



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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July-August 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

***“Show respect for everyone. Love your Christian brothers and sisters. Fear God. Show respect for the government”.* 1 Peter 2: 17 The Living Bible**

I have a couple of questions. Can you wiggle your ears? (Without using your hands of course) Can you touch your nose with your tongue? If you can do either of these two things you're a member of a very select and tiny minority.

In a recent survey, (and I can't believe someone actually conducted a survey about this), it was discovered only 8 percent of the people surveyed could wiggle their ears and an even smaller percentage of people could touch their noses with their tongues. Interesting information don't you think? Aren't you glad your pastor has his hands on such profound information?

Now imagine all the ear wigglers decide to treat the non-ear wigglers like second class citizens because they can't wiggle their ears. Or, imagine those who can touch their nose with their tongues making fun of or mistreating everyone who can't touch their nose with their tongue. A confrontation between these groups might make the recent bench clearing brawl between the San Francisco Giants and Washington Nationals baseball teams look like a pillow fight.

As you think about it though, isn't this a lot like when people disrespect other people who come from different races, social classes, economic or religious backgrounds? And, it's really not any different than men mistreating women or teenagers mistreating older adults or the rich turning up their noses at the poor.

Peter tells us in 1 Peter 2: 17 to “show respect for everyone”. He's telling us, everyone, regardless of who they are, regardless of the “differences” that may exist between us, deserves respect. Their skin color may be different than ours. Their nationality may be different than ours. They may hold to different political views than us. They may not be able to wiggle their ears or touch their nose with their tongue as you can but everyone, everyone, deserves to be shown respect and treated with dignity and kindness.

When Jesus went to the cross He died for people of every race, economic level, nationality and political persuasion. He died for the rich and the poor, the strong and the weak, the young and the old. That's why He came and while He walked among us He treated everyone, with dignity, respect, and love and that's how, you and I, Jesus followers must treat others too. In a world that seems to disrespect people in so many ways let's show everyone the respect they deserve as we display the love of Christ to all.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Kaden

July

**EVERY SUNDAY - 9:30 AM WORSHIP
10:45 AM Chat & Chew**

August

Pastor Kaden Begins His Sermon Series: "Church is great, but..."



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| July 2 | Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion
Sermon: I wish the church made me feel I was part of a community |
| July 9 | Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Sermon: I wish the church had the community in its heart
Hendricks & Hendrickson Family Reunion |
| July 16 | Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Sermon: I wish the church was more of a caring place
Worship in Volharden Hall begins |
| July 23 | Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sermon: I wish the church showed a warmer welcome to everyone |
| July 30 | Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Sermon: From Rev. Paul Walther |
| August 6 | Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion
Sermon: From the Rev. Paul Walther |
| August 13 | Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sermon: I wish the church was a closer fellowship |
| August 20 | Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sermon: I wish the church was more of a praying church |
| August 27 | Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Sermon: From the Rev. Paul Walther |

NOTE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone,

As I think about what to write for this issue of Between the Bricks I am finding it hard to believe 2017 is almost half over!!!

In the last issue I challenged everyone with boosting our donation to Operation Christmas Child Shoebox program. I have recently become aware of a Facebook site "Shoeboxes throughout the Year". It is truly AMAZING what people do as Individuals and Church Groups.....they contribute 100's of filled shoeboxes throughout the year, not just in the fall. As I said before, I am willing to shop and fill as many boxes as any donated \$ will fund! I also promise to help Jill Lambert check them over and deliver them to Colts Neck. (Thank you Jill for doing this for so many years, so many children have benefited from your time!)

Something else that has been on my mind is the health of our church. A Strategy Committee has met several times to try and increase attendance. If you have any suggestions PLEASE make us aware! You are welcome to come to the meeting or speak with Pastor George, Diane or me. We need to hear any ideas.

We have recently had some returning visitors and I know they were warmly welcomed! Let's keep making them feel welcome. Another thing we can do is keep our regular members in mind. If you don't see someone for a week or two give them a call or send them a note.....they will appreciate it! (If you don't know their phone # or address call Diane, she will be glad to help.)

I'll get off my soapbox now. Blessings to everyone for a happy and healthy summer!

Laura Hogan, Consistory VP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Schedule

We have an important change in our summer schedule from previous years and with good reason. Each year we move worship from the sanctuary to Volharden Hall on the last Sunday in June. However, this year we will continue to worship in the sanctuary through Sunday, July 9th. The Hendricks family will be holding a family reunion on the weekend of July 7-9th and asked the consistory if we might consider holding worship in the sanctuary on the weekend of their reunion. The consistory agreed, so we won't move our worship hour to Volharden Hall until Sunday, July 16th – September 10th Worship begins at 9: 30 a.m.

CPR/AED Class Offered At OldBrick +

Summer is a great time to learn or improve your life saving skills. With pool parties, picnics, and the beach, you never know when you'll need to be prepared. Know in advance what YOU need to do!



Oceanside CPR

Oceanside CPR will hold a CPR/AED class at Old Brick Church . **They are an American Heart Association authorized training site, and affiliated with the American Red Cross and the American Safety & Health Institute.**

This hands-on class using manikins, teaches you how to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies for infant, children and adults by learning to preform CPR correctly, use an Automated External Defibrillator and save someone from choking.

Details: Class is 2 hours and 30-35 people. Cost: \$20.00 per person or \$30.00 with certification cards. Location: Old Brick Church. Date: August tbd. **Please call/email if interested. 732-946-8860 /secretary@oldbrickchurch.org**

Pastor Kaden's - Sermon Series

This summer, starting Sunday, July 2, through early September, Pastor Kaden will be delivering a series of sermons about the Church, he's calling: "Church is great, but..."

