

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, February 9, 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 6th-12th 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 12th!

If you are in 1st - 8th 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)

*** Don't forget ... Wednesday, February 12th also includes Youth Club activities from 5:00 - 7:15 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 26th!

Make plans for **Wednesday, February 26th 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 29th**, 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!

Congregational Meeting - SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST

The Session has called a semi-annual meeting of the congregation on **Sunday, MARCH 1ST**. This special day in our church family is a chance to look back at the year that was, while joyfully looking ahead to the coming year! Be sure to join us for this very special gathering of our church family ... looking ahead to a vital year!



Lenten Study Begins Sunday, March 8th

Be sure to mark your calendars and make plans to join us in the Fiske Room each week through the season of Lent, immediately following worship, beginning **Sunday, March 8th**! More details to follow!

Is God Calling YOU to Leadership in Ministry?

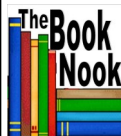
A new season of prayerful discernment is just around the corner as we work toward new classes of elders, deacons, and trustees!



We are very blessed to have wonderful people of faith in our church family ... many who have the gifts, skills, and talents to serve our church as leaders.

If you believe God is calling you into leadership at Old First, please reach out and discuss with Pastor Matthew or our Nominating Committee chairpersons, Elders Meghan Alexander and Amy Girimonti, at your earliest convenience!

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 9, 2020

“Salt and Light”

Key Scriptures:

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.”

Matthew 5:13

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.”

Matthew 5:14

Considering how salt was used in Jesus’ time ... what do you think it means for you to live as “salt of the earth” today?

As you think about the importance of light in our lives ... how is Jesus calling you to allow the light of Christ to shine brightly through you?

In what ways is God allowing the light of Christ to shine through the ministry of our church family?

How do your gifts, skills, and talents best fit these opportunities to allow Christ’s light to shine?

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, February 9th

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

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

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (Room 102)
4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Adult Children of Alcoholics (Room 102)
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Christian Education Committee (Library)
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. NA Meeting (Lower Level - Room 11)

Tuesday, February 11th

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)
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting (Room 101)

Wednesday, February 12th

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (Room 102)
5:00 - 6:00 p.m. 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 13th

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 14th

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 16th

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

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

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

Don’t Forget ...

**Ash Wednesday Worship
February 26th @ 7:00 pm**