Knox) as a statement of Protestant Christian faith in 1560, a time of political and ecclesiastical turmoil during which religious leadership was a very risky business!



### 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!

### Come Celebrate Our Nonagenarians!!!



**Immediately following worship**, join us in the Parish Hall as we celebrate special members and friends of our church family who are in their 90’s!

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: Ready for a Taste of Spring?



Our Presbyterian Women invite **all women** to join us on **Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> to Susan Oehrig at [susan.oehrig@gmail.com](mailto:susan.oehrig@gmail.com)!

### Pancake Breakfast — Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

Mark your calendars and make plans to join us on **Palm Sunday (April 14<sup>th</sup>)**, immediately following worship for our annual Spring Pancake Breakfast, hosted by our fabulous Old First Deacons! All proceeds from the breakfast will support the Thanksgiving basket ministry!



*Tickets are \$9 (adult), \$7 (youth), and \$28 (max per family).*

**Tickets are ON SALE TODAY in the Parish Hall!**

### 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 24, 2019*

*Of the two practices discussed ... Testimony and Keeping the Sabbath ... with which do you have more comfort practicing in your faith life? Why?*

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**“Testimony”**

*Key Scripture:*

*“But the Lord said to me, ‘Do not say, ‘I am only a boy;’ for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.”*

*Jeremiah 1:7-8*

*Think of a **specific** time, place, or way that God has made himself known in your life ... communicate this experience with someone and you have shared your testimony!!!*

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**“Keeping the Sabbath”**

*Key Scripture:*

*“Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord, your God; you shall not do any work.”*

*Deuteronomy 5:12-14*

*In what **specific ways** could you make adjustments to your weekly schedule or routine in order to make more time for worship and rest?*

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**WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR**

**Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Worship - Third Sunday in Lent**

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)

**Nonagenarians Reception (Parish Hall)**

**11:45 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 25<sup>th</sup>**

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 26<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m. “Last Tuesdays” (Fiske Room)  
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 - 7:30 p.m. HBF Soccer Club (Gym)  
7:00 p.m. “Stitch Together” Knitting Group (Room 101)

**Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

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 28<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)  
7:30 - 8:30 p.m. MA Meeting (Lower Level - Room 10)  
8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**Friday, March 29<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)  
11:30 a.m. Worship Committee Meeting (Pastor’s Office)

**Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Worship - Fourth Sunday in Lent**

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)

**11:30 a.m. Lenten Study (Fiske Room)**

**6:00 p.m. Middle and High School Outing to “Journey, Cross, & Crucifixion”**

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