

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, September 17, 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!

A NOTE FROM PASTOR MEANS:

“As we continue to grow together as Pastor and congregation, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me when you know of someone within our church family who is in special need.

This includes (*but is certainly not limited to!*) those who are in the hospital, shut-in, not feeling well, struggling with a particularly challenging time, or simply in need of some extra pastoral attention.

I will do my best to stay in contact with everyone in need, but need your help in making sure we reach *all* of our members, friends, family, and visitors.

Thank you for your help and have a blessed week!”



YOUTH CLUB AND KIDS'/YOUTH CHOIR CONTINUE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th!!!!

Whether you have participated in the past or not, if you are in 1st - 8th grade, this is the place for you 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.

Kids' and Youth Choir Information



The Kids' and Youth Choirs are for grades 1-8 and share their gifts in worship 1-2 times per month, at special events, and hold a concert each May. Our singing calendar is coordinated with the area school district vacations as well as the church calendar.

Instrumentalists are welcome to share a solo or duet, accompany the choir, or you may even learn to play the handbell! Rehearsals are as needed and if you are interested, please let Mrs. Starost know.



And of course, grades 9-12 are welcome to join us as well!

Bible Study Returns September 27th



Please make plans to join us as we begin a new Bible study focusing on the book of Hebrews! We gather in Room 101 for refreshments and fellowship at noon and the study begins at 12:30 pm. All are welcome to join us (*including the men!*) so sign up today in the office, take a book, and study the first lesson! See you there folks!



BINGO!!! BINGO!!! BINGO!!!

The Deacons are hosting a “Potluck and Bingo Night” and ***YOU ARE INVITED!!!***



Join us on ***Sunday, October 1st, beginning at 5:00 pm***, as we share an evening of food, fun, fellowship, and fundraising in support of our annual Thanksgiving basket ministry!

Please bring a main dish or salad to share and be sure to stay for Bingo, beginning at 6:00 pm. The cost is \$8 per person or \$25 per family. Can't wait to see you all there!

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!



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

Interested in Church Membership at Old First?



If you are a visitor interested in joining our church family or have questions about the ministries of Old First or beliefs of the Presbyterian Church (USA), then please contact Pastor Matthew Means!

We are planning a “New Members’ Class” this fall and want to be sure that we contact all who are interested!

We are looking forward to sharing our church family with you and cannot wait to welcome those who are interested!

THRIFT SHOP INFORMATION

- ◆ Volunteers are needed for 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.
- ◆ Does your child need Community Service? Come in to the Thrift Shop and help. We can provide signed documentation for the time they served.

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
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“A Few of My Favorite Things”

Key Scriptures:

“If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s”

Romans 14:8

“Then Peter came and said to him (Jesus), ‘Lord, if another member of the church sings against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.’”

Matthew 18:21-22

Who are the people that make efforts to hold you accountable for your thoughts, words, and deeds?

Who are the people and situations in your life that God is calling you to forgive? What effect does offering others forgiveness have in your own life?

How would your faith life be different if you daily practiced forgiveness and accountability?

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, September 17th

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

3:00 p.m. Installation Service for Reverend Matthew Means

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

Monday, September 18th

7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (Lower Level)
9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (Room 102)
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. NA (Lower Level - Room 10)

Tuesday, September 19th

7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (Lower Level)
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, September 20th

7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (Lower Level)
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, September 21st

7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (Lower Level)
9:30 - 11:00 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)
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, September 22nd

7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (Lower Level)
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, September 24th

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Worship
10:20 - 11:00 a.m. Church School (Room 102)
6:15 - 8:45 p.m. AA (Lower Level - Room 10)

BE SURE TO SAVE THESE DATES!!!

Mark your calendars and join us for these special events:

Wednesday, September 27th @ 5:00 pm

Old First Fall Fair Planning Meeting

Friday, October 6th - Monday, October 9th

Long Island Fall Festival

Saturday, November 11th

Annual Fall Fair at Old First Church