



# Between the Bricks

May/June 2017

## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### Read: Acts 9: 1-19a

A number of years ago a man named Don Calhoun worked for minimum wage at an office supply store in Bloomington, Illinois. Calhoun had attended two Chicago Bulls games in his life, and now he was going to a third. When he strolled into the arena, a woman who worked for the Bulls' organization approached Don and told him he was selected to take part in a promotional event during the game called the Million Dollar Shot.

The shot came during a time-out in the third quarter. If Calhoun could make a basket standing seventy-nine feet away (That meant Calhoun would be standing behind the free throw line on the opposite end of the basketball court and would have to throw the ball three quarters of the length of the court and make the shot), he would win one million dollars.

Calhoun played basketball at the Bloomington YMCA once each week but he had never tried to make a shot this far from the basket before. Calhoun took the basketball in his hand and looked over at Michael Jordan and the rest of the Bulls players. He could tell they were all pulling for him.

Calhoun stepped to the line and let it fly. As soon as the basketball left his hand, then Coach, Phil Jackson shouted, "It's got a chance!" Indeed, the ball went through the basket with a swish. The arena crowd erupted. Calhoun rushed into the arms of Michael Jordan and the Bulls' players crowded around Calhoun slapping him on the back.

When Don Calhoun went home that night, he had only two dollars in his wallet, but he would receive fifty thousand dollars a year for the next twenty years of his life.

Sometimes one action, one decision, one moment can change everything for you. It did for Paul on the day he encountered the Risen Lord on the road to Damascus. And today could be such a day for you too! If you've never done so before, ask Jesus into your heart today, right now, don't wait any longer. When you do this life changing encounter will change your life for eternity.

Perhaps Paul, as he often did, had his encounter with Christ in mind when he wrote in 2 Corinthians 5: 17: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" May this be true for us too. The Lord bless!

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...

May

**EVERY SUNDAY - 9:30 AM WORSHIP**  
**10:45 AM Coffee Hour**

June

**May 7**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Holy Communion**  
Sermon: Can People Tell?

**May 14**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
Sermon: I Remember Mama

**Happy  
Mother's  
Day!**

**May 21**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
Sermon: Encountering The Living Lord

**May 28**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
Sermon: Ascension Sunday - He Was Taken Up

**June 4**

**Pentecost Sunday**  
**Holy Communion**  
Sermon: The Spirit of Christ

**Pastor Kaden Sermon Series Begins: The Church...As Community**

**June 11**

**Trinity Sunday**  
Sermon: ...A Witnessing Community

**June 18**

**Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
Sermon: ...A Serving Community

**HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
Day!**

**June 25**

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
Sermon: ...A Caring Community

## NOTE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone,

Long awaited and much appreciated SPRING is here!!!! With new growth all around us, I think of our Church.

Recently OBRC has gotten some new members and we re grateful for them...BUT WE NEED MORE! I was absent from Old Brick for 40 years, but I was fortunate it was still here for me. Sadly, I don't think we have the luxury of that now. We are in the process of forming a *Strategy Committee* to come up with ways to raise awareness of Old Brick in the community. We hope to find a way to increase membership and also some ways to cut some of our costs as we are depleting the endowment due to low interest rates.

If you've been absent for awhile, I think you will be pleasantly surprised. Pastor George, and his wife Janet, have been a blessing to us. While we lost many members during the difficult years, I think you will find the caring community alive and well. I can promise you will be welcome!

Do you want Old Brick in your future? Then please come join us in Worship. Call the church office to learn the *Strategy Committee* mtg schedule or reach me at the following (home: 742-462-4614, cell: 732-513-0578 or email: lbhogan1979@aol.com).

Blessings,  
Laura Hogan, Consistory VP

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### A Visit from Marie



On Sunday, May 21st, we'll be pleased to welcome, Ms. Marie Trezza, a representative from the *Reformed Church Home*, who will share a few words in our worship service about the ministry of the *Reformed Church Home*. We hope you'll join us.

