

## Announcements

*Sunday, December 3, 2017*



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 6<sup>TH</sup> from 5:00 - 7:00 PM!

Whether you have sung in the choir in the past or not, if you are in 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>)**  
**5:30 - 6:00 pm Youth Choir (Grades 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>)**



### Today We Light the Frist Advent Candle ... HOPE!

Today is the **First Sunday in Advent**, the time in the life of our faith when we prepare our hearts to receive the gift of God's **hope**, 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!

### Get Your Christmas Wrapping Paper TODAY!!!

Members of the Middle and High School Youth Group are selling rolls of wrapping paper to raise funds for our many upcoming youth activities and mission projects.

Show your support by visiting the Parish Hall following worship to purchase rolls of Christmas wrapping paper for **\$3 per roll**. Happy wrapping and thanks for your support!



### 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!

### Annual PW Christmas Luncheon Is THIS WEEK!!!

The PW Christmas Luncheon is **THIS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 11:30**. This special holiday event features a delicious meal, warm fellowship, fantastic entertainment, and so much more! The event is \$15 per person and reservations are required by contacting Marge Sammis at (631) 871-9410 as soon as possible! See you there everyone!



### 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 3<sup>rd</sup>  
First Sunday in Advent*

**“What’s in a Name”**

*Key Scripture:*

*“But the angel said to Zechariah, ‘Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord.’ ”*

*Luke 1:13-15*

*There is power and meaning in the names chosen for us ... what is the meaning of your name or the story of why you were given this name?*

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*We begin the season of Advent with reflections on the theme of “hope.” What is it about Jesus Christ that brings you hope today?*

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*Zechariah ... “God remembers!”  
Elizabeth ... “God is our promise!”  
John ... “God is gracious!”  
As you think about the one for whom we watch, wait, and prepare ... what about the name/role of Jesus fills you with hope?*

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**Weekly Calendar of Events at Old First**

**Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

***First Sunday in Advent and Communion***

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

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

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

**Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

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

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting (*Room 101*)

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

**Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 a.m. PW Board Meeting — ***All Are 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 - 8:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting (*Room 101*)

**Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

***11:30 a.m. Annual Presbyterian Women Christmas Luncheon***

***Kids’ & Youth Choir Rehearsals and Youth Club***

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 7<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*)

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

**Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

***Second Sunday in Advent***

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

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

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