

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 19, 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, May 22nd!

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

Join Us May 28th For A Special Concert!

If you are a music-lover, you will not want to miss a very special evening celebrating the gifts and talents of our **FABULOUS** Kids and Youth Choirs and their wonderful members!

Join us on **Tuesday, May 28th at 7:00 pm** for an evening of choral, solo, and ensemble music that will be sure to inspire and amaze you!




Kindness Is Contagious: Pass It On!

Today's worship service celebrates acts of kindness as a way of sharing the presence of the Risen Christ in our lives and our world!

We are challenging all of our members and friends to think of ways to share the love of Christ with others through acts of kindness ... go out into the world to do them ... and then share our experiences with one another!

Stop at the bulletin board in the entryway hallway for ideas for sharing acts of kindness ... write down your experiences on the notecards ... and pin them up to share with others!

Please Join Us In ACTIVELY Growing In Faith!

This is an exciting time in the life and ministry of our church family and we continue to invite all of our friends, members, and visitors to **get involved!** 

With many opportunities for worship, fellowship, and mission at Old First, we are sure you can **find your place!** If not, we will be more than happy to create new opportunities for ministry along side you! Regardless ... we hope and pray that you will **find a home** in the family of God at Old First!


Is God Calling You To Leadership In Ministry?


CALLED To Lead A new season of prayerful discernment has begun as we work toward new classes of elders, deacons, and trustees at Old First!

We are blessed to have wonderful people of faith in our church family who have the gifts, skills, and talents to serve our church as leaders.


If you believe God is calling you into leadership at Old First, please take a look at the entryway bulletin board and be sure to discuss with our Nominating Committee chairperson, Elder Kerry Degnan, or Pastor Means at your convenience!

Pentecost Sunday And Church Picnic Are June 9th

We are rapidly approaching a joyful day in our worship ... **Pentecost Sunday!** Join us **Sunday, June 9th** 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! 

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!!! 

Bereavement Group — Monday, June 3rd @ 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 **eight weeks**, beginning **Monday, June 3rd at 7:00 pm**. These holy conversations will be led by Deacon, Stephen Minister, and Licensed Social Worker Sue Degnan. 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!

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, May 19, 2019

“Grace In Action”

Key Scripture:

“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 13:34-35

“God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more ... for see, I am making all things new.”

Revelation 21:3-5

What does it mean for us as Christian men and women that our acts of kindness are part of the “new heaven and new earth” God is creating?

What does it mean for us that our love for others is to be modeled after Christ’s love for us? Does this “up the ante” for us sharing kindness and love?

List one **specific** act of kindness you will complete and one **specific** person with whom you will share kindness in the week ahead ...

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, May 19th

**10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Worship
Celebrating Acts of Kindness**

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

5:00 p.m. AA Anniversary Party (Parish Hall)

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

Monday, May 20th

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, May 21st

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

Wednesday, May 22nd

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, May 23rd

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, May 24th

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, May 26th

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

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

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

Don’t Forget to Join Us for ...

**Kids & Youth Annual
Spring Choir Concert**

Tuesday, May 28th @ 7:00 pm