

Sunday, January 7, 2018

Epiphany Sunday



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 any of these communications from Old First, please contact the church office 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, JANUARY 10TH 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 Celebrate Epiphany Sunday

Epiphany is the church's celebration of the “appearance” or “manifestation” of God. While Christmas marks the coming of God to us, Epiphany celebrates the appearance of the Lord in the midst of humanity. In our celebration, we rejoice in the dawning of the “light shining in the darkness” ... revealing God's promised Savior to the world, but also calling followers of the Christ to live as witnesses to God's true Light - Jesus, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior!

What Is Per Capita and Why Should I Give?

“Per Capita” is the cost per member that is 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 as part of our yearly giving, we would have nearly **\$14,000 more** to fund our worship, fellowship, and service ministries! Thank you to all who choose to share in this important aspect of financial giving in our church.



“Soaper” Bowl Giving Is Here!



Throughout the month of January, our church school students are collecting toiletry items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, toilet paper, etc. All items may be dropped off by placing them in the special football-themed box in the entryway of the church. All items 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. **Start writing your Annual Reports** 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 your dishes to share!) and **Family Feud** kicks off at **6:00 pm!** The cost is **\$8 per person or \$25 per family** as we have a great time raising funds for Deacons' ministry! Come alone! Bring a date! Invite friends and family!

The Clothesline Thrift Shop Is Looking For 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.

Sermon Notes for Sunday, January 7th
Epiphany Sunday

“Nothing New Here!”

Key Scriptures:

“Arise, shine; for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the people; but the Lord will arise upon you and his glory will appear over you.”

Isaiah 60:1-2

“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

Matthew 2:11

As you reflect back on the last year ... the last five years ... the last ten years ... or even more ... what are the most significant changes that come to mind in your life, the life of the church, or the world?

*As you consider the truth proclaimed from the Lord’s Table ... that Christ died, Christ rose again, and Christ will return ... **for you** ... what meaning does the truth of Jesus Christ have in your life?*

*Hebrews 13:8 proclaims the promise that “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever!” As we live in times of great change, **who** needs you to share this truth and **how** can you best share it?*

Sunday, January 7th

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

Epiphany Sunday and Communion

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

11:30 a.m. Christian Education 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, January 8th

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, January 9th

9:30 a.m. PW Board Meeting - *All Welcome!* (*Fiske Room*)

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Budget/Stewardship Committee Meeting (*Library*)

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Communication 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 - 8:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting (*Room 101*)

Wednesday, January 10th

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

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Youth Club / Kids’ and Youth Choir Rehearsal

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

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

Thursday, January 11th

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

9:30 a.m. PW / Circle 4 Quilting (*Room 101*)

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 12th

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

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, January 14th

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

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

10:20 - 11:00 a.m. Church School

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting (*Library*)

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*)