

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, February 25, 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!!!



Youth Group Continues TONIGHT!!!!

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

**Calling All Middle and High School Students:
JOIN US!!! TONIGHT!!! 6:00-8:00 PM!!!**

If you are joining us for the Middle School youth trip this summer, please let us know as soon as possible!

YOUTH CLUB AND CHOIR REHEARSALS RETURN WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28th!!!!

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

What Is “Per Capita?”

“Per Capita” is the cost per member given by our church to support the ministry of our Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. At **\$36.78 per member**, the total expense to our Old First budget is **roughly \$14,000**. If each of us contributed this amount, we would have **almost \$14,000 more** to fund our ministry! Thank you to all who share in this important way of giving financially!



Today is the Second Sunday in Lent!

Today is the **second Sunday in Lent**, a season to walk together in the footsteps of our Christ as he journeys to the cross of our eternal salvation. Lent is a time to share in worship, fellowship, and service that allow us to grow in faith as we are reminded of the depth and power of God’s unconditional love for all!

During the Season of Lent ...

Our worship will feature a different “**Affirmation of Faith**” each week that lifts up what we believe about the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Today we feature a selection from “**The Nicene Creed**,” a profession of faith that is the product of two church councils (*Nicaea in 325 and Constantinople in 381*) seeking to unite the church and remains one of the very few confessions of faith shared by Christians from different nationalities and denominations throughout the world!

Tickets Now Available for St. Patrick’s Day Dinner!

Join us for a St. Patrick’s Day dinner on **Saturday, March 10th at 6:00 pm** and share a **FANTASTIC** evening of food, fun, and fellowship! This very special event features a corned beef and cabbage dinner, live music, Irish step-dancing, and more! Get your tickets now (**\$20 adult and \$8 child under 12**) from Priscilla Jahier following worship or by calling her at (631) 351-4941.



The Time Is NOW to “Love On” Our Youth!

Our Sunday Youth Group and Wednesday Youth Club are hoping to re-stock their sports equipment ... but ... **they need your help!** Stop by the bulletin board in the hallway for “heart-tags” with the name of different items needed for youth ministry! **Take a tag home ... do a little shopping ... and bring your item (s) back to Old First** to share with our fabulous youth and children!

Thank you in advance for your support and if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kerry Degnan, Amy Means, or Pastor Matthew at your convenience!



Lenten Study

If you would like to join a **weekly Lenten Study for adults**, please contact **Leslie Schult, Amy Means, or Pastor Matthew Means** as soon as possible!

We are currently planning to lead two weekly meetings, one meeting on **Sunday mornings from 11:30-12:30** and the second meeting on **Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30**.

You will not want to miss this wonderful opportunity for us to grow in faith as we continue to share the season of Lent!

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. Donations may be delivered during open hours or you may place them in the AA Room when the shop is closed. **We are in great need of volunteers to join us in this important ministry for our community!**



Sermon Notes for
Sunday, February 25, 2018

“Observe a Holy Lent”

Key Scriptures:

“Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing.”

Joel 2:12-13a

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven ... for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:19-21

What does the season of Lent mean **for you**?
Is it a time for giving things up that are harmful to us or a time for taking in more that is beneficial?

As you consider God’s call to “observe a Holy Lent,” what do you feel God may be calling you to do or to be in response to this invitation?

God is calling us - during Lent and always - to identify ways to change our hearts.

How is God **specifically** calling **you** to change your heart today?

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, February 25th

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

Second Sunday in Lent

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

11:30 - 12:30 Small Group Lenten Study (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, February 26th

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

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

Tuesday, February 27th

10:00 a.m. “Last Tuesdays” - **All 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)

2:00 p.m. Budget & Stewardship Committee (Library)

7:00 p.m. “Stitch Together” (Knitting Group) (Room 101)

Wednesday, February 28th

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 Small Group Lenten Study (Fiske Room)

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

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

Thursday, March 1st

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)

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. MA (Lower Level - Room 10)

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

Friday, March 2nd

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, March 4th

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

Third Sunday in Lent / Communion / Baptism

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

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Middle and High School Youth Group / Food for the Soul (Youth Room)

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

Save This Date Old First ...

Saturday, March 10th

St. Patrick’s Day Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.

\$20 per adult \$8 per child (12 and under)

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!!!