

CARE & PRAYER LIST: (Red indicates new prayer for this week.)

- Terry Etter (Saralee Etter's husband) needs surgery for tumor removal;
- Doris Laughlin, recovering from stomach cancer surgery on Nov. 28;
- Mahogany (Sarah Wolfe's friend) recent Lupus diagnosis;
- **Ken Merrill** (friend of Tom Veregge for over 45 years) recovering from cancer surgery that necessitated removal of vocal cords;
- **Michael O'Toole** (Cellar and David's son) recovering from torn Achilles tendon surgery that was torn during a racket ball game;
- Praises for Bill Swift (Nancy Lord's brother) who received good news that his thyroid biopsy is benign! Praise God for answered prayers!!
- Gordon Woodring (Sarah Wolfe's friend) kidney cancer has returned;
- Sympathies to the Bowlby Family on the loss of Mike's Father, who passed away 12/14/16 – extra prayers for Mike's Mother, Virginia and Son, Owen during this most difficult time.

Church Family & Friends with Cancer

Janice Hammond (Betty Gieseck's Sister-In-Law), breast cancer;
Darlie Hart (Dick Lord's Sister) breast cancer;
Jane Wildman (Wildman's grandmother) lung cancer;

Church & Family Members at Home/Care Centers

Connie & Victor DeRose, Howard Efaw, Faye Hammond,
Claudia Johnston, Anne Nixon

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Jeff Conrad
- 3 Teri Charles
- 11 Faith Harvell
- 22 Sarah Wolfe
- 23 Don Kristoff
- 24 Roger Cruse,
Tracy & Kristie Hammond
- 25 Jared Rice
- 26 Peter Witt
- 28 Sally Seiberling, Alex Baird
- 31 Jon Davis



Old First Church News
Happy New Year – January 1, 2017

Childcare offered 9:30 – Noon in the Lower Level Nursery.
If you are visiting today, we thank you for your visit and hope you enjoy the “Welcome Packet” provided by our Church Greeter.

Please call the Office or an Elder for any prayer, needs and emergencies. Call the office at 740-927-4796 and leave a message for changes in the weekly prayer list, updates or announcements. PLEASE NOTE: Assisted Listening Devices are available in the Sanctuary during Worship. If you need instructions, please see the Greeter.

After Worship, please join us
upstairs in Fellowship Hall,
for coffee & light refreshments!



Weekly Calendar of Events:

- SUNDAY: Sunday School 9:30 a.m. / Worship at 10:45 a.m.
Confirmation Classes at 9:30 a.m. through Easter 2017
- MONDAY: Clogging, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
- TUESDAY: Cub Scout Pack #4021 (2nd & 4th Tuesdays), 6 – 8 p.m.
- WEDS: Karate Class, 6:30 to 8 p.m. – Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.
Illumin8 Youth Gathering – Every Other Wednesday, 6 – 8 p.m.
- THURS: Girl Scout Troop #386, 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. (Every week)

*** SPECIAL CALENDAR DATES ***

- Congregational Meeting – TODAY
(The Church Office will be closed December 21 – January 4)

(Financials will be listed in next week's bulletin)

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES
are available at the back of the Sanctuary.
Your FAMILY NAME is on each box.

If you see a family member, friend or neighbor's box, please consider dropping it off to them to save on postage!
Thank you very much!!

Worship for The Lord's Day

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Jan. 1, 2017 Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Gathering of God's People

RINGING of the STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME: We especially welcome visitors who are here today.
To all of you who are not regular church attenders,
we are eager to tell you about the joy we have in
knowing Jesus and in worshipping together as a community!

GREETING and SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*As God has greeted us with his peace, so let us pass the
peace of Christ to each other.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(See Old First News Bulletin Insert)*

RITUAL of FRIENDSHIP *(Please sign & pass the black pew pads)*

PRELUDE: "The Old Year Now is Gone" *J.S. Bach*

CALL TO WORSHIP: *-- based on Psalm 126*

LEADER: The new year is here.

PEOPLE: **There are promises yet to fulfill.**

LEADER: Very soon we will burst into a new season of grace,
free once more to commit to joy, excitement, love,
and forgiveness.

PEOPLE: **We are blessed to see each day and each year as a
cup overflowing.**

LEADER: Praise God for the blessing of a year that always
struggles to renew.

PEOPLE: **We meet this season with a spirit that has learned
from the past and yet yearns toward the future.
We are thankful!**

***HYMN of Praise No. 166:** "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** A new year is upon us! In
these dark days, we struggle to make light with new resolutions.
We warm ourselves by a fire stoked with possibility.

We are half afraid of it, of how hot we can burn when we are
ignited by fresh hope. We are dazzled by how bright our lives
could be, so much so that we often turn away too soon. God, be
with us as we find a way to make these possibilities our own.
Help us to walk forward with confidence in all we are capable of.
God, remind us that our potential may become a reality. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(I John 1:5-7)*

LEADER: This is the message we have heard from him
and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him
there is no darkness at all.

PEOPLE: **If we say that we have fellowship with him while
we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do
what is true;**

LEADER: but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the
light, we have fellowship with one another,

PEOPLE: and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from
all sin.

*CHORAL PRAISE **Hymn No. 161**

Joy to the World!
The Lord is come.
Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart,
Prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven,
And nature sing.

Proclamation of God's Word

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

By Rob Rawls

ANTHEM: "Forever Blest Is He"

Handel/Stanton

SCRIPTURE READING:

Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON: "Failure is Breaking Even" *By The Rev. Dr. Jennifer L. Turick*

*HYMN of RESPONSE No. 174: "As With Gladness Men of Old"

RESPONSE to GOD'S WORD

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP (*For Morning Offerings*)

OFFERTORY: "Voici le Noel" *Wayne Barlow*

***DOXOLOGY:** Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye
heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison): O Mighty One, you
have done and are doing great things for us, and holy is your
name. Bless all we offer you – ourselves, our time, and our
possessions – that through us your grace and favor may be made
known to all the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our
Redeemer. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

COMMUNION ANTHEM

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

FELLOWSHIP OF THE COMMUNION MEAL

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Go Out as God's People in the World

***CLOSING HYMN No. 176:** "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE:** "Festal Postlude" *Dominico Zippoli*

**indicates that all who are able, please stand* *Music license CCLI # 405570*

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New Year's Day – January 1, 2017 **Communion Sunday**

CHURCH STAFF: Minister, The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Turick
Choir Director, Thomas Kimble Organist, Dr. Thomas Veregge
Custodian, Tim Klinker Nursery Attendant, Linda Flowers
Liturgist, Eric Wandersleben Secretary, Denise Metzger Kelling

FOR PASTORAL CARE, PLEASE CALL:
Rev. Jennifer Turick at 740-739-1109 or 740-929-1118.
For immediate needs, prayer or counsel – call a church elder.

