

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 4, 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 with “Food for the Soul!”

Join us for a wonderful evening of cooking our own food, growing in faith, and sharing in fellowship with Gretchen as we share a night of “Food for the Soul.”

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

YOUTH CLUB AND CHOIR REHEARSALS CONTINUE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7th!!!!!!

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 Third Sunday in Lent!

Today is the **third 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 Scots Confession**,” the charter document of the Church of Scotland, written by six prominent ministers (including John Knox) as a statement of Protestant Christian faith in 1560 during a time of political and ecclesiastical turmoil during which religious leadership was a very risky business!

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! **Today is the last day** to purchase tickets (**\$20 adult and \$8 child under 12**) from Priscilla Jahier after worship or 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** ... or ... just show up today or Wednesday!

We are currently leading two weekly meetings, one that meets on **Sunday mornings from 11:30-12:30** and another 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, March 4, 2018

“Celebrating the Sacraments”

Key Scriptures:

“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

1 Corinthians 11:26

“Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart
and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers,
what should we do?’ Peter said to them, ‘Repent,
and be baptized, every one of you in the name of
Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven;
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”

Acts 2:37-38

As we share today in the Sacrament of Baptism,
what promises of God do you believe are renewed
between you, the church, and God in this gift?

As we share today in the Sacrament of the Lord’s
Supper, what promises of God do you remember
as the bread is broken and the cup is poured?

When we speak of the Sacraments as “the gifts
of God for the people of God,” what gift(s) do
you carry with you when you go out into the
world having shared the gift of the Sacraments?

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, March 4th

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Worship
**Third Sunday in Lent, Communion, and
the Baptism of Jorge Robert Gibbons**
10:20 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Church School (Room 102)
11:30 a.m. Christian Education Committee (Room 102)
11:30 - 12:30 Small Group Lenten Study (Fiske Room)

**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)

Monday, March 5th

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (Room 102)
7:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting (Room 101)
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. NA (Lower Level - Room 10)

Tuesday, March 6th

9:30 a.m. PW Board Meeting - **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 - 8:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting (Room 101)

Wednesday, March 7th

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 8th

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 9th

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)

Saturday, March 10th

**St. Patrick’s Day Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.
\$20 per adult \$8 per child (12 and under)
PURCHASE TICKETS BY MARCH 4TH!!!**

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)

**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)