

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, October 22, 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 Season Has Arrived!

Each week, as we consider our financial pledges, we bring you a "did you know" about the life of Old First. Ready? Did you know ... that it takes \$54,475 each year to fund our vital music ministry?

**Did You
KNOW?...**

Pancake Breakfast is TODAY!!!



Join us immediately following today's service of worship for our annual Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by the Deacons!

Don't have tickets? No problem!
Tickets are available for \$8 (adult), \$6 (youth), and \$25 (max for whole family).

Join us for good food, great fun, and a chance to support Thanksgiving baskets!



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 pm (dinner at 7:00)

6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Students

7:00 - 9:00 pm (dinner at 7:00)

9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th Grade Students

YOUTH CLUB AND KIDS'/YOUTH CHOIR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25th!!!!

If you are in 1st - 8th grade, then this is the perfect place for you to be on Wednesday nights!

5:00 - 7:00 pm Youth Club (Grades 1-8)

5:00 - 5:30 pm Kids' Choir (Grades 1-3)

5:30 - 6:00 pm Youth Choir (Grades 4-8)

Dinner is served for all at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Halloween Party — October 29th from 6:00-9:00 pm!



All 6th-12th grade youth are invited to join us for our first annual Old First Youth Halloween Party at the Means' home (28 Hennessy Dr.) ... **IF YOU DARE!!!!**



It's Fall Fair Time!
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 on Nov. 5th ... 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!
- ◆ Join us for "Pie Day" on October 26th @ 9 a.m. for fellowship and fun as we prepare pies for the fair!
- ◆ 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), *pie*s (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

- ◆ 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.

Bulletin 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 the Wednesday of each week. Thank you!

Sermon Notes for
Sunday, October 22, 2017

“Growing In Christ”

Key Scriptures:

“Happy are those who ... delight in the law of the Lord and on his law meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season and their leaves do not wither.”

Psalm 1:1-3

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.”

John 15:5

As you consider your life in the body of Christ, in what ways have you grown or are you growing in faith through sharing in ministry?

Are there places in your life or in the life of the church and its ministry where you currently do **not** feel like you are connected or growing?

What have been the most significant “fruits” of your faith growth because of your connection to the body of Christ and the ministry of Old First?

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, October 22nd

- 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. New Members' Class (*Fiske Room*)
- 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Worship with *Commissioning Service for Stephen Ministry*
- 10:20 - 11:00 a.m. Church School (*Room 102*)
- 11:00 a.m. Deacons' Pancake Breakfast (*Parish Hall*)

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, October 23rd

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

Tuesday, October 24th

- 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*)

Wednesday, October 25th

- 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (*Room 102*)
- 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Youth Club (*Youth Room/Gym/Parish Hall*)
- 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, October 26th

- 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 p.m. LI-CAN Meeting (*Parish Hall*)
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

Friday, October 27th

- 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, October 29th

- 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. New Members' Class (*Fiske Room*)
- 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Worship - **Welcome New Members!**
- 10:20 - 11:00 a.m. Church School (*Room 102*)
- 1:00 p.m. Regina Conzelmann Memorial Service**

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Youth Group

Halloween Party for All 6th - 12th Grade Students!
Join us at the Means' House (28 Hennessy Drive)
Be There ... IF YOU DARE!!!

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

SAVE THESE DATES!!!

Mark your calendars and join us for these special events:

Thursday, October 26th

Pie Day!

Join us to prepare pies for the Fall Fair!

Saturday, November 11th

Annual Fall Fair at Old First Church
Find a place to volunteer TODAY!!!