



Between the Bricks is the mortar that binds the individual bricks together to form a strong, unified structure. This newsletter, published for the members of the Old Brick Reformed Church, is the mortar that binds us together, and helps us to minister as a vital congregation of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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January-February 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

1 Thessalonians 5: 24 "The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it".

Keeping Promises

I am sure most of you have heard of the famous historical figure, General Douglas MacArthur. Of all the things he is remembered for, his statement: "I shall return!" spoken on the island of Corregidor on March 11, 1942, as the Japanese invasion of that island was inevitable, and MacArthur made ready to leave, is indeed most memorable. It was a promise MacArthur intended to keep and he did.

A little more than two and a half years later, on October 20, 1944, MacArthur once again stood on Philippian soil and said: "This is the voice of freedom," General MacArthur speaking. "People of the Philippines, I have returned!" General Douglas MacArthur had kept his word.

We'd all agree, I think, that keeping your word is important. The issue isn't simply a matter of living up to one's promises; it's a question of character and integrity. When you make a promise, you should keep it. When people fail to keep their word, we often begin to mistrust and doubt them, don't we?

God is faithful and whenever God makes a promise He keeps it. We can trust that He will keep His word and fulfill every promise He makes to us. As Christians, the Bible tells us that we are to keep our word too. Take a look. Look at Ephesians 4: 25, Colossians 3: 17; Psalm 15: 1-2, Ecclesiastes 5: 5 and, Numbers 30: 2 for example.

When you make promises, do you keep your word? When you promise to pray for someone, do you? When you tell someone they can depend on you, can they? When you say you'll be at such and such a place at a certain time, are you there on time? No one is perfect, of course, and life throws many twists and turns our way. There are occasions when we all fail to keep our word and yet, because we're Christians, we must strive to keep our word when we make a promise to someone.

A New Year is beginning and many of us have made "New Year's Resolutions" promises. The question is, "will you keep them?"

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Kaden

WORSHIP SCHEDULE...

JANUARY



EVERY SUNDAY - 9:30 AM WORSHIP

10:45 AM Family Coffee Hour



Dr. Everek R. Storms of Ontario, Canada, spent a vast amount of time studying the promise of Scripture. He concluded there are 8,810 promises in the Bible. How did he come to that conclusion? In an article in *Contact Magazine*, Dr. Storms answered the question saying: "Because I counted them. Furthermore, since there are only 31, 101 verses in the Bible, it means there's practically one promise in every verse of Scripture". What section of the Bible that most impressed Dr. Storms? "The most outstanding chapter as far as promises are concerned is Psalm 37. Practically every verse is a most wonderful promise".

January 6 **Communion & First Sunday after the Epiphany**

Sermon: Read God's Lips

Sunday School

January 13 **Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

Sermon: Returning Home Can Be Hard

January 20 **Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

Sermon: A Shock to the Congregation

Sunday School

January 27 **Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Sermon: A Private Miracle

February 3 **Communion & Love Sunday**

Sermon: Faith Conquers Fear

Sunday School



February 10th **Scout Sunday**

Sermon: Integrity Matters



February 17 **First Sunday in Lent**

Sermon: Stealing A Blessing

Sunday School

February 24 **Second Sunday in Lent**

Pastor Kaden is away

NOTE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone,

My time on Consistory is almost over...I have enjoyed serving and will continue to be of service wherever I am needed. Whether you are on Consistory now, have served on Consistory in the past, or have never served...I believe SERVICE is the key to a churches success!

Each of us in our own way can serve The Lord and Old Brick Church.

I wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year! Hope to see you on a Sunday morning real soon!

Laura Hogan, Consistory VP

Happy New Year!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Christmas "Un-Decorating" - Saturday, January 5th at 9:15a

Please stop by to help us on Saturday as we be taking down the Christmas decorations. It should only be a 1/2 hour of time. Thank you!



Old Brick Congregational Meeting: Sunday, January 20th:

Our annual meeting is scheduled for January 20th following morning worship. (Snow date is Sunday, January 27th). We hope you'll join us for worship and the congregational mtg.



During the worship hour we will honor two very wonderful individuals who mean so much to Old Brick Reformed Church then, following worship, we'll hold our congregational meeting, a time to share our thoughts about our ministry here at Old Brick Church.

We hope you'll join us for this important occasion. A luncheon will follow worship (just a small incentive to make your mouth water a bit and to get you to stay for the meeting). Also, please read Pastor Kaden's annual report (attached). Thank you and God bless you for your continued support of Old Brick Church and our ministry.



Little Bricks - Sunday School:

Sunday school keeps rolling along every other week. We have a terrific teaching staff of: *Jillian Wojtaszek, Thomas Bynoe, Melody Chen, Danielle Jones Rugnetta and Kristina Cain.* *Nicole MacDonald* is a resource person and *Sharon Mahoney* is an assistant.



Below is our Sunday School Schedule from January - June 2019:

January: 6 & 20. **February:** 3 & 17. **March:** 3, 17 & 31. **April:** 7 & 21. **May:** 5 & 19 and **June 9th.** It's never too late to enroll your son, daughter or grandchildren. We loved to welcome them. Thanks for your help.

CHURCH LIFE AND EVENTS

Love Sunday is February 3rd at 9:30a Worship

Please join us for worship on Sunday, February 3rd, for our “Love Sunday” traditional at Old Brick. For almost 30 years now, we celebrate our ministry and the “love” Christ calls us to as the Body of Christ. Following worship, we are treated to a special luncheon in Volharden hall that Sharon Mahoney prepares for everyone.



