

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 11, 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:
BE THERE!!! TONIGHT!!! 6:00-8:00 PM!!!**

YOUTH CLUB AND CHOIR REHEARSALS CONTINUE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14th!!!!!!

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**.

This money is used to support ministry at a “higher” level than the local church, including the planting of four new churches and ministries throughout Long Island!

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 Fourth Sunday in Lent!

Today is the **fourth 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 Second Helvetic Confession**,” a statement of faith written by Heinrich Bullinger in 1566 to reconcile the Lutheran and Reformed Christian churches in Germany. This confession is considered one of the most pastoral and practical faith statements written in the sixteenth century.

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!**

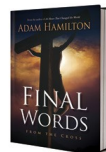
Stop by the bulletin board in the hallway for “heart-tags” with the name of different items needed for youth ministry! **Take a tag home ... do a little shopping ... and bring your item (s) back to Old First** to share with our fabulous youth and children!

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 Continues Sunday and Wednesday!!!

Our weekly Lenten study is now underway, but it's never too late to join us! The **weekly study for adults** is a perfect place for us to grow in faith, ask questions, and discuss answers!

We are leading two weekly studies, one that meets on **Sundays from 11:30-12:30** and the other gathers on **Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30**, both centered on Adam Hamilton's, “**Final Words from the Cross**.”



For more information, please contact **Leslie Schult, Amy Means, or Pastor Matthew Means** at your convenience!

Pancake Breakfast — Sunday, March 25th



Mark your calendars and make plans to join us on **Palm Sunday (March 25th)**, immediately following worship for our annual Spring Pancake Breakfast. All proceeds from this year's special event will be donated to our vital and growing youth ministry to purchase much-needed sports equipment!

Tickets are **being sold today** in the Parish Hall after worship and will be available until the day of the event.

Tickets are \$8 (adult), \$6 (youth), and \$25 (max per family).

Join us for great food and even greater fellowship!

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, March 11, 2018

“Something Is About To Happen”

Key Scriptures:

“But this is the covenant ... says the Lord: I will put my law within them and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God and they shall be my people.”

Jeremiah 31:33

“Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also.

Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.”

John 12:25-26

As Jesus prepared for the final moments of his life and ministry, what do you think he was thinking or feeling in the last days leading up to the cross?

When we say, “We wish to see Jesus!”
What about the life and ministry of your Christ do you most want to see and understand?

Something big is coming in the life of our Christ!
In our journey through Holy Week (Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter), what do you most look forward to experiencing?

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, March 11th

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

Fourth 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, March 12th

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

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

Tuesday, March 13th

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, March 14th

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 15th

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)

7:30 - 8:30 p.m. MA (Lower Level - Room 10)

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

Friday, March 16th

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 18th

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent / “Footprints in the Sand”

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

11:30 a.m. Clothesline Thrift Store

Volunteer Meeting (Room 101)

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)

7:00 p.m. Cuba Trip Meeting (Fiske Room)