

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 1, 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 MARCH 8TH (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, March 4th!

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)

*** Wednesday, March 4th also includes Youth Club activities and dinner from 5:00 - 7:00 pm! Be sure to plan ahead!**



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 Is the First Sunday in Lent!



Today is the first Sunday in Lent, a season to walk together in the footsteps of our Christ as he journeys to the cross of our eternal salvation. Lent is a time to share in worship, fellowship, and service that allow us to grow in faith as we are reminded of the depth and power of God’s unconditional love for all!

Each Week During the Season of Lent ...

Our worship service will highlight a different “Affirmation of Faith” from the Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Confessions that celebrates what we believe about the ministry of Jesus Christ. Today we feature a selection from “A Brief Statement of Faith,” written in 1983 to celebrate the reunion of the Presbyterian Church in the United States and the United Presbyterian Church in the United States - a reunion 14 years in the making - after being separated since 1859!

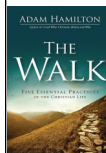


Call for the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 1, 2020

A meeting of the congregation and annual meeting of the corporation of Old First Presbyterian Church will be held **TODAY**, immediately following worship, in order to:

1. Receive reports from church officers and ministries
2. Receive financial statements for 2019 as well as the operational budget for 2020
3. Approve changes to the Terms of Call for Reverend Matthew Means
4. 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 Next Sunday, March 8th

Join us each week through the season of Lent, beginning **Sunday, March 8th**, 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!

Why Are We Wearing Blue Today?

As part of our commitment to the connectional church, Old First participates in the four special offerings of the PC(USA). The first (**One Great Hour of Sharing**) is collected on **Palm Sunday (April 5th)** and supports the mission ministries of our denomination through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

You may participate using the envelope conveniently included in your 2020 envelope box or with a special envelope available in worship on March 29th and April 5th.



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, March 1, 2020

“A Picture Perfect Lent”

Key Scriptures:

“Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.”

Joel 2:12-13

“I tell you, this man (tax collector) went down to his home justified rather than the other (Pharisee); for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Luke 18:14

What is the “picture perfect” vision of Lent for you? Is it a time for “giving things up” that are harmful to you or a time for “taking in more” that is beneficial?

As you hear God’s call to “observe a Holy Lent,” what do you believe God is calling you to do or to be in response to this invitation?

God is calling us - during Lent and always - to identify ways to change our hearts.

How is God **specifically** calling **you** to change your heart today?

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, March 1st

**10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Worship
Communion and First Sunday in Lent**

**11:30 a.m. Semi-Annual Meeting of the
Congregation and Luncheon (Parish Hall)**

**No Middle and High School Youth Group due
to the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation**

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

Monday, March 2nd

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 10)

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

Tuesday, March 3rd

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 (Room 101)

Wednesday, March 4th

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

9:30 a.m. Presbyterian Women Meeting (Fiske Room)

**5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Kids and Youth Choir
Rehearsals and Youth Club Activities**

7:00 - 9:15 p.m. AA Meeting (Lower Level - Room 10)

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 132 (Gym)

Thursday, March 5th

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, March 6th

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, March 8th

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

Worship - Second Sunday in Lent

10:20 - 11:00 a.m. Church School

Preschool - 3rd Grade (Room 102)

4th - 8th Grade (Upstairs)

11:30 a.m. Lenten Study (Fiske Room)

**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)