

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Sunday, April 15, 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!!!



### **Middle and High School Youth Group Continues TONIGHT @ 6:00 pm!**

Join us from 6-8 pm for an evening of faith, fun, and fellowship with Kerry, Amy, Pastor Matthew, and all of your friends in faith! *Bring your Bibles!*

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

**Remember: the OFC famine is on April 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>!**

### **Youth Club and Choir Rehearsals Continue on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>!**

If you are in **1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> 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

### Stephen Ministry Invitation from Pastor Means:

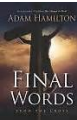
Stephen Ministry is a vitally important ministry of Old First that continues to strengthen over time. Currently, our Stephen Ministers are providing much-needed spiritual care to people in the midst of challenging seasons of life.

To keep this ministry at the forefront of our church, we are in need of people to “take up the mantle!” I encourage **ALL** of us, **especially men**, to join us on **April 28<sup>th</sup>** to learn more!

### Small Group Study Continues THIS WEEK!

Our study of the last words of Jesus from the cross continues **TODAY AFTER WORSHIP and Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.**

Please choose to attend either Sunday morning or Wednesday evening for two final weeks (*through April 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 25<sup>th</sup>*) of sharing our Savior's final words together.



### Deacons Plant Sale UNDERWAY!

Our **annual Deacon Plant Sale** will be held on **Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**, just one week before Mother's Day, from **10:00 am to 1:00 pm.**

We will try to fill all pre-orders (*subject to availability*) and payment may be made at the time of pick-up ... with plenty of extra plant material to choose from on the day of the sale!

**Order forms are now available in the office or online!**

Invite family and friends to participate! Order early and often! Please remember that all proceeds support our annual Thanksgiving Basket ministry, feeding 100+ local families!

### Stephen Ministry Workshop: April 28<sup>th</sup> at OFC!

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



We saved you a seat! As we get closer to the day, our excitement is growing! Churches are responding and our guests are signing up. All we need is **YOU!** There is no charge for our members, but we need a count of who will attend for seating and refreshments (**RSVP by April 25<sup>th</sup>**).

This is an opportunity for outreach to our community to show others what OFC is all about! We are sharing our beautiful building, food, and hospitality, but most of all, we are sharing our love of Christ through a ministry of kindness and compassion. So ... **COME! BE THERE! JOIN US!**



### “Safety in the Sanctuary” Seminar May 1<sup>st</sup>!

Please consider joining us as our newly created Emergency Preparedness Committee welcomes the Suffolk County Police Department on **Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>** for a “Safety in the Sanctuary” seminar at **7:30 pm.**

We will spend the evening with guests from other churches considering opportunities for planning, communication, and security in the midst of emergencies of different types.

### Old First to Receive Preservation Award on May 5<sup>th</sup>!

In recognition of the restoration and preservation of our historic steeple, Old First will be recognized by Preservation Long Island with a special award that will be given during a special event at Old First on **Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 2:00 pm!**



We would love to see as many people as possible from our church family attend this special event. There is no charge for attendance; however **reservations are required.**

Please go online to [www.preservationlongisland.org](http://www.preservationlongisland.org) or call (631) 692-4664 (Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm) to register or feel free to see Cindy Samuels for more information!

### 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 April and May!*



*Service Notes for  
Sunday, April 15, 2018*

**“The Divine Exchange”**

*Key Scriptures:*

*“Once you were not a people, but now you are  
God’s people; once you had not received  
mercy, but now you have received mercy.”*

*1 Peter 2:10*

*“Pilate said to them, ‘Whom do you want me to  
release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is  
called the Messiah?’ And they said, ‘Barabbas!’*

*So he released Barabbas for them; and after  
flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.”*

*Matthew 27:17, 21, 26*

*Imagine how Barabbas may have felt  
as he witnessed Jesus, the Messiah,  
taking his physical place on the cross ...*

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*Jesus not only took the place of Barabbas on the  
cross, but the place of each one of us as well.*

*How does this truth make you feel?*

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*1 Peter proclaims that “Once we were not a  
people, but now we are **God’s people!**”  
What does it mean to live as **God’s people** ...  
a people whose lives have been bought by Jesus?*

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**WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR**

**Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Worship**  
10:20 - 11:00 a.m. Church School (*Room 102*)

**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*)

**Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (*Room 102*)  
4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Adult Children of Alcoholics (*Room 102*)  
7:00 p.m. West Shore Commons HOA Meeting (*Room 101*)  
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. NA (*Lower Level - Room 10*)

**Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

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*)  
2:00 p.m. Budget & Stewardship Committee (*Library*)  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. NA Business Meeting (*Room 10*)

**Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (*Room 102*)

**5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Youth Club and  
Kids’ & Youth Choir Rehearsals**

**5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Small Group Study**  
**“Last Words from the Cross” (Fiske Room)**

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

**Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

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 20<sup>th</sup>**

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 21<sup>st</sup>**

**8:00 a.m. Sweet Hollow Presbyterian Church Work Day**

**Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Worship**  
10:20 - 11:00 a.m. Church School (*Room 102*)  
11:15 a.m. Stephen Ministry Workshop  
Volunteer Meeting (*Room 101*)

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

1:00 p.m. Voice Recital (*Parish Hall*)

**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*)