

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 5, 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!

Today Is Pledge Dedication Sunday!!!

Are you ready for our final "Did You Know?" of the 2017 stewardship season? Did you know ... that of the 214 pledge cards that were sent out last year ... only 112 pledges were received (roughly 52%)?

Did You Know?...

We expect this number to be surpassed as we move into 2018 and beyond ... but ... *we need your help!* Together, we will respond faithfully, so that Old First will continue to be a place where we may, "**Connect - Grow - Serve - 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 Gretchen!!!

**Youth Group Special Event
for All 6th - 12th Grade Students ...**

**TONIGHT ... "FOOD 4 THE SOUL"
Everybody Together from 6:00 - 8:00 pm**

**YOUTH CLUB AND KIDS'/YOUTH CHOIR
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8th!!!!!!**

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)

Due to ongoing preparation for the Fall Fair, there will be no Youth Club activities or dinner this week!



Fall Fair Week Is Here!

**Saturday, November 11th
10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

We Need EVERYONE! How Can YOU Help?

The Fall Fair is a major annual event and requires ALL of us working together to make it a raging success!

We will need your help *setting up TODAY ... working the fair on Nov. 11th ... and cleaning up when the fair is over!*

For more ways, contact Kathy Porter or keep reading ...

- ◆ Donate items beginning the week of November 5th!
- ◆ If you make jams, jellies, canned veggies, or pickles ... please consider donating to our "Country Store!" We could also use your donations of *bread*s (zucchini, banana, and pumpkin), *pies* (pumpkin, peach, and cherry), *cupcakes*, *cookies*, and *cakes*!

They are all big sellers and very much appreciated!

Thanksgiving Baskets Are Coming!!!

Each year, the Deacons of Old First Church lead us in delivering a week's worth of groceries and a Thanksgiving dinner to 125 families in our area!

We cannot do this alone, but need all of us working together! So ... how can you help? Here are a few ways to get started:



- * **Starting NOW — 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**
- * **Nov. 18th (10:00 - 11:30 am) — Deliver Baskets**

Presbyterian Women Circle Reminders



Our quilting group (PW Circle 4) meets every Thursday morning from 9:30 - 11:00 am!

Our craft group (PW Circle 6) meets every Friday morning from 9:45 am - 12:00 pm to prepare crafts for our annual Fall Fair!



BIBLE Join us for our Hebrews Bible study on the third Wednesday of the month (*next meeting is Nov. Study 15th*) for treats at noon and discussion at 12:30!

Come and join us to share your gifts or learn a new skill!!!

THRIFT SHOP INFORMATION

- ◆ In order to keep the Thrift Shop fully operational and open ... **WE NEED NEW VOLUNTEERS!!!**
- ◆ 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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“Called To Support”

Key Scriptures:

“The Lord said to Moses, ‘Go down at once!
Your people, whom you brought up out of the land
of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick
to turn aside from the way that I commanded them.’”

Exodus 32:7-8a

“Then Jesus said to them, ‘Give therefore to the
emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to
God the things that are God’s.’ When they heard this,
they were amazed; and they left him and went away.”

Matthew 22:21-22

When it comes to pledging your financial support
to the Body of Christ ... what inspires you to give?
What holds you back from pledging your support?

The people of Israel quickly forgot everything
God had done for them and made idols instead.
When you neglect God’s place in your life,
what are the “idols” that you make for yourself?

What are you holding back or holding onto
in your life that you know in your heart actually
belongs to God and should be given accordingly?

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, November 5th

- 8:45 - 9:30 a.m. Christian Education Meeting (Room 101)
- 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
Pledge Dedication Sunday!
- 10:20 - 11:00 a.m. Church School (Room 102)

11:30 a.m. Fall Fair Set-Up

Please Stay and Help!
Many Hands Make for Lighter Work!

Youth Group — “Food 4 the Soul”

All 6th - 12th Grade Students
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (Parish Hall Kitchen)

Monday, November 6th

Fall Fair Preparation!
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, November 7th

Fall Fair Preparation!
10:00 a.m. Communications Committee (Library)
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (Lower Level - Room 11)
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting

Wednesday, November 8th

Fall Fair Preparation!
5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Kids’ Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**Please Note: Kids’ & Youth Choir Rehearsals Only
No Youth Club Activities Due to Fall Fair Preparation!**

Thursday, November 9th

Fall Fair Preparation!
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (Lower Level - Room 11)
8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, November 10th

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

Saturday, November 11th

Fall Fair @ Old First Church!
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Volunteer! Visit! Shop! Eat! Enjoy!
Invite Friends & Family! Help Clean Up!

Sunday, November 12th

- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Worship
Recognition of Veterans
- 10:20 a.m. - 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)