



Between the Bricks

July-August 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Read Luke 12: 13-21

Dr. Robert Cook, the deceased former Chancellor of the King's College in Briarcliff Manor, New York, used to say, "Faith is only as good as its object". Let's think about that statement for a moment in light of the passage in Luke chapter 12.

In the passage, in response to a plea a man makes of Jesus concerning his brothers unwillingness to share the inheritance with him, Jesus issues a warning about being greedy. He says that a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions. To support his claim, Jesus tells a parable, (an earthly story with a heavenly meaning), about a rich man. He was so rich he had accumulated more wealth than he would ever need in life. He had so much wealth in fact, he felt he could now "sit back and enjoy the view", eat, drink and be merry because he'd never have to worry about money again. How many people only wish they were in this fellow's position?

Unfortunately for him, he didn't realize on that very night his life would come to an end and his riches couldn't save him. Someone else, would then, of course, inherit his wealth and get to "enjoy" every penny that man had accumulated throughout his life. This rich man had "faith" but he had placed his faith in his wealth, right? And, his wealth couldn't save him and why? Well it's because, "faith is only as good as its object" and, all the riches in the world can't buy us security in heaven. Only faith in the "right object" can, and that object is Jesus.

"I am the way, the truth and the life" he said and, "no one comes to the Father but by me". He also said: "I am the Resurrection and the Life, he who believes in me, though he die yet shall he live and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die".

What is the object you have entrusted your life to; money and wealth, possessions or power, your own abilities and strengths? These things sometimes fail us, and none of them can provide us with eternal security. Only faith in Jesus Christ can; entrust your life to Him!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Kaden

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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WORSHIP SCHEDULE



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



Pastor Kaden will be preaching a series of sermons from the book of *Exodus* beginning July 14th and throughout the summer.

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| July 7 | Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion
<i>Summer Worship in Volharden Begins - 9:30a</i> |
| July 14 | Fifth Sunday after Pentecost |
| July 21 | Sixth Sunday after Pentecost |
| July 28 | Seventh Sunday Pentecost Sunday |
| August 4 | Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion |
| August 11 | Ninth Sunday after Pentecost |
| August 18 | Tenth Sunday after Pentecost |
| August 25 | Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost |

**It has been said, "There are two kinds of Christians -
those who wait on the Lord and those who keep the Lord waiting".
Which describes you?**

NOTE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone!

As summer fast approaches, we start thinking about vacation, travel, and relaxation; a release from the everyday toil of school and work.



We just had the annual Sunday School/Church Picnic in the grove this past Sunday. I want to thank *Kristina Cain, Melody Chen, Daniella Rugnetta, Jillian Wojtaszek, Nicole Macdonald, and Sharon Mahoney* for teaching some very innovative lessons throughout the year. We appreciate all that you do for the children of Old Brick Reformed Church. I also wanted to thank *Laura Hogan, Ken Stattel, Odette Meglio, Floyd Farano, and John Esau* for setting up and orchestrating the church picnic. I think it was a great success! It was a celebration of another memorable year at Old Brick Reformed Church.

Speaking of celebrations, I recently read about Moses account of The Jubilee. In Leviticus Chapter 25 vs. 10, God commands Moses saying “And you shall consecrate the Fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee for you; and each of you shall return to his possession, and each of you shall return to his family.” The Jubilee was supposed to be a time of release and rejuvenation for the Israelites; even the land they worked was supposed to be released and rested for a year from harvesting.

As we go into the summer months, take some time to relax and rejuvenate yourselves. But don't forget to return to your church family at Old Brick. Remember worship service will be held in Volharden Hall at 9:30AM on Sundays starting July 7th. We look forward to seeing you then.

Thomas Bynoe, Vice President of Consistory

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Summer Worship: Our Sunday worship service will move to Volharden Hall on Sunday morning July 7th. We will return to the sanctuary on Sunday, September 8th. Worship begins at 9:30 a.m. And during the summer months and into a portion of September, Pastor Kaden will be preaching a series of sermons from the book of Exodus.

A Big “Thank You”

Most of you are aware that, a few weeks ago, a portion of a tree located to the right of Volharden Hall cracked and fell on top of the hall roof. Fortunately, there was no damage done and the tree was cut down. In process we also discovered three other trees on the property were in bad shape and needed to be removed. Through the kind generosity of a donor, who wished to remain anonymous, all four trees were recently removed at no expense to the congregation.



Whoever you are, thank you so much for your kindness!



TRASH & TREASURE 2019



Trash & Treasure 19: Old Brick is now accepting donations for our 4th Annual Trash & Treasure and Flea Market Sale (no clothing please). Our sale will be on Saturday, September 28th from 9a-3p. Vendor space is available for \$18.00. Contact the church office for vendor forms: 732-946-8860.

The T&T19 team will need some help prior to and day of, so please contact Dorothy Wells if you can spare even an hour to lend a hand for our this fundraiser. Email: Dwells1967@verizon.net

OUR MISSION TO HELP...



No Estas Solo gets a new name, Love Lifts Us Up

Ms. Dana Silvey, Jersey Shore University Medical Centers, Pediatric Social Worker, asked the group if we might consider changing the name because the Spanish name was creating some difficulties for people in understanding who we are and what our group does. After listening to her recommendations and rationale, board members agreed and decided on the name *Love Lifts Us Up*.