Have you ever found yourself making a statement like this about the church? And, if you did, what was it about the church that led to the but...? We hope you'll come and join us for this summer series and make sure you come on those Sunday's Pastor Kaden is away too, because on those Sunday's our dear friend, the Rev. Paul Walther will be filling the pulpit and you don't want to miss him either.

Hendricks & Hendrickson Family Reunion - July 7-9th

We look forward to welcoming the Hendricks & Hendrickson families, whose history dates back to the 1600's and foundering of our Old Brick Reformed Church.

The Willem and Daniel Hendrickson families were among the first settlers in Monmouth County, New Jersey. About 1692, Willem, Daniel, and later Hendrick settled in Monmouth County where they owned farms and raised large families. In 1699, Willem and Daniel are listed as founding members of the Church of the Navesink, the present-day Old Brick Reformed Church in Bradevelt, Marlboro Township, New Jersey. - Hendricks and Hendrickson DHA

Please join us for worship on Sunday, July 9th, as we welcome this family whose ancestors played such an important role in the organization of our congregation!

Old Brick Church Trash & Treasure Event 2017 is heating up....

We have been busy sorting and pricing the many interesting, curious and wonderful items donated for Old Brick's Trash & Treasure sale on September 16, 2017. The rooms are bulging yet we still have space for more. In fact, with the items packed in so closely, it is sometimes difficult to know exactly



what you are seeing. Well---so, I really had to blink twice when I saw our friend the Church Mouse standing there between the picture frames and the household utensils. Do you remember her from years ago? She was our special resident friend who kept us all posted on the latest "news," as she heard it, about our Old Brick Church families and activities.

There she was, looking great as ever, taking a detour in her world travels, to check on some news she heard about Old Brick. "*Can this really be true?*" she asked. "***Are you having Christmas in July?***"...

Christmas in July

.....I don't know how she heard it - since Old Brick members are just now getting the news. I explained the event and said, "Yes, on July 23rd, during *Chat & Chew*, it will be **CHRISTMAS IN JULY** at Old Brick Church." She thought it was a great idea - something different for sure - and promised to try to attend. Be on the lookout, better not pout, better not cry because Church Mouse might be there talking notes. Hope you meet her.

So, we will have "**Christmas in July**" boutique preview, carols, cookies and spending money and your holiday

Please keep donations coming! Or (732-946-8860). Outside spaces will



on July 23rd. Join us for a Trash & Treasure Christmas cheer. Bring your mittens, spirit. 'Tis the season to be jolly!!!

call the church for pick-up arrangements be available to all to rent

Dorothy Wells

NOTES FROM THE LOFT

Choir rehearsals have ended for the summer and will resume in September.

I will announce September rehearsal dates in August.

Enjoy the summer!

Any questions, please contact Ed Krogstad at: Krogorgan.com

SPECIAL THANKS.....

We are blessed in so many ways here at Old Brick Church and there are many people who always certainly deserve our thanks. But for our purpose today, let's thank *Ed Krogstad*, *our chancel choir*, and *Janet Kaden* for providing "special music", and the various guest instrumentalists and vocalists who have come to play and sing.

Your music enriches our worship tremendously, thank you all so much!

People are noticing our Pine Grove is looking great! We owe many thanks to *Karen Bentivenga* and *Boy Scout Troop 86*, for raking and clearing the Grove and power washing all the tables and benches.

We thank them for all their hard work on the Pine Grove and grounds.



Meetings & Reminders

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Thursday, July 13th: Strategy Committee - 7p Volharder Hall (all are welcome)

Thursday, August 10th: Consistory - 7p Volharder Hall



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.



Chat 'N Chew: Following Worship Every Sunday, join us for coffee and fellowship in Volharder Hall.

Shoe Box Challenge: Join our challenge to put away a \$1.00 a week from now through Oct. Your money can be used to either fill a shoebox, or we can fill a box for you, or pay the shipping costs.

In 2016, *Old Brick* helped contribute to the *13,131 shoeboxes* collected from our local area for Operation Christmas Child, the region collected *1,195,922* for very appreciative children. Please check out on Facebook "Shoeboxes Throughout the Year".

Let's bring many more smiles to these kids throughout the year for 2017.



July 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

2 Worship 9:30a & Holy Communion	3	4	5 ACA (7p)	6 Boy Scout Commt. Mtg (7:30p)	7 Hendrickson Family Reunion	8 Hendrickson Family Reunion
9 Worship 9:30a Hendrickson Family Reun- ion	10	11	12	13 Strategy Committee Mtg. (7p)	14	15
16 Worship 9:30a Volharden Hall Quilting Etc. (1-3p)	17	18	19 ACA (7p)	20	21	22
23 Worship 9:30a Christmas in July (Chat & Chew)	24	25	26 ACA (7p)	27	28	29
30 Worship 9:30a	31					

August 2017

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1	2 ACA (7p)	3	4	5
6 Worship 9:30 a & Holy Communion	7	8	9	10 Consistory Mtg (7p)	11 Preston Family Reunion	12 Preston Family Reunion
13 Worship 9:30 a	14	15	16 ACA (7p)	17	18	19
20 Worship 9:30 a Quilting , Etc. (1p-3p)	21	22	23 ACA (7p)	24	25	26
27 Worship 9:30 a	28	29	30 ACA (7p)	31		

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First Class

QUOTES OF THE MONTH.....

On Aging....

“It’s attitude, not arteries, that determines the vitality of our maturing years.”

J. Oswald Sanders.

“The first half of our lives we are romantic. The last half we are rheumatic”.

Vance Havner

“There is a blessedness about old age that the young know nothing of. The time of old age, with all its infirmities, seems to me to be a time of peculiar blessedness and privilege to the Christian”

Charles Spurgeon

“The older we grow, the more we become like the place we’re going”.

Anonymous

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