

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 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!!!



Sunday night Middle & High School Youth Group Continues TONIGHT from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Be sure to join us for a very special evening as we officially unveil the newly renovated Youth Room! We will dedicate this new space to our ongoing faith growth ... and then ... prepare it for the Fall Fair!

Our Sunday evening 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!

In a world that demands a lot from our young adults, what better than an evening devoted to faith, fun, friendships, and fellowship with your church family?

Kids & Youth Choir Rehearsals Continue Wednesday, November 6th!

If you are in 1st - 8th grade, this is the perfect Place for you to be on Wednesday nights!

5:00 - 5:30 p.m. — Kids Choir Rehearsal (Grades 1-3)
5:30 - 6:00 p.m. — Youth Choir Rehearsal (Grades 4-8)

Please remember that there will be no Wednesday evening Youth Club until Wednesday, November 20th!

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE CHILDREN UNATTENDED!



Today We Celebrate All Saints' Day!

As part of our worship, we celebrate and give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith and life.

We are invited to remember those in our faith journeys who have lived as examples of Christ's love among us.

Those who make up our “great cloud of witnesses” continue to guide and inspire us as we walk in the way of faith they have set for us by the example of how they lived their lives.

Stewardship Season Continues!

Please join us in financially supporting Old First as we boldly move forward in faith!

Make your financial pledge TODAY!



We couldn't be more excited about what God is doing in the life and ministry of Old First! Our annual financial stewardship season sets the tone for the coming year of ministry and we cannot wait to continue living into the new and exciting things God is calling us to share together! As you discern your financial contribution to your church family, may God inspire you with joy in giving!



2019 Annual Fall Fair

Saturday, November 9th

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

ALL HANDS ON DECK!!!

Sign up on the hallway bulletin to get involved!

We Need EVERYONE!!! How Can YOU Help???

* **Advertise the Fall Fair** wherever you have access ...

- Hang a flyer in your workplace or school
- Share our fair-related social media posts

* Help with set-up **following worship TODAY!!!**

* **Begin preparing** jams, jellies, canned veggies, breads, pies, cakes, cookies, cupcakes, and gluten free items for the Country Store

* Collect **special treasures** for the Silent Auction room

* **Donate items** beginning the week of November 3rd

* **Volunteer** your time to **work and clean up** on Fall Fair day

Thanksgiving Basket Ministry:

Each year, the Deacons of Old First Church lead us in delivering a week's worth of groceries and a Thanksgiving dinner to 125 families in our area!

We cannot do this alone ... and need ALL of us working together! So how can you help? Here are a few ways to get started:

* **Starting NOW - Collect Clean Cardboard Boxes**

* **Nov. 22nd (10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) - Fill Baskets**

* **Nov. 23rd (10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.) - Deliver Baskets**

WE ESPECIALLY NEED DRIVERS ON SATURDAY!!!

The Clothesline Thrift Store Needs Volunteers!

The Thrift Store needs **YOU** to offer your time on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please call the Thrift Store during regular hours or contact Susan Worledge directly for more information!

This is a vital mission ministry for Old First and we look forward to the joy of serving our community alongside you!



*Sermon Notes for
Sunday, November 3, 2019*

“So Great a Cloud of Witnesses”

Key Scriptures:

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”

Hebrews 12:1-2

“With the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints.”

Ephesians 1:18

Who are the people of faith who have gone before you, impacting your tomorrows by how they chose to live their lives?

When you consider your own “great cloud of witnesses” ... what lessons of faith and life have they taught you through the gift of their lives?

How are you choosing to live today that will leave a lasting impact on the faith and lives of your family ... friends ... and church?

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, November 3rd

**10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Worship with Communion
Celebration of All Saints Day!**

***** Fall Fair Set-Up Following Worship *****

**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, November 4th

Fall Fair Setup / Donation Acceptance

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

Tuesday, November 5th

Fall Fair Setup / Donation Acceptance

10:00 a.m. Budget & Stewardship Committee (Library)
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (Lower Level - Room 11)
7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, November 6th

Fall Fair Setup / Donation Acceptance

**5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Kids Choir Rehearsal
5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday, November 7th

Fall Fair Setup / Donation Acceptance

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (Lower Level - Room 11)
8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, November 8th

Fall Fair Setup / Donation Acceptance

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (Lower Level - Room 11)

Saturday, November 9th

**Old First Fall Fair
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

***** Many Hands Needed For Cleanup! *****

Sunday, November 10th

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)

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

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