

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 3, 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!

Kids & Youth Choir and Youth Club Continue Wednesday, March 6th!

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 Is Transfiguration Sunday!



Transfiguration Sunday celebrates the glorious revelation of God in Jesus Christ and Christ's manifestation as the fulfillment of the law and prophets. Here, as at Jesus' baptism, God claims him as a beloved child, in whom God is pleased.

We celebrate this event in the life of our Christ the Sunday before Ash Wednesday because this moment is a transition in Jesus' ministry in which he “set his face to go to Jerusalem.”

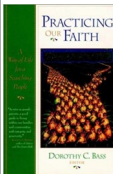
Ash Wednesday Worship is Wednesday, March 6th!



Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, March 6th at 7:00 pm** as we gather to remember the frailty of human life, our redemption through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and begin our journey together through the season of Lent by hearing God's call to repentance and turn our hearts toward God. Our Ash Wednesday worship will feature **Communion** as well as the **Imposition of Ashes**.

This **family-friendly service** will begin at the conclusion of our Wednesday evening Youth Club activities ... so please make plans to worship together as a family!

In Preparation for the Season of Lent ...



You may want to pick up “**Practicing Our Faith**” by Dorothy Bass (*adults*) or “**Way to Live**” by Dorothy Bass and Don Richter (*youth*).

We will explore two spiritual practices each week as part of our Lenten worship in order to give us practical tools for being drawn deeper into relationship with our God in Jesus Christ.

Our prayer is for each of our members and friends to learn new spiritual practices that will impact our faith journeys as a community of faith as well as individual disciples of Jesus Christ!



A Warm Welcome to Our New Members!!!

Please join us in the Parish Hall, immediately following worship, as we celebrate our newest members with a special cake!

Please join us in officially welcoming Bill, Meghan, Billy, and Mackenzie Alexander; Bruce and Arden Benvenuti; Vera Dole; Heather, AbbeyRose, Cassidy, and Evie Goldman; Andrew Schweighardt; Emery and Rosalie Schweighardt; Michael, Madeline, Clara, and Oliver Upston!

Welcome to the family! We cannot wait to grow with you!

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.



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 3, 2019

“When the Dust Settles”

Key Scriptures:

“And he (Jesus) was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.”

Matthew 17:2-3

“Moses came down from Mount Sinai ... with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand. Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.”

Exodus 34:29

When the “dust settles” on the Transfiguration and all that is left is Jesus ... who do you see and what is he calling you to do or be?

Why is it so tempting for us to want to stay firmly rooted in our mountain-top moments of faith?

What is it about life lived among the people God has called us to serve that makes us hesitate?

As God calls you “down from the mountain” and into the lives of others ... **who** or **where** are you being called by God to serve more faithfully?

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, March 3rd

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

Worship with Communion

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 4th

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)

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

Tuesday, March 5th

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)

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. NA Business (Lower Level - Room 10)

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

Wednesday, March 6th

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

9:30 a.m. Presbyterian Women Meeting (Fiske Room)

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

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Kids and Youth Choir Rehearsals and Youth Club

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion and Imposition of Ashes

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 7th

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 - 6:00 p.m. HBF Soccer Club (Gym)

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 8th

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, March 10th

Daylight Savings Time Begins!!!

Set Your Clocks Forward Saturday Night!!!

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

Worship - First Sunday in Lent

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)