



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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## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Summer is here and people begin their exodus to exotic places for some, much longed for, R & R. What getaway place will you and the family be heading off to this summer? Of course, with the summer months, activities at Church slow down a bit. We have fewer events and obligations. Worship attendance usually becomes a little lower than normal. And, generally, the pace of life becomes less harried. And yet, while most of us love summer there is a reminder I'd like you all to remember, the Churches expenses continue. And because this is true, please consider the following that appeared in a church publication a number of years ago, it was an article entitled: "THE CHURCH IS ALWAYS ASKING FOR MONEY!" Have you ever heard anyone say that before? Have you ever said it yourself?

The article stated: "That statement is untrue. It is the world which is always asking for money, not the Church. When did you last go to the grocery store and the checker failed to ask you for money? Your mortgage company asks for money with unfailing regularity. If you are like most people, each month brings a new collection of bills, they never seem to stop. Are any of them from the Church? And, who withholds a percentage of every dollar you earn? Your Uncle Sam does that, your Heavenly Father does not!

There is no free lunch, except at the Church. You can attend worship every week, there's never any admission charge. If you are sick, the clergy will visit you at the hospital, no charge. Where else can you get free counseling when you ask for it? Where will your children get baptized and married? Hundreds of newsletters are sent out every other month. No one ever receives a subscription notice asking for money as other publications do.

You have to pay taxes to provide your children "free" public education, but your Church operates a school each Sunday to give quality faith education with absolutely no cost or obligation. The Church requires no membership fee, no annual dues. It never sends its members a bill, only a statement. Is there any other organization in the world that functions that way? You see, the truth is the Church "asks for money" less than other organizations.

Consider this paradox. Compared to government and the bill collectors, the Church almost never asks for money. Yet of all the things your money could be used for, very few are more important than what the Church provides.

The Church is here to share the love of Jesus Christ himself. Our money goes to serve Him. We will continue to provide ministry in Jesus' name to everyone, whether they can afford to contribute or not. Isn't that something you would like to support with your TIME, TALENTS, AND TREASURES (MONEY)? Some food for thought you won't enjoy off the barbeque this summer, but it's a message worthy of our attention. You may be away this summer but the Churches expenses continue. Thank you for your ongoing support to Old Brick's ministry. We are so very, very grateful. God bless you all.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Kaden*

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE



**EVERY SUNDAY - 9:30 a.m.**  
**10:45 a.m. Chat and Chew Hour**



**Pastor Kaden will be delivering a “Summer Sermon Series on Prayer” entitled:  
“Developing our Friendship with God through Prayer”.**

We hope you’ll join us for this special series and for all of our summer worship activities. We’re delighted, of course, that on the Sunday’s Pastor Kaden is away, our dear friend, Rev. Paul Walther, will be leading us in worship.

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| <b>June 24</b>   | <b>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>Sermon: Prayer: The Secret of Friendship                      |
| <b>July 1</b>    | <b>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost - Holy Communion</b><br><i>Sermon from Reverend Paul Walther</i>     |
| <b>July 8</b>    | <b>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>Sermon: Prayer: The Act of Divine Adoration                 |
| <b>July 15</b>   | <b>Eighth Sunday Pentecost Sunday</b><br>Sermon: Prayer: The Act of Submission and Surrender         |
| <b>July 22</b>   | <b>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>Sermon: Prayer: The Act of Faith Appropriation                |
| <b>July 29</b>   | <b>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</b><br><i>Sermon from: Reverend Paul Walther</i>                     |
| <b>August 5</b>  | <b>Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost - Holy Communion</b><br>Sermon: Prayer: The Act of Earnest Appeal |
| <b>August 12</b> | <b>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>Sermon: Prayer: The Act of Mental Awareness                 |
| <b>August 19</b> | <b>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>Sermon: Prayer: The Act of Melodic Worship               |
| <b>August 26</b> | <b>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b><br><i>Sermon from Reverend Paul Walther</i>                 |



## NOTE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone!

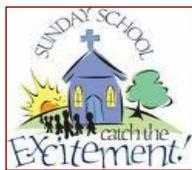
I was cleaning my sewing room the other day (it seems to somehow get really messy) and I found an old notebook from 1943 that my mother began writing in. She wrote down her thoughts and writings of others. One entry that caught my eye was untitled and gave no credit to it's author.



*"I expect to pass this way but once. Therefore if there is any kindness I can show or any good I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now because I shall not pass this way again."*

Laura Hogan, Consistory VP

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**We had a great Sunday school program this past year and look forward to another great year in September. Sunday school begins on **Sunday, September 23** and we'll be using a Sunday school curriculum entitled: ALL IN ONE SUNDAY SCHOOL.**



We have a great group of teachers who will be teaching our classes and a wonderful group of children and parents. We hope you plan on enrolling your child/children and inviting unchurched friends and neighbors to enroll their children too.



