

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 22, 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!*

Please continue contacting your friends, family, and loved ones for 30 Hour Famine sponsorship!

Note that OFC's famine date will be rescheduled!

Youth Club and Choir Rehearsals Continue on Wednesday, April 25th!

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

5:00 - 6:00 pm Kids' & Youth Choir Rehearsals
6:00 - 8:00 pm Wednesday night Youth Club field trip to Target Rock (*permission slips must be completed to go!*)

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.

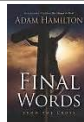
To keep this ministry at the forefront of our church, we are in need of people to “take up the mantle!” I encourage **ALL** of us, especially men, to join us on April 28th to learn more!

Small Group Study CONCLUDES TODAY!

Our study of the last words of Jesus from the cross concludes **TODAY AFTER WORSHIP!!!**

This will be the **LAST SESSION** for both our Sunday morning **AND** Wednesday evening participants!

Keep your eyes and ears peeled for information about our next adult small group study ... **COMING SOON!!!**



Deacons Plant Sale UNDERWAY!

Our **annual Deacon Plant Sale** will be held on **Saturday, May 5th**, 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: SATURDAY AT OFC!

We are blessed to host a very special **Stephen Ministry Training Workshop** at Old First **THIS SATURDAY (APRIL 28th) from 8:30 - 1:00**.



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 25th**).

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 1st!

Please consider joining us as our newly created Emergency Preparedness Committee welcomes the Suffolk County Police Department on **Tuesday, May 1st** 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 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 that will be given during a special event at Old First on **Saturday, May 5th, 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 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 22, 2018

“A Shepherd’s Love”

Key Scriptures:

“We know love by this, that he (Jesus) laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?”

1 John 3:16-17

“Jesus said to them, ‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.’”

John 10:11

When you hear the words of the 23rd Psalm, what images of sheep, fields, and shepherds come to your mind? What implications do these images have for your faith?

In what ways does the image of the crucified Christ reinforce or challenge the image of the “good shepherd” for you? What implications does this image have for your faith?

Who in your life is God calling you to show more of the love of God to in thought, word, and deed?

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, April 22nd

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 - FINAL SESSION!
“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)

Monday, April 23rd

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (Room 102)
4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Adult Children of Alcoholics (Room 102)
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. NA (Lower Level - Room 10)

Tuesday, April 24th

10:00 a.m. “Last Tuesdays” (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. “Stitch Together” Knitting Group (Room 101)

Wednesday, April 25th

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (Room 102)
5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Kids’ & Youth Choir Rehearsals
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Youth Club Field Trip (Target Rock)
7:00 - 9:15 p.m. AA (Lower Level - Room 10)
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 32 (Gym)

Thursday, April 26th

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 27th

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 28th

8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Workshop
FREE for Old First Members!
RSVP by April 25th

Sunday, April 29th

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