

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, January 5, 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!

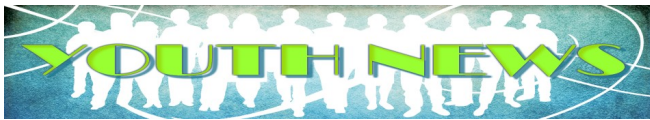
Get Connected to Old First!



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 from 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, January 8th!

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)

Parents ... please remember to not leave your children unattended during times they are not in choir rehearsals!



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!



Today We Celebrate Epiphany Sunday!

Epiphany marks our celebration of the appearance or manifestation of God. While Christmas marks God’s coming, Epiphany celebrates the appearance of the Lord in the midst of humanity. We rejoice in the dawning of the “*light shining in the darkness*,” revealing our promised Savior, but also calling followers of the Christ to live as witnesses to God’s true light: Jesus, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior!

2020 “Star Words” Available TODAY!

During Epiphany, we remember the visit of the magi to the Christ by receiving the gift of “*Star Words*.” You are invited to reflect on your word throughout the year, considering the significance it may have in your life or how God may be speaking to you through these simple one-word messages about God’s call to grow in !



It’s Almost Time for Potluck Dinner and BINGO!!!



Join us on **Sunday, January 26th** for a potluck dinner and BINGO night with our Deacons! **Potluck** begins at **5:00 pm** (bring your favorite dish to share!) and **BINGO** follows at **6:00 pm!**

The cost is **\$8 per person or \$25 per family** as we raise funds for Deacon ministry! Come one, come all, and make sure to **invite friends and family of all ages to join us!**

Have You Picked Up Your 2020 Offering Envelopes?

2020 offering envelopes for all Old First members and regular contributors are **now available** on the table in the hallway outside the sanctuary. If you cannot find your envelopes or do not have an envelope number assigned to you, please contact the church office!



Congregational Meeting - Sunday, February 23rd!

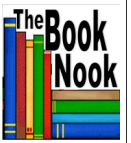


ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

The Session has called a semi-annual meeting of the congregation on **Sunday, February 23rd**. 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! **All annual reports are due to the office (electronically please!) no later than Sunday, February 2nd!**

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!



Did you know ... that the Clothesline Thrift Store donated more than \$8,000 to various mission ministries last year?!?!

To keep this going ... we need **YOU** to offer your time 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, January 5, 2020*

“New Year ... New Gifts!”

Key Scriptures:

“Arise, shine; for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the people; but the Lord will arise upon you and his glory will appear over you.”

Isaiah 60:1-2

“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

Matthew 2:11

What is the most meaningful gift you have ever given or received? What about this gift made it so meaningful to give or receive?

If someone who did not know you observed how or where you offer your gifts of time, talent, and treasure ... who or what would they say you are worshipping in your life?

In this New Year, what new and costly gift of time, talent, or treasure is God calling you to offer to the life and ministry of the church?

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, January 5th

**10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Worship
Epiphany Sunday and Communion**

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

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

Monday, January 6th

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

4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Adult Children of Alcoholics (Room 102)

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. NA Meeting (Lower Level - Room 11)

7:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting (Room 101)

Tuesday, January 7th

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)

7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting (Parish Hall)

7:30 p.m. Spring Court HOA Meeting (Room 101)

Wednesday, January 8th

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, January 9th

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 Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, January 10th

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, January 12th

**10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Worship
Baptism of the Lord Sunday
Renewing Our Baptism Vows**

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

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

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