Scout Sunday: February 10th at 9:30a Worship

Each year we’re delighted to host Scout Sunday at the Church when we’re visited by Boy Scout & Cub Scout Troop Pack 86. We hope you’ll join us as we welcome the boys and join us following worship for a wonderful luncheon that’s prepared by the Scouts parents.



Old Brick will host Ash Wednesday Union Service on March 6th

The Lenten season begins on Wednesday, March 6th, Ash Wednesday. That night, at 7:30p Old Brick will host a union Ash Wednesday service with the Reformed Church of Freehold and the Morganville United Methodist Church.

Vos Meer Farms Homemade Honey - Come see bees at work

Spring wildflower (all natural/organic) pure honey is still available from Pete & Carol Van Mater’s *Vos Meer Farms*. Raw honey right from the hive has many health benefits and is particularly good to lessen spring allergies. Come see the bees at work! Call Pete at 732-239-5336.



Family Coffee Hour:

Following 9:30a worship every Sunday, join us in Volharden hall for coffee, refreshments and fellowship.



January: Melonie Ghans, Mary Mahoney, Bryan Van Curen, Kay Haeusser, Jade Miranda, Karin Konrad, Trevor Baum, Joan Van Mater.

February: Gianna Miranda, Doris Baum, Ken Stattel, Bill Hogan, Brielle Baum, Jill Lambert.



BRICK CHURCH: Please join our Facebook Page at BRICK CHURCH and post your photos, videos or any news updates you would like to share!! We look forward to hearing from you.

NOTES FROM THE LOFT

A special note of thanks and appreciation for the Chancel Choir for their music ministry during Advent and Christmas. Chancel Choir rehearsal will resume on Thursday, January 10th and will continue to meet every Thursday at 6:00p.



New Choir Members Are Always Welcome To Join Us!

Edward Krogstad, Music Director

THANK YOU TO ALL

Pastor Kaden would like to thank everyone who assisted in some way with our wonderful Thanksgiving Interfaith service, all our Advent and Christmas worship hours and all those who helped decorate and Un-decorate the church this Christmas season. Thank you all very much!

Operation Christmas Child



Laura Hogan and Jill Lambert thank everyone in the congregation for the outstanding response to *Operation Christmas Child!* We collected 47 boxes full of surprises for needy children all over the world. It always warms my heart to see how our church family can be such a big part of this worldwide ministry. We are so blessed to have such generous people at Old Brick!



We also thank everyone who has volunteered time, provided needed supplies and monetary donations for our *No estas solo interfaith* ministry. This helps needy families with children in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit of Jersey Shore Hospital.

Please continue your support through our collection jugs in Volharder hall and donations of baby/infant supplies(diapers; baby bottles; swaddling blankets, Pack N Plays; gifts cards for formula and donated car seats and carriers). Thank you!

MEETINGS

January

Consistory: Thursday, January 10th at 7pm

Congregational Meeting: January 20th following worship

February

Consistory: Thursday, February 14th at 7pm.



January 2019

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| 6 Worship / Holy Communion 9:30 a <i>Sunday School</i> | 7 B. Scouts 7p | 8 C. Scouts 6-8p | 9 W. Workers 7-9p | 10 Consistory Mtg 7p Choir 6p | 11 Aspen Grp. 6-8p | 12 |
| 13 Worship 9:30a | 14 <i>Martin Luther King Day</i> | 15 | 16 C. Scouts 6-8p | 17 Choir 6p | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Worship 9:30a <i>Sunday School</i> Annual Congregation Mtg | 21 B. Scouts 7p | 22 Aspen Grp. 6p | 23 | 24 Choir 6p | 25 C. Scouts 6-8p | 26 |
| 27 Worship 9:30a | 28 B. Scouts 7p | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

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| 3 Worship / Holy Communion 9:30a <i>Sunday School</i> LOVE SUNDAY | 4 B. Scouts 7p | 5 C. Scouts 6-8p | 6 | 7 C. Scout Ldrs Mtg 7-8p Choir 6p | 8 Aspen Grp. 6-8 p | 9 |
| 10 Worship/9:30a SCOUT SUNDAY | 11 B. Scouts 7p | 12 | 13 W. Workers 7-9p | 14 Consistory Mtg 7p Choir 6p | 15 C. Scouts 6-8p | 16 |
| 17 Worship 9:30a <i>Sunday School</i> | 18 <i>Presidents Day</i> | 19 C. Scouts 6-8p | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 Worship 9:30a | 25 B. Scouts 7p | 26 Aspen Grp. 6p | 27 | 28 | | |

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First Class

An inspiring Story...

While attending college in Wheaton, Illinois, a man named Burt Frizen distinguished himself with his fine baritone voice. But his college studies were interrupted by the war. In battle he was seriously wounded and began slipping in and out of consciousness; aware at each waking that his life was ebbing away. To face the moment he began singing a hymn his mother taught him:

There is a name to me so dear, like sweetest music to my ear; For when my heart is troubled, filled with fear, Jesus whispers peace.

As he sang, a German soldier came upon him, his bayonet fixed. Burt anticipated the worst but kept singing. As he sang he felt himself being lifted up. He was carried to a nearby stone ledge. There the enemy soldier left Burt unharmed. A few minutes later, he was discovered and rescued by his own medics.

Our Mission

We are the people of God committed to doing the work of Christ in our congregation, our community, and the world.

Our Vision

As we walk on our journey of faith together we will seek opportunities to share our resources, respond to need, and welcome growth to show God's love for all. We will do so by the giving of our gifts and talents for the glory of God.

Our Values

Perseverance, Support, Faith,
Sharing, Caring, Praying