

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 8, 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, March 11th!

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 11th 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 Second Sunday in Lent!



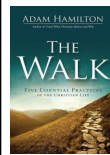
Today is the **second Sunday in Lent**, a season to walk together in the footsteps of our Christ as he journeys to the cross of our salvation. Lent is a time to share in worship, fellowship, and service that allow us to grow in faith as we are reminded of the depth and power of God’s unconditional love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

Each Week During the Season of Lent ...

Our worship service will highlight a different “**Affirmation of Faith**” from the church’s Book of Confessions, celebrating what we believe about the ministry of Jesus Christ. Today we feature the “**Nicene Creed**,” a profession of faith created by two church councils (*Nicaea in 325 and Constantinople in 381*) that sought to unite the church and remains one of the very few confessions of faith shared by Christians from different nationalities and denominations throughout the world!



Lent Study - “The Walk” - Begins TODAY!



Join us each week through the season of Lent, beginning **TODAY** 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!

Ladies Night Out - Friday, March 27th

Calling all women ... join us on **Friday, March 27th at 7:00 pm** for an evening of fun and fellowship in the Fiske Room! Join your sisters in faith as we share wine and light refreshments while touring our Layette ministry! For a ride, please see the event flyer and get in touch with one of the six women listed.



Spring Pancake Breakfast — Sunday, April 5th



Mark your calendars and make plans to join us on **Palm Sunday (April 5th)**, immediately following worship for our annual Spring Pancake Breakfast, hosted by our fabulous Old First Deacons! All proceeds from the breakfast will support the Thanksgiving basket ministry!

Tickets are \$9 (adult), \$7 (youth), and \$28 (family of 4+).

Tickets ON SALE NEXT WEEK in the Parish Hall!

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, funds raised will support the fight against the opioid crisis in our 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, March 8, 2020*

“Children Will Listen”

Key Scriptures:

*“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly;
teach and admonish one another in all wisdom;
and with gratitude in your hearts, sing psalms,
hymns, and spiritual songs to God.”*

Colossians 3:16

*“Put these words of mine in your heart and soul, bind
them as a sign on your hand, and fix them as an emblem
on your forehead. Teach them to your children, talking
about them when you are at home and when you
are away, when you lie down and when you rise.”*

Deuteronomy 11:18-19

*What are some specific methods that you
have intentionally used to teach the things of
faith to future generations of Christ’s followers?*

*What is the relationship between the things that
we say and the things that we do? Is one more
important than the other when teaching our faith?*

*When you think about your faith in Christ ...
what specific lessons do you believe are most
important to share with others in word and deed?*

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

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)

Monday, March 9th

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)

Tuesday, March 10th

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, March 11th

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

**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 12th

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 13th

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 15th

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

Worship - Third 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)