

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 31, 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!

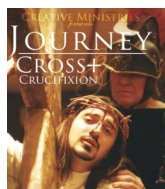
If you are currently not receiving any of these forms of communication from Old First, please contact the church office **TODAY** and provide us with your information! We cannot wait to get ... and **stay** ... connected with you!!!



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” Youth Group Outing ... TONIGHT!

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, April 3rd!

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 Fourth Sunday in Lent!



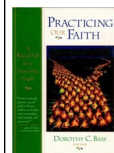
Today is the **fourth Sunday in Lent**, a season to walk together in the footsteps of our Christ as he journeys to the cross of our salvation. Lent is a time to share in worship, fellowship, and service that allow us to grow in faith as we are reminded of the depth and power of God's unconditional love 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 Second Helvetic Confession**,” a statement of faith written by Heinrich Bullinger in 1566 to reconcile the Lutheran and Reformed Christian churches in Germany. This confession is considered one of the most pastoral and practical faith statements written in the sixteenth century.



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!

Easter Flower Order Forms Now Available!



If you would like to donate Easter flowers to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, now is the time to complete and submit your order form!

Easter flowers are **\$15 each** and may be taken home or donated following Easter Sunday worship. Forms are available at either entrance to the Sanctuary, in the church office, or by following the link in the weekly Old First email.



OFC Women: Ready 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!](mailto:susan.oehrig@gmail.com)

Pancake Breakfast — Sunday, April 14th

Mark your calendars and make plans to join us on **Palm Sunday (April 14th)**, 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 NOW 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 31, 2019*

Of the two practices discussed (Hospitality and Discernment) ... with which do you have more comfort practicing in your faith life? Why?

“Hospitality”

Key Scripture:

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.”

Romans 12:12-13

Consider a time when you were shown hospitality ... how did this make you feel?

*Consider a time when you were **not** shown hospitality ... how did this make you feel?*

“Discernment”

Key Scripture:

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God ... by this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God.”

1 John 4:1-2

When it comes to making decisions in your life, who or what do you consult? What role does prayer play in your decision-making?

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, March 31st

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

Worship - Fourth 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 p.m. Middle and High School
Outing to “Journey, Cross, & Crucifixion”**

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

Monday, April 1st

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 11)
7:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, April 2nd

8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Lifeline Screening (Rooms 101 / 102)
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)
7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, April 3rd

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (Room 102)
9:30 a.m. Presbyterian Women Meeting (Fiske Room)

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

Thursday, April 4th

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)

Friday, April 5th

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, April 7th

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

**Worship with Communion
Fifth Sunday in Lent**

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

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)