**We're having a Picnic to kick off Sunday school this fall. Celebrate with us after worship on **Sunday, September 23rd** . We hope all Sunday school parents, children, and teachers will attend. Please pray for the Sunday school and for everyone involved .**



Worship moves from the Sanctuary to our air-conditioned, Volharden Hall for summer worship at 9:30a on Sunday, July 1st through Sept. 9th.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS...

### PRAYER

Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the One who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference.  
— Max Lucado

#### Pastor Kaden's Summer Sermon Series on "Prayer"

Beginning Sunday, June 24th, through early September, Pastor Kaden will deliver a series of sermons about Prayer entitled: "Developing our Friendship with God through Prayer".

#### Join us for this special series...

**June 24: Prayer: The Secret of Friendship**

**July 8: Prayer: The Act of Divine Adoration**

**July 15: Prayer: The Act of Submission and Surrender**

**July 22: Prayer: The Act of Faith Appropriation**

**Aug. 5: Prayer: The Act of Earnest Appeal**

**Aug. 12: Prayer: The Act of Mental Awareness**

**Aug. 19: Prayer: The Act of Melodic Worship**

**Sept. 9: Prayer: The Act of Listening**

**Sept. 16: Prayer: The Destiny of Nations**

## OUR MISSION TO HELP...

It seems someone is always looking for money for a cause these days. Unfortunately, our pay or retirement money only stretches so far. Your change can effect great CHANGES! You will find "collection jugs" in the Sanctuary and in Volharden Hall. Thank you for your donations regardless of how big or small, when put all together they will make a difference to the needy children of the Jersey Shore Medical Center.



Thanks to everyone who has donated to help needy families at Jersey Shore Hospitals' Pediatric unit. We continue to ask for the following items in need:

**Diapers (newborn/size 1); Baby Bottles; Diaper Cream; Infant supplies: Burp Cloths. Swaddling blankets, Infant & baby clothing (Boys/Girls) can be "gently used". Pack N Plays; Gifts Cards for formula.  
CAR SEATS & INFANT CARRIERS - if someone has any to donate.**



I'm so excited...George and I met with representatives of 3 churches who want to partner with us to help needy children of the area. We also met with the *Social Worker*, a *doctor* from the Pediatric Unit and the *Minister* in charge of Pastoral Care. It was exciting talking to others willing to help. These churches are like us...small with a generous spirit to help the less fortunate. Some of these families don't even have the funds to buy a car seat to bring their babies home, so if you go to a Yard Sale or a Thrift Shop, please keep your eyes open for usable items.

Thank you for your continued generosity!  
Laura Hogan, VP Consistory

## CHURCH LIFE AND EVENTS...



Enjoy coffee, beverages, snacks and conversation during our **“Chat and Chew” Hour**, each Sunday following worship at 10:45a.



On Monday, July 2nd, Old Brick members, family and friends are headed to the party deck of *First Energy Stadium* for fun evening of Blue Claws Baseball. The Blue Claws (minor league team for Philadelphia Phillies) will face the Delmarva Shorebirds, (minor league team for Baltimore Orioles). **If you would like to make reservations before 6/29 , just email: [secretary@oldbrickchurch.org](mailto:secretary@oldbrickchurch.org).**



**Quilting Etc.** meets the 3rd Sunday of the month from 1-3 p.m. Join us for crafting and conversation. Next meetings are: July 22nd and August 19th. Everyone is welcome.



**July:** Jim Ballew, Sarah Bentivenga, Donna Moore, Jimmie Moore Jr., Terry MacDonald, Laura Hogan, Joseph, John and Julius Esau, Jillisa Baum, John Dupuis.

**August:** Dorothy Van Curen, Danielle Rugnetta, Pete Van Mater III, Ron Haeusser, Justin Stattel, Doug Tilton, Shirley Bennet, Louise Moore and Candee Stattel.



Old Brick's "Great Grandparents": **Dorothy & Charlie Van Curen** on the birth of their great granddaughter, *Alexandra Marie Whelan* and also to **Ron Herring** on the birth of his great grandson, *Conor Patrick Kerr*!

We extend our best wishes to the proud parents and grandparents of: Alexandra (*Sarah & Chris Whelan* and *Bryan & Karen Van Curen*) and Conor (*Jessica & Patrick Kerr*, and *Nancy & Ronald Herring Jr.*)

## REMINDERS



Old Brick's next Consistory Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 2nd at 7p.m In Volharden Hall.



Please join and "like" our Facebook Page at BRICK CHURCH! Post your photos, videos or any news updates you would like to share!! We like hearing from you

## NOTES FROM THE LOFT



Our talented choir had a wonderful year! Choir rehearsals have ended for the summer , and will resume on Thursday, September 13th.

**Enjoy the summer!**

Any questions, please contact Ed Krogstad at: [Krogorgan.com](http://Krogorgan.com)



## TRASH & TREASURE 2018



So, have you read, [The Adventures of Tom Sawyer](#)?

