

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 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 @ 6:00 PM!!!

Join us from 6-8 pm for an evening of faith, fun, and fellowship with Kerry, Amy, Pastor Matthew!

Parents ... please remember to come up to the Youth Room when you drop your student off tonight for a brief meeting about the upcoming **30 Hour Famine!**

YOUTH CLUB AND CHOIR REHEARSALS CONTINUE WENDESAY, MARCH 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

Year-to-Date Financial Update (through 2/28/18):

	Actual	Budgeted
Contributions	81,443	80,917
Designated Income	22,989	10,100
Building Use	<u>3,488</u>	<u>4,500</u>
Total Cash Received	96,920	95,517
Total Cash Disbursed	82,861	74,667



Today is Palm Sunday!

Our journey through Holy Week and the final events in the life and ministry of our Christ begins **TODAY** with **Palm Sunday!** We remember the triumphal entry of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem as the people gather to proclaim, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" But let us not forget that soon these same voices will cry out for his crucifixion ...

During Each Week of Lent and Holy Week ...

Our worship features a different "**Affirmation of Faith**" that proclaims what we believe about the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Today we feature a selection from "**A Brief Statement of Faith**," written in 1983 to celebrate the reunion of the Presbyterian Church in the United States and the United Presbyterian Church in the United States, separated since 1859 over a variety of social and theological issues..

Pancake Breakfast Is TODAY Following Worship!



Following worship, please join us in the Parish Hall for our 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 available at the door for \$8 (adult), \$6 (youth), and \$25 (max per family).

Our Archive Committee Is Having An Open House!

Following worship on **Sunday, April 8th**, please join the Archive Committee for a special presentation on the dedicated history of record keeping at Old First, view historical documents, and share major events in the church's history.



In groups of about 6, you will be invited down to the vault to be introduced to some of the oldest documents of the church as well as other important records. **All are welcome!**

Stephen Ministry Workshop Coming Soon to OFC!



STEPHEN
MINISTRY

We are blessed to host a very special **Stephen Ministry Training Workshop** at Old First on **Saturday, April 28th from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm.**

You are invited to join us in order to learn more about Stephen Ministry and perhaps even consider whether or not you may be called to share in this vital ministry for people of our church in seasons of need.

We will be welcoming people from churches throughout Long Island, but as a result of hosting, any members of our church family may attend ... **for free!!!**

For more information, to volunteer, or attend this amazing workshop, **please contact Leslie Schult as soon as possible!**

"Last Tuesday" Is March 27th at 10:00 am!

Looking for a warm, friendly place to "just talk?" Join us at 10:00 am **THIS TUESDAY** (March 27th) in the Fiske Room!

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. **We are in great need of more volunteers to join us in this important community ministry ... especially on Thursday and Friday afternoons in March and April!**



*Service Notes for
Sunday, March 25, 2018*

“Why the Tears?”

Key Scriptures:

*“The crowds that went ahead of Jesus were shouting,
‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the
one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!’”*

Matthew 21:9

*“O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love
endures forever! Blessed is the one who comes in the name
of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.”*

Psalm 118:1, 26

*As you picture the triumphal entry of Jesus on
Palm Sunday to shouts of “Hosanna!,” where do
you imagine you would have been in the crowd?*

*As Jesus paused to survey the crowd, what
thoughts, feelings, or emotions do you think
caused him to stop on the road ... and weep?*

*When you consider the tears of our Savior as he
begins the Holy Week journey, can you identify
thoughts or actions of Christians today (or the
church itself) that continue to invite these tears?*

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, March 25th

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Worship
PALM SUNDAY!!!
10:20 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Church School (Room 102)

**11:15 a.m. EASTER EGG HUNT
FOR ALL CHILDREN & YOUTH**

DEACONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR!!!
\$8 Adults \$6 Children
\$25 Max per Family

**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 26th

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (Room 102)
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. NA (Lower Level - Room 10)

Tuesday, March 27th

10:00 a.m. “Last Tuesday” - **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)
7:00 p.m. Stitch Together (Knitting Group) (Room 101)

Wednesday, March 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 29th

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)

**MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP
7:00 PM (SANCTUARY)**

7:30 - 8:30 p.m. MA (Lower Level - Room 10)
8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, March 30th

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)

**GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP
7:00 PM (PARISH HALL)**

Sunday, April 1st

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP!!!
CHRIST IS RISEN!!!
HE IS RISEN INDEED!!!

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