

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 8, 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 27th - 28th!

Youth Club and Choir Rehearsals Continue on Wednesday, 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

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!

Easter Season “Thank You!”



Thank You

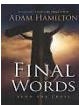
As we reflect on a wildly successful Holy Week, “thank you” to all who answered the call to go above and beyond, especially our Pastor, Matthew Means, for creating four truly inspiring services of worship for us to follow the path of our Christ!

To the **650 people** who attended worship ... to those who gave their time to arrange and deliver Easter flowers ... and to our dedicated members who answered the Pastor's Holy Week call for birdcages, flower pots, crosses, audio-visual equipment, and extra ushering ... **“THANK YOU”** for making Holy Week an eye-opening, faith-shaping journey!

Small Group Study Returns THIS WEEK!

Our study of the last words of Jesus from the cross resumes, starting **TODAY AFTER WORSHIP** and continues on **Wednesday, April 11th at 5:30 pm.**

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



Archive Committee Open House — TODAY!



Following worship **TODAY**, 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 then 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 consider your own call to share in this special 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!**



STEPHEN MINISTRY

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 8, 2018*

“Got Doubts?”

Key Scriptures:

“Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’”

John 20:26-27

“We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning this word of life.”

1 John 1:1

When it comes to the story of Jesus’ appearance to Thomas, how have you heard this moment of doubt taught, preached, or discussed?

When it comes to your life, what circumstances have led you do have doubts about your faith? What doubts do you still carry about God?

Have you shared these doubts with God through prayer? Why or why not? Having shared Thomas’ story today, how do you believe God will receive your doubts?

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

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. 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*)

Monday, April 9th

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (*Room 102*)
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. NA (*Lower Level - Room 10*)
7:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting (*Room 101*)

Tuesday, April 10th

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*)
5:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting (*Library*)
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting (*Room 101*)

Wednesday, April 11th

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

Thursday, April 12th

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 13th

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*)

Sunday, April 15th

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*)