

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 13, 2018

Celebrating the Women of Our Faith!



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!!!



Middle and High School 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, and all of your friends in faith in the Youth Room!

Please continue contacting your friends, family, and loved ones for 30 Hour Famine sponsorship!

Youth Club and Choir Rehearsals Continue on Wednesday, May 16th!

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 Rehearsal

5:30 - 6:00 pm — Youth Choir Rehearsal

5:00 - 7:00 pm — Youth Club Activities & Dinner

**The Kids' & Youth Choirs Spring Concert is on
Tuesday, May 29th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER REQUESTS:



To submit an announcement or add someone to the Prayer List for the Sunday bulletin, please contact Pastor Means either in person, by phone, or through email no later than noon on Wednesday of each week. Thank you for sharing information!

“Thank You” Women of Old First Church!



On Mother's Day Sunday, we are blessed to give thanks to God for the tremendous example of faithfulness that so many women of our church family share with us each day!

May God bless your lives and ministries as you continue to live in ways that make Christ's presence real to others in word and deed! Enjoy your special day women!

Calling All Women ... WE SAVED YOU A SEAT!!!

This new Women's Bible Study will meet in two groups ... one on **Sundays following worship, beginning on May 20th** and the other is currently underway and **meeting on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm**. Sign-up has been very enthusiastic, but there is always room for more! **Your seat is saved!** Questions? See Amy Means or Leslie Schult.



“Spring Prayer” Debuts in Worship TODAY!

Today we are blessed to celebrate the gift of new music from the Old First Church Sanctuary Choir, commissioned through a generous gift to the music ministry of our church.

“Spring Prayer” is composed by Jennifer Tibbetts and features words by Thomas Fallica. What a joy to share in the gift of new music during today's offertory!

*The sunlight pierces my eyelids
leaving tiny shadows
dancing in its warm glow.*



*The quiet roar of a breeze
whispers in my ears
and echoes in my soul.*



*I revel in the warmth as I open my eyes
to see the wonder of God painted on bluest skies.*

*A spring bouquet lingers
and the taste of tomorrow
answers my prayer.*

*The mourning doves grow silent
as I reach out and try
to touch new horizons.*

*I revel in the warmth as I open my eyes
to see the glory of God painted on bluest skies.*

Prayers for the Nominating Committee & Nominees:

The Nominating Committee continues to discern those whom God is calling to serve as Elders, Deacons, and Trustees for Old First Church. As members and friends of our church family, you may greatly assist this process by holding the members of the committee as well as those whom God is calling to serve in your prayers!

Pray God will open hearts, minds, and spirits to hear the call to ministry and answer, “Here I am, Lord! Send me!”

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 May and June!*



Service Notes for
Sunday, May 13, 2018

“Cross Talk”

Key Scriptures:

*“Thus says the Lord, I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will
make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”*

Isaiah 43:19

*“This one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind
and straining forward to what lies ahead,
I press on toward the goal for the prize
of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.”*

Philippians 4:13-14

*What does the cross of Jesus Christ
mean to you? What thoughts or images
come to mind when you picture the cross?*

*Of the three hymns in today’s service of worship,
which one presents an image of the cross of Christ
that resonates most strongly with you? Why?*

*As you consider the full picture of the Easter
journey and the cross that transforms old to new,
what “new thing” is God calling you to be or do?*

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, May 13th

9:00 a.m. Nominating Committee Meeting (*Fiske Room*)

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

Giving Thanks for Women of Faith!

10:20 - 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*)

Monday, May 14th

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

4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Adult Children of Alcoholics (*Room 102*)

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

Tuesday, May 15th

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*)

2:00 p.m. Budget / Stewardship Committee (*Library*)

6:30 p.m. NA Business Meeting (*Lower Level - Room 11*)

7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting (*Room 101*)

Wednesday, May 16th

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

**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, May 17th

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, May 18th

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, May 20th

9:00 a.m. Nominating Committee Meeting (*Fiske Room*)

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

Pentecost Sunday - Wear Red!

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

4:00 - 8:00 p.m. AA Anniversary Party (*Parish Hall*)

**6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Middle and High
School Youth Group (Youth Room)**