

Sunday, December 10, 2017

Second Sunday in Advent



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. We thank you for visiting us today and welcome you to our family of faith!

Get Connected to Your Church Family at Old First!



With so many exciting opportunities for us to gather together in worship, fellowship, and service; now more than ever, it is 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 receiving these communication from Old First, please contact the church office **TODAY** and provide us with your information! We look forward to getting ... and *staying* ... connected with you!



Youth Group Is TONIGHT @ 6:00 pm!

Join us for an amazing night of fun, food, faith, and fellowship with Kerry, Amy, Pastor Matthew, and all of your friends in faith!

Calling All Middle and High School Students!!!
6:00 - 8:00 pm (Dinner served at 7:00)

Youth Club and Kids'/Youth Choir Continue ...
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH from 5:00 - 7:00 PM!

Whether you have sung in the choir in the past or not, if you are in 1st-8th grade, then this is the place for you to be on Wednesday nights!

5:00 - 7:00 pm Youth Club (Dinner at 6:30)
5:00 - 5:30 pm Kids' Choir (Grades 1st - 3rd)
5:30 - 6:00 pm Youth Choir (Grades 4th - 8th)



Today We Light the Second Advent Candle ... Peace!

Today is the **Second Sunday in Advent**, the time in the life of our faith when we prepare our hearts to receive the gift of God's **peace**, given in Jesus Christ. As we worship each week around the themes of God's **hope, peace, love, and joy**, may each service assure us of the Spirit of God present among us as we prepare to welcome Christ in our lives!

Join Us for a Special "Service of Comfort and Hope"

Is Christmas a time when you remember friends, family, or loved ones who are no longer with us? A powerful way to remember our losses is to bring our heartaches before God. You are invited to join us for a very special **"Service of Comfort and Hope"** on **Monday, December 18th at 7:30 pm** in the Parish Hall as we remember those no longer with us and share the hope, peace, and love of God together.



Get Your Christmas Wrapping Paper TODAY!!!

The Middle and High School Youth Group is selling rolls of wrapping paper to raise funds for upcoming youth activities and mission projects. Show your support by purchasing rolls of Christmas wrapping paper for **\$3 per roll** in the Parish Hall. Thank you and happy wrapping!

The Mitten Tree Is Here!

During the season of Advent, the children of Church School are once again sponsoring a "Mitten Tree" ... now available in the Parish Hall. You are invited to bring hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves to hang on the tree and our children will donate these items to kids in need! On behalf of our young disciples, thank you in advance for your generous support!



Our Layette Ministry Needs Your Help!

Our layette ministry is in desperate need of long-sleeve outfits for boys and girls, ages 3 months to one year! We are also in need of hand-knit baby blankets in gender-neutral colors. We thank you for your past and future support of this important ministry!

The Clothesline Thrift Shop Is Looking For Volunteers!!!

Volunteers at the Thrift Shop are needed for Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 11 am to 1:30 pm. Please call the Thrift Shop and let us know if you can work occasionally or every week. Clothing donations are received during hours of operation. You may place any donations of bins and bags in the AA Room when the Thrift Shop is closed. Thank you!

*Sermon Notes for Sunday, December 10th
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“Making Room”

Key Scriptures:

“The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.”

Isaiah 11:6

“She gave birth to her firstborn son, wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the inn.”

Luke 2:7

*Have you ever arrived in some place or at some event ... only to find there is no room for you?
How did that lack of space or welcome make you feel?*

During this Advent season, are you “making room” to receive the gift of Jesus Christ? In order to do this ... what else needs to give way?

Revelation 3:20 ... Jesus says, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock?” Have you heard that knock at the door of your heart? Have you opened the door and made room for Jesus in your life? How has your life changed as a result of your decision?

Weekly Opportunities for Ministry at Old First

Sunday, December 10th

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Worship

Second Sunday in Advent — PEACE

10:20 - 11:00 a.m. Church School / Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

11:45 a.m. Personnel Committee Meeting

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Youth Group (*Youth Room*)
(Dinner served at 7:00 p.m.)

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

Monday, December 11th

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

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. NA (*Lower Level - Room 10*)

Tuesday, December 12th

10:00 a.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting (*Library*)

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, December 13th

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

5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Kids’ Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Youth Club Activities and Dinner (*Parish Hall*)

7:00 - 9:15 p.m. AA (*Lower Level - Room 10*)

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 32 (*Gym*)

Thursday, December 14th

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (*Lower Level - Room 11*)

11:30 a.m. PW Circle 4 Quilting Lunch

5:00 - 9:30 p.m. Giant Steps (*Room 102*)

8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

Friday, December 15th

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Al-Anon (*Room 101*)

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (*Lower Level - Room 11*)

***Friday, December 15th - Saturday, December 16th
8:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m. (Snacks and Breakfast Served!)***

Middle and High School Youth Group Lock-In @ Old First

Sunday, December 17th

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Worship

Third Sunday in Advent — JOY

Children and Youth Christmas Pageant during Worship!

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