Our mission remains the same with three goals: 1. To honor God 2. To offer assistance to families with seriously ill children in the Pediatric or Neo-natal units at Jersey Shore Hospital who are referred to us from the Pediatric Social Work Department and 3. To support the Pediatric and Neo-natal staff with our prayers and in other helpful ways.

Your gifts of support for this important work are so very appreciated. All monies received go from you directly into the hands of families in need. Thank you for your support. Money can be placed in the collection jars in Volharder Hall or sent to the Church office designed for: *Love Lifts Us Up*.

Jersey Shore Families in Need - New or gently used baby clothes wanted: Think about how many items a new baby needs....an endless list for sure! Especially needed are *New Born, 0-3 months and 3 months*. Please keep your eyes open at Yard Sales! (try to wash them and label the bag so they can be immediately distributed!)



Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Program: I know it's only early July but before you know it, it will be time for Shoeboxes! Just as a reminder, the following items are prohibited: food, candy, liquids, creams and tooth paste (tooth brushes are fine).

Most of these children have NOTHING. Their living conditions can't compare to our children and grandchildren. Most lack basic necessities. In many countries children can't attend schools if they don't have school supplies, so pens, pencils and paper (roll notebook paper for best results) are great!

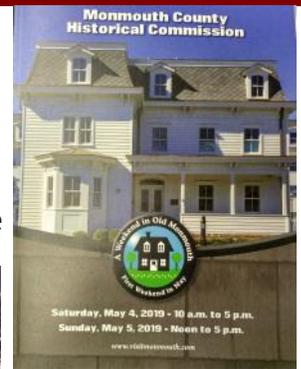
Washcloths and Ivory Soap bars (Ivory Soap floats in lakes and streams) are so helpful to them. Socks, underwear and t-shirts are good items to include along with sneakers or flip flops. A simple game (marbles, tic tac toe) is perfect for *older children*, and stuffed animals or dolls, best for *younger children*.

For older children you can make a sewing kit and a piece of fabric for girls. For boys, make a fishing kit or a small tool kit. **These items may change a child's life! Items that make their home life better are as important as "play" items. THANK YOU FOR HELPING!**

CHURCH LIFE AND EVENTS...

Monmouth County Historic Tour: May 4th and 5th was the Monmouth County Historic Tour. A BIG Thank You to *Doug Tilton* for getting us on that list! We had a really good turnout....with 20+ visitors on both Saturday and Sunday. We provided pamphlets about the Old Brick Church, a flyer about Marlboro in general and a slide show about Marlboro. We also offered OBRC items for sale, and sold a number of the History/Cook Book sets.

A thank you to *Lynn Harold*, who serves on the Marlboro Historic Commission with *Doug*. Lynn came to help out both days and provided the slide show!



Picnic in the Pine Grove: Old Brick members and friends enjoyed a lovely Church picnic in the pine grove Sunday June 9th. A great meal was prepared by *Thomas Bynoe* and *John Esau* with lots of other food items brought by many others. We are grateful to *Laura, John, Thomas* and *Floyd* for their help in preparing this wonderful time of fellowship!

NOTES FROM THE LOFT



On Tuesday, June 11th, the Chancel Choir and musicians of OBC gathered for our annual supper at Huddy's in Colts Neck. It was great fellowship and fun!
In attendance were: *Jill Lambert, Mary Ellen DeVries, Carol Van Mater, Janet Kaden, Sara Bentivenga, Ande-Marie Balla* and *Ed Krogstad*.

Come and join us in September in the Loft!

Enjoy the summer,
Ed Krogstad, Music Director/Organist

REMINDERS



Old Brick's next Summer Consistory Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 1st at 7p in Volharden Hall.



Summertime "Chat and Chew" starts July 7th. Join us for coffee, beverages, snacks and fellowship each Sunday in Volharden Hall, immediately following worship



Quilting Etc. meets the 3rd Sunday of the month following worship. Everyone is welcome to craft and enjoy time with friends.



July 2019

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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7 Summer Worship 9:30 a Holy Communion Volharden Hall	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Worship 9:30a	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Worship 9:30a Quilting Etc.	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Worship 9:30a	29	30	31			

August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Consistory Mtg (7p)	2	3
4 Worship 9:30 a Holy Communion	5	6	7	8 LLUS Staff Event (Wall Twsp) (6-8p)	9	10 <i>Eagle Scout Ceremony</i> (tbd)
11 Worship 9:30 a <i>Eagle Scout Ceremony (tbd)</i>	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Worship 9:30 a Quilting Etc.	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Worship 9:30 a	26	27	28 1 month until.... <i>Trash & Treasure Sale (9/28)</i>	29	30	31

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First Class

Quotes.....On Angels

“The angels are near to us. They have long arms, and, although they stand before the face and in the presence of God and his son Christ, they are hard by and about us in those affairs which by God we are commanded to take in hand”

- Martin Luther

“It should be (but it is not) unnecessary to add that a belief in angels, whether good or evil, does not mean a belief in either as they are represented in art and literature. Devils are depicted with bats’ wings and good angels with birds’ wings, not because anyone holds that moral deterioration would be likely to turn feathers into membrane, but because most men like birds better than bats”.

- C. S. Lewis

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