Anyway, T&T18 is in full swing getting ready for our big sale on Saturday, Sept. 15th! Sunday School has ended for the summer, so we have more working space and are making good use of it. **The fun started** with some early sorting and pricing (and chatting and laughing.) Then, there was popcorn tasting with varied toppings. Besides *butter and salt*, *cinnamon & sugar*, *parmesan cheese* (the favorite of C. Mouse) and *garlic pepper* were “best picks.” Of course there were balloons to add to the fun but the Mouse family was exhausted blowing them up so they found a pump in the T&T room. **What a team!**



T&T activity will kick off with A.M. and P.M. “**treasure hunts**” with lunch at midday. **Sounds like fun? It really is. And, yes, yes, there is still time to join the T&T gang!** July, August and Sept. will give you even more chances to join in. (Again, have you read Tom Sawyer?)



As for the donations, keep them coming. Remind friends and neighbors that we are collecting. Mention it at yard sales. Some may want to rent a space, while others may be happy to see that their yard sale “remains” are benefiting a local organization. **We are ready for a donation blitz!**

**What we are looking for includes:** household items, small furniture, glassware, china, linens (curtains, spreads, towels, pillowcases/sheets, potholders, pillows) handbags, jewelry, accessories, tools, outdoor and garden items, electronics, toys, games, sports equipment, videos, music, books, Christmas and holiday or seasonal decorations, kitchenware and almost anything else you might have and don't want. Please, no used stuffed animals or clothing-unless almost new/designer.

**If not sure, just ask or bring it in. Questions or need help moving your donations? Call the Church office or Dorothy Wells directly at 732-431-2307 for assistance.**

Thanks to everyone for their efforts so far and, of course, hugs to all from C. Mouse

## PIECES FROM THE PAST

Schools out for summer! **No heavy duty history lesson today!** So, take it easy-perhaps enjoy a quiet moment walking the grounds of Old Brick Church or browsing through the Old Brick History 1699-1999 from your front porch.

In either case, note the **Schanck Memorial** carved in stone in front of the Sanctuary or pictured facing page 153 in the History book. Both provide an encapsulated version of our early history. "First known as the Reformed Church of Freehold and Middletown" ... it's the oldest Reformed Church in Monmouth County.



**319 years later, we are still standing. We are history!**

## STRENGTH THROUGH PRAYER

Pastor Kaden's recent Bible Study Series focused on: ***Strength to Face the Storms of Life*** Below is a list of readings to help through life's challenges. We've had requests for this information and wanted to share with everyone - so if ever and whenever you're.....

### **Experiencing Fear:**

Isaiah 41: 10, Tim. 1:7, Romans 8: 15, 1 John 4: 18, Psalm 91: 1, 4-7, 10,11. Proverbs 3: 25, 26, Psalm 56: 11. Psalm 27: 1, 3.

### **In Need of Courage:**

Psalm 27: 14, 1 Peter 4: 12, 13, Duet. 33:27, Psalm 118: 17, Phil. 4: 13, Psalm 30: 5, Psalm 31: 24, Isaiah 51: 11.

### **In Need of Peace:**

Isaiah 26: 3, John 14: 27, Isaiah 26: 12. Romans 5: 1, Romans 14: 17-19, Psalm 119: 165. Isaiah 57: 2, Romans 15: 13.

### **When Troubles Invade Your Life:**

Psalm 34: 19, Psalm 55: 22. 1 Peter 4: 12, 13. 2 Cor. 4: 8, 9. Psalm 138: 7, 2. Cor. 1: 3, 4, Phil. 4: 6, 7.

### **Physically Sick:**

3 John 2, Matthew 9: 35, Luke 6: 19, Jere. 17:14, Proverbs 4: 20-22. James 5: 14-15.

### **In Grief:**

Isaiah 51: 11, Isaiah 43: 2, Isaiah 61: 1-3, 1, Thessal. 4: 13, 14. John 14: 1-8. Reve. 21: 4

### **Doubting God/Not Understanding God's Ways:**

Isaiah 55: 8-11, Jere. 33: 3, Romans 8: 31, 35-37. Cor. 10: 13. Psalm 18: 30.

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## First Class

### Quotes.....On Working for Christ

*"Neglecting my business? My business is to extend the Kingdom of God. I only cobble shoes to pay expenses".*

- William Carey, as a shoe cobbler, when accused of neglecting his business because of his ministerial efforts.

Heidelberg Catechism - Question 55:

*"What do you understand by "the communion of saints"?"*

Answer:

*"First, that believers one and all, as partakers of the Lord Christ, and all his treasures and gifts, shall share in one fellowship. Second, that each one ought to know that he is obligated to use his gifts freely and with joy for the benefit and welfare of other members".*

*"Some of us are like wheelbarrows - only useful when pushed, and very easily upset".*

- Jack Herbert

*"I don't believe that (a man breaks) down.... with hard work, so much as with using the machinery without oil, without lubrication. It is not the hard work that breaks ministers, but it is the toil of working with power".*

- D. L. Moody

### 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