

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, September 8, 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 Returns September 15th @ 6:00 pm!

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 so much from our young adults, what better than an evening devoted to faith, fun, and fellowship with your church family?

Kids & Youth Choir Rehearsals Begin Wednesday, September 11th!

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)

Join Us TODAY, immediately following worship, for a “Children & Youth Ministry” Open House!



The congregation is invited to join members of the Education Committee in Room 102 to learn more about our many student ministries and most importantly, how **YOU** may get more involved with these vital opportunities to invest in the faith and lives of the incredible children and youth of Old First Church!

Town of Huntington Remembers 9/11 Victims:



Following today's service of worship, the congregation is invited to join the Town of Huntington in remembering the lives of those who died on September 11th.

The memorial service begins at **12:00 p.m. in Heckscher Park** and features a prayer led by Pastor Matthew Means.

New Church Directory Coming Soon!



Pastor Matthew and Lisa Hanrahan are working on an in-house update of the Old First Church directory and they **need your help** to make sure everything is in order!

Please stop by the tables in the Parish Hall over the next few weeks after worship in order to **check the spelling of your name, address, phone number, and email address.**

And keep your eyes and ears open for more information ... **coming soon** ... as we continue to strengthen our fellowship!



Sing? Do We Have a Place for You!

Our Sanctuary Choir has returned to the choir loft to lead us in making a joyful noise to our God! But there is **always room for more singers** to join us in leading worship!

Choir rehearsals are **every Thursday evening**, beginning at **8:00 p.m.**, and again on **Sunday mornings before worship.**

For more information or to explore how your voice may add to the music, please see Ken Friese as soon as possible!

Please Join Us In ACTIVELY Growing in Faith!

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



With many opportunities for worship, fellowship, and mission at Old First, we are sure you can **find your place** and **get busy living!** If you need help finding your home in the family of God at Old First, please feel free to spend time with Pastor Means or talk to any of our staff or leadership!

Upcoming Events at Old First ...



There are many upcoming dates for special ministry events that you will want to mark on your calendars and be sure **NOT TO MISS!** They include ...



Fall Fair* Potluck Dinner & Planning Meeting
Wednesday, September 25th @ 6:30 pm
Calling All Fall Fair* Leaders and Volunteers!

***Spread the Word ... the Annual Fall Fair will be held Saturday, November 9th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm!**

Deacons Fall Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, October 20th (following worship)
Thanksgiving Basket Fundraiser!



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, September 8, 2019*

“Get Busy Living!”

Key Scriptures:

“Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”

Isaiah 55:6-7

“He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year ... if it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

Luke 13:8-9

When given the choice to “get busy living” or “get busy dying” ... what is your choice? How is your answer evident in your life?

Think of a specific moment when you know that you failed to bear the fruit of faith for others ... what could you have done differently to show God’s love?

If you have chosen to “get busy living” through the life and ministry of Old First Church ... what opportunities for worship, fellowship, and mission are you committing today to share in this year?

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, September 8th

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)

11:15 a.m. Children and Youth Ministry Open House (Room 101)

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

Monday, September 9th

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (Room 102)
4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Adult Children of Alcoholics (Room 101)
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Education Committee Meeting (Library)
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. NA Meeting (Lower Level - Room 11)
7:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting (Room 101)

Tuesday, September 10th

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)

Wednesday, September 11th

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (Room 102)
5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Kids & Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:00 - 9:15 p.m. AA Meeting (Lower Level - Room 10)
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 132 (Gym)

Thursday, September 12th

9:30 a.m. 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)
8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, September 13th

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Circle 6 Crafts (Room 212)
9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting (Room 101)
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (Lower Level - Room 11)

Saturday, September 14th

11:30 a.m. Bereavement Group Breakfast (Parish Hall)

Sunday, September 15th

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)

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