

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Sunday, February 16, 2020*



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 (5:00 - 7:00 pm)!**

*Our Sunday evening Youth Group is the perfect time and place for ALL 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students to gather together and share the faith journey at Old First!*

In a world that demands a lot from our young adults, what better than an evening devoted to faith, fun, friendships, and fellowship with your church family?

### **Kids & Youth Choir Rehearsals Continue Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>!**

*If you are in 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade, this is the perfect Place for you to be on Wednesday nights!*

5:00 - 5:30 p.m. — Kids Choir Rehearsal (Grades 1-3)

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. — Youth Choir Rehearsal (Grades 4-8)

**\* Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> also includes Youth Club activities followed by Ash Wednesday worship at 7:00 pm!**



### What Is “Per Capita”

“Per Capita” is the cost per member given by our church to support the ministry of our Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. At **\$38.05 per member**, the **total expense** to Old First is **\$11,681**. If each of us contributed this amount, we would have **almost \$12,000 more** to fund our ministry!

### Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>!

Make plans for **Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** as we gather to remember the frailty of human life, our redemption through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and begin our journey through the season of Lent by hearing God’s call to repentance and turn our hearts to God.



Our Ash Wednesday worship is a **family-friendly service** that will feature **Communion** as well as the **Imposition of Ashes** ... so make plans to worship together as a family!



### A Very Special Day of Music & Faith Awaits!

The Presbytery of Long Island is overjoyed to announce a day of music and faith with singer, song-writer, activist, and member of the Nobel Peace Prize Selection Committee, **David LaMotte!**

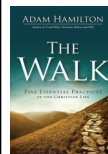
On **Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>**, please join us for a workshop at the **Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow at 9:30 am** and free concert at the **Community Presbyterian Church in Deer Park at 7:30 pm** as we share the gift of music and faith!

### Call for the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 1, 2020

The semi-annual meeting of the congregation and annual meeting of the corporation of Old First Presbyterian Church will be held Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, immediately following worship (*around 11:15 am*), for the following purposes:

1. To receive reports from church officers and ministries
2. To receive financial statements for 2019 as well as the operational budget for 2019
3. To approve changes to the Terms of Call for Reverend Matthew Means
4. To transact other business which rightly may be raised

Lunch will be provided by the Middle and High School Youth Group as a fundraiser for their sponsored Compassion International child from Togo, Constantine Kayissan.



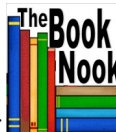
### Lent Study Begins Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

Join us each week through the season of Lent, beginning **Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**, as we share, “*The Walk*,” by Adam Hamilton - an exploration of five essential Christian practices for growing our faith!

Books and prayer journals are **now available** by seeing Pastor Means following worship. Get your copy today and begin preparing to share the Lenten journey together!

### Have You Visited the Book Nook Recently?

The “Book Nook” has returned for your reading pleasure! Presbyterian Women have wonderful, gently used books remaining from the Fall Fair. So grab a cup of coffee and visit the area behind the Parish Hall stage for a variety of treasures! If you choose to leave a monetary donation, all funds raised will support the opioid crisis in our local community.



### The Clothesline Thrift Store Needs Volunteers!

The Thrift Store needs **YOU** on **Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm**. Please call the Thrift Store during regular hours or contact Jim Colbert for more information!

This is a vital mission ministry for Old First and we look forward to the joy of serving our community alongside you!

*Sermon Notes for  
Sunday, February 16, 2020*

**“Choose Life!”**

*Key Scriptures:*

*“So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.”*

*1 Corinthians 3:7, 9*

*“See ... I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him.”*

*Deuteronomy 30:15, 19-20*

*Reflect on the last week or so and think of a time when you “chose death”  
What happened as a result?*

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*Consider the week ahead and think of a person, place, or situation where you will have the chance to “choose life.” What may happen as a result?*

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*As you think of your thoughts, words, and actions as seeds planted in the lives of others ... in what ways may you more deliberately sow seeds of life?*

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**WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR**

**Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

10:20 - 11:00 a.m. Church School  
Preschool - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (Room 102)  
4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (Upstairs)

**5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Middle & High School  
Youth Group (Youth Room)**

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

**Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

Church Office Closed  
No Outside Groups or Activities

**Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (Lower Level - Room 11)  
1:00 - 2:00 p.m. AA Meeting (Lower Level - Room 10)  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. NA Business (Lower Level - Room 10)

**Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

**No Kids & Youth Choir Rehearsal**

7:00 - 9:15 p.m. AA Meeting (Lower Level - Room 10)  
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 132 (Gym)

**Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 a.m. 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 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room)

**Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (Room 102)  
9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting (Room 101)  
9:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Circle 6 Crafts (Room 212)  
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (Lower Level - Room 11)

**Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

**Transfiguration Sunday**

10:20 - 11:00 a.m. Church School  
Preschool - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (Room 102)  
4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (Upstairs)

**5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Middle & High School  
Youth Group (Youth Room)**

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

**Don't Forget ...**

**Ash Wednesday Worship  
February 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**