

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 12, 2017



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!

Stewardship Reminder ...

If you have not submitted your financial pledge for 2018, please do so as soon as you are able. This information is used to create the budget for the coming year and every pledge goes a long way to supporting the mission and ministry of Old First. Thank you for your generous support!

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!!!

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (Dinner at 7:00)
6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Students

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. (Dinner at 7:00)
9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th Grade Students

Don't Forget! Special Event! NEXT WEEK!!!
November 19th @ 4:00 pm @ Old First!!!

YOUTH CLUB AND KIDS'/YOUTH CHOIR
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15th!!!!

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)

This week will feature a special Thanksgiving-themed dinner for Youth Club at 6:00 pm! So come hungry!!!

Thanksgiving Baskets — THIS WEEK!!!



The Deacons of Old First Church need **YOUR HELP** in preparing, organizing, and delivering a week's worth of groceries and a Thanksgiving dinner to 125 families in our area who are in need during the holiday!

So ... how can you help? Here are a few ways ...

- * **Starting TODAY — Bring in clean cardboard boxes**
- * **Nov. 16th (7:00 - 8:30 pm) — Set-up in Parish Hall**
- * **Nov. 17th (10:30 am - 12:30 pm) — Fill Baskets**

We are especially in need of drivers!

One of the most important tasks is delivering the baskets on **Saturday morning (Nov. 18th) from 10:00-11:30 am**. This is a chance to meet people first-hand and share the love of God with those in need! You will receive as much as you give!



Please contact Martha Tibbetts to volunteer!

Bible Study — WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15th



Please join us as we continue our monthly Bible study focusing on the book of Hebrews! We gather in Room 101 for refreshments and study fellowship at noon and the study begins at 12:30. All are welcome to join us (*including men!*) so pick up a copy of the book in the office and we'll see you there!

“Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!”

To the members and friends of Old First who once again gave generously of time, talent, and donations in support of yet another wildly successful Fall Fair ... we say “thank you!” Because of your support, Old First, led by our Presbyterian Women, may continue to support various mission projects, locally and beyond, as we commit to making connections between our church family and surrounding communities! Thank you for your support!



Annual PW Christmas Luncheon Coming Soon!



Advent and Christmas are coming soon and with them come the PW Christmas Luncheon on **Wednesday, December 6th, beginning at 11:30 am**. This special event features a delicious meal, warm fellowship, fantastic entertainment, and so much more! The event is \$15 per person and reservations are required by contacting Marge Sammis at (631) 871-9410 as soon as possible!

THRIFT SHOP INFORMATION

- ◆ Volunteers are needed for Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11 am to 1:30 pm. Please let Cynthia know if you can work occasionally or every week. Clothing donations are accepted during hours of operation. Please place any donations of bins and bags in the AA Room (Room 10) when the Thrift Shop is closed. Thank you.

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!

Sermon Notes for
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“Drawing Close”

Key Scriptures:

“So too ... there is a remnant, chosen by grace.
But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of
works, otherwise grace would no longer be grace.
For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.”

Romans 11:5-6, 29

“But she came and knelt before Jesus,
saying, Lord ... help me!”

Matthew 15:25

What do you make of Jesus’ earlier encounter
with the Canaanite woman? Why does Jesus
initially seem slow to respond to her need?

Since Jesus is not physically present among
us now ... what are some ways that you are
able to spiritually “sit at his feet” today?

When it comes to your relationship with God ...
your relationship with Jesus Christ ...
your relationship with the Holy Spirit ...
Where are you? Drawn close? Or at a distance?

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, November 12th

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

Recognition of Veterans

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

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Youth Group (Youth Room)

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Shared Dinner

8:00 - 9:00 p.m. 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th Grade

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

Monday, November 13th

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

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

Tuesday, November 14th

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

10:00 a.m. Communications Committee (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)

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, November 15th

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

12:00 p.m. Hebrews Bible Study (Room 101)

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Youth Club

Thanksgiving Celebration — Adult Volunteers Needed

5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Kids’ Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

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

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

Thursday, November 16th

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

5:00 - 9:30 p.m. Giant Steps (Room 102)

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

Friday, November 17th

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Al Anon (Lower Level - Room 10)

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

Saturday, November 18th

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Basket Delivery

Sunday, November 19th

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

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

YOUTH GROUP SOCIAL EVENT

(Previous commitment required!)

All youth (6th-12th grade) will meet at Old First
at 4:00 p.m. for an evening at Adventureland Park

If you have questions, please contact
Kerry Degnan or Amy Means

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