

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, January 14, 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!!!

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (Dinner at 7:00)
All Middle & High School Students

Remember: Special “Great Escape” Parent Meeting for All Current Middle School Students @ 6:00 pm

YOUTH CLUB AND KIDS’/YOUTH CHOIR CONTINUE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17th!!!!!!

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 We Celebrate the Baptism of Jesus!



Today we remember the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist in the Jordan River ... a moment when the heavens opened, a dove appeared, and the voice of God was heard, declaring, “*This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.*” As we share the baptism of our Lord and Savior, may we all remember with joy our own baptisms as we renew our covenant with God!

“Soaper” Bowl Giving Is Here!

Throughout the month of January, our church school students are collecting toiletry items such as soap, shampoo, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. All items may be dropped off by placing them in the special football-themed box in the entryway of the church. Everything collected will be donated to the local Community Food Council for distribution to those in need in our area.



Mark Your Calendars: Annual Meeting Date Set!

The Session has set **Sunday, February 11, 2018**, for our annual meeting of the congregation. This special day in our church family is a chance to look back at the year that was while joyfully looking ahead to the coming year. If you are the chair of a group or committee of the church, **please start writing your Annual Reports (due January 22nd)** and make plans to join us for this celebration of ministry in our congregation!



Survey Says ... IT'S TIME FOR FUN!!!!!!

Join us on **Sunday, January 28th** for a potluck dinner and Family Feud night with our Deacons! **Potluck begins at 5:00 pm (bring a dish to share!)** and **Family Feud** kicks off at **6:00 pm!** The cost is **\$8 per person or \$25 per family**. Come alone! Bring a date! Invite friends and family! Join us for a fantastic night of fundraising!



Fall Fair Review and Planning Meeting!

You are invited to join us after worship on **Sunday, January 21st** in Room 101 for an opportunity to discuss areas of success and improvement for our annual Fall Fair! Anyone who worked on, attended, or even thought about the Fall Fair is welcome to join us! If you have feedback and/or suggestions but cannot attend the meeting, please contact Kathy Porter or Susan Oehrig via email at your earliest convenience. See you there everyone!



The Clothesline Thrift Shop Needs Volunteers!!!

Volunteers are needed on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 11 am to 1:30 pm (**especially Thursdays from 1:30 to 4:00!**). Please call the Thrift Shop or let **Susan Worledge** know if you can work occasionally or every week. Clothing donations are received during hours of operation, but you may place donations in the AA Room when the Thrift Shop is closed. **We are in great need of volunteers to join us in this ministry of our church for our community!**



*Sermon Notes for
Sunday, January 14, 2018
Baptism of the Lord Sunday
“Remember with Joy”*

Key Scriptures:

*“I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the
people and a light to the nations.”*

Isaiah 42:6

*“When Jesus had been baptized ... the heavens were
opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending
like a dove ... and a voice from heaven said, ‘This is
my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’”*

Matthew 3:16-17

*What do you remember about your baptism?
If you do not remember it first-hand, what stories
about your baptism have been passed to you?*

*When you are invited to “remember with joy”
your baptism, what is it that fills you with joy?*

*What does it mean to consider the voice of God
speaking in your life ... “This is my Daughter /
Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased?”*

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, January 14th

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Worship
Baptism of the Lord Sunday
10:20 - 11:00 a.m. Church School (*Room 102*)
11:30 a.m. Personnel Committee Meeting (*Library*)

6:00 p.m. Middle School Parent Meeting (Youth Room)

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Youth Group (Youth Room)

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

Monday, January 15th

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Church Office Closed / No Activities in Building

Tuesday, January 16th

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 - 9:00 p.m. Session Meeting (*Room 101*)

Wednesday, January 17th

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (*Room 102*)
12:00 p.m. Hebrews Bible Study (*Room 101*)

**5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Youth Club and
Kids' & Youth Choir Rehearsals**

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

Thursday, January 18th

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, January 19th

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Al Anon (*Lower Level - Room 10*)
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (*Lower Level - Room 11*)

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10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Worship
10:20 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Church School (*Room 102*)
11:30 a.m. Fall Fair Review / Planning Meeting (*Room 101*)

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Youth Group (Youth Room)

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

Save These Dates Old First ...

Sunday, January 28th

Potluck Dinner and Family Feud Night
5:00 Potluck 6:00 Family Feud

Sunday, February 11th

Annual Congregational Meeting
Immediately following worship

Saturday, March 10th

St. Patrick's Day Dinner @ 6:00 pm