

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 1, 2018



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!!!



NO YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT!

*Middle and High School Youth Group
Will Continue on Sunday, April 8th*

Join us from 6-8 pm for an evening of faith, fun, and fellowship with Kerry, Amy, Pastor Matthew!

30 Hour Famine Reminder: Begin contacting friends, family, and loved ones for sponsorship!

**REMINDER: NO YOUTH CLUB OR CHOIR REHEARSALS THIS WEEK (APRIL 4TH)
Schedule resumes on Wednesdy, April 11th!!!!**

If you are in **1st - 8th grade**, then 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 and Dinner

Year-to-Date Financial Update (through 2/28/18):

	Actual	Budgeted
Contributions	81,443	80,917
Designated Income	22,989	10,100
Building Use	<u>3,488</u>	<u>4,500</u>
Total Cash Received	96,920	95,517
Total Cash Disbursed	82,861	74,667

Today is Easter Sunday!



Today we celebrate the joyful truth that Jesus is our Lord and Messiah - the one who willingly gave his life on the cross, was buried in death, and rose to everlasting life on the third day! As we proclaim the Risen Christ, may you know that God's love for you is so great, that God freely gave the gift of God's own Son, so that as you believe, you may have eternal life!

During Each Week of Lent and Holy Week ...

Our worship features a different “**Affirmation of Faith**” that proclaims what we believe about the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Today we feature a selection from “**A Brief Statement of Faith**,” written in 1983 to celebrate the reunion of the Presbyterian Church in the United States and the United Presbyterian Church in the United States, separated since 1859 over a variety of social and theological issues..

Our Archive Committee Is Having An Open House!

Following worship on **Sunday, April 8th**, please join the Archive Committee for a special presentation on the dedicated history of record keeping at Old First, view historical documents, and share major events in the church's history.



In groups of about 6, you will be invited down to the vault to be introduced to some of the oldest documents of the church as well as other important records. **All are welcome!**

Stephen Ministry Workshop: April 28th at OFC!



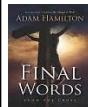
We are blessed to host a very special **Stephen Ministry Training Workshop** at Old First on **Saturday, April 28th from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm.**

You are invited to join us to learn more about Stephen Ministry and perhaps consider your own call to share in this ministry for people in seasons of need.

We will be welcoming guests from churches throughout Long Island, but as a result of hosting, any members of our church family may attend ... **AT NO CHARGE!!!!**

For more information, to volunteer, or attend this amazing workshop, **please contact Leslie Schult as soon as possible!**

Small Group Study Returns on April 8th and April 11th



In the weeks following Easter, our study of the last words of Jesus from the cross will resume, starting **Sunday, April 8th after worship and Wednesday, April 11th at 5:30 pm.** Please choose to attend either Sunday or Wednesday for three final weeks (*through April 22nd and April 25th*) of sharing our Savior's last words.

Old First to Receive Preservation Award on May 5th!

In recognition of the restoration and preservation of our historic steeple, Old First will be recognized by Preservation Long Island with a special award given on **Saturday, May 5th @ 2:00 pm!** Look for more information about how to register to attend!



The Clothesline Thrift Shop Needs Volunteers!!!

Volunteers are needed on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 11 am to 1:30 pm. Please call the Thrift Shop or let **Susan Worledge** know if you can work a shift. **We are in great need of more volunteers to join us in this important community ministry ... especially on Thursday and Friday afternoons in March and April!**



Service Notes for
Sunday, April 1, 2018

“Lightbulb Moments”

Key Scriptures:

“Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there ... Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed!”

John 20:6, 8

“We are witnesses to all that he did in Jerusalem and in Judea. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear...to those chosen by God as witnesses.”

Acts 10:39-40

As you put yourself in the place of the first disciples, what do you imagine their initial reactions were to discovering the empty tomb?

As you discover or re-discover the joy of the empty tomb today, what are your thoughts or feelings about once again finding the tomb empty?

“Lightbulb moments” of faith are times when matters of faith become abundantly clear.

What are your clearest “lightbulb moments?”
Are you still waiting for a “lightbulb moment?”

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, April 1st

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP!!!
CHRIST IS RISEN!!!
HE IS RISEN INDEED!!!

Reminder: NO MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT!

Monday, April 2nd

Church Office Closed
No Outside Groups or Activities

Tuesday, April 3rd

9:30 a.m. PW Board Meeting - **All Welcome!** (Fiske Room)
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (Lower Level - Room 11)
1:00 - 2:00 p.m. AA (Lower Level - Room 10)
7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting (Room 101)

Wednesday, April 4th

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (Room 102)
10:00 a.m. Communications Committee Meeting (Library)

REMINDER: NO YOUTH CLUB OR KIDS' & YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSALS

7:00 - 9:15 p.m. AA (Lower Level - Room 10)
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 32 (Gym)

Thursday, April 5th

9:30 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 (Lower Level - Room 10)
8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, April 6th

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Al Anon (Lower Level - Room 10)
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)

Saturday, April 7th

1:00 p.m. Emergency Preparedness Committee (Library)

Sunday, April 8th

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Worship
10:20 - 11:00 a.m. Church School (Room 102)
11:30 a.m. Fall Fair Planning Meeting (Room 101)
11:30 a.m. Archive Open House

11:30 a.m. Small Group Study
“Last Words from the Cross” (Fiske Room)

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

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