### Upcoming Meeting Dates

Thursday, May 4th: Strategy Committee - 7p Volharden Hall  
Thursday, May 11th: Consistory - 7p  
Thursday, June 8th: Consistory - 7p

### Old Brick Directory Update

Please contact the church office with any changes you may have: phone, address, email, or requests, for the directory (732-946-8860 / secretary@oldbrickchurch.org.) **Please Visit Our Facebook Page at BRICK CHURCH.**

### Shoeboxes Throughout the Year...



Dear OBC Members,

Jill Lambert has run "Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project" for years and our members are always generous - but I would like to *Challenge You!* You can fill a shoebox for \$10.00 through *Dollar Store* sales or homemade items. **On Facebook's "Shoeboxes Throughout the Year"**, you'll find inspiring stories and simple ideas for filling boxes. I've read that children crave handkerchiefs, washcloths, soap, toothbrushes etc....which is heartbreaking when we look at our children and grandchildren.

**MY CHALLENGE IS THIS...Put \$1.00 a week aside(\$27.00) between 5/1 and 10/31/2017.** Either fill a shoebox or send the money to ORBC and we can fill a box for you, or pay the shipping costs (\$9.00/box). Trust me, \$1.00 per week will pay for many, many smiles!! Your children could contribute a small portion of their allowance. I'm sure they would learn an invaluable lesson. **Are You Up For The Challenge??**

Laura Hogan



### **Old Brick's Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

We extend our thanks to **Sharon Mahoney** for organizing Old Brick's Annual Easter Egg Hunt! It was a beautiful day for Easter Worship...and afterwards children had fun searching for the eggs hidden around Old Brick!



### **"Haute Dog Day" Cookoff**

Nine different "haute" toppings for our dogs were sampled. Offerings ranged from "simple" to almost "gourmet"; from *dill pickles* to *deluxe sauerkraut*; from a *jar of horseradish* to *home-made pepper relish*. And, the old standby, baked beans. The 3 favorites: *Pepper relish*, *sauerkraut*, & *New York style pushcart onions* will be the 3 toppings on the Trash & Treasure kitchen menu.

After having our fill of hot dogs and toppings we did a drawing for a door prize donated by Barbara Murphy- a Haute Dog menu book. Thank you to **Dorothy Wells**, and others who helped, with this creative luncheon event. A good time was had by all!!!!



### **Hendricks & Hendrickson Family Reunion and Visit**

A family with some of its roots dating back to the 1600's and the organization of Old Brick Reformed Church, the Hendricks/Hendrickson family, requested the consistory to allow their family to hold their reunion here at Old Brick on the weekend of July 7-9th. Two members of the Hendricks family played an integral role in organizing the Old Brick congregation. The Hendricks/Hendrickson family has held a reunion at Old Brick before, back in 2010 and so, the consistory has granted the family's request once again.

Granting this request will require a slight change for us regarding our summer worship schedule. To accommodate the family, we will continue to worship in the sanctuary through July 9<sup>th</sup>, and will move worship to Volharden Hall beginning July 16<sup>th</sup> - Labor Day, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Please make every effort to join us for worship throughout the summer, but especially on July 9<sup>th</sup>, as we welcome the Hendricks family whose ancestors played such an important role in the organization of our congregation!

### **Trash & Treasure 2017....Is Underway**

Collection donations are moving along: pricing is almost done and rewriting stickers on items from last year is our current project. Paint, glue and wood clamps are our *magic wands* this year to create and repair transformations. **So**, if wood is chipped, stones in jewelry missing, a table leg loose or the guitar is held together with tape. **BRING 'ER ON**. You'll be amazed!

**Please keep donations coming in! We have room.** Not able to get us your items?... Just call the church office for pick-up arrangements (732-946-8860).

**Outside spaces will be available to all to rent at a minimal cost.**



"word has it ...we'll see you at Trash & Treasure"

## NOTES FROM THE LOFT

We are very proud of our two members, **Kammi and Anna Haeusser**, who did a great job singing a duet "He is Risen, Alleluia" during offertory on Easter Sunday.

**Choir rehearsals are Mondays, 6p in the Sanctuary. All Are Welcome.**

## IN OUR OWN WORDS.....

### FAITH & HOPE

As the Easter Holiday quickly passes, the thoughts that cross my mind are as follows; the family indifferences, financial struggles, emotional challenges related to loved ones recently lost or other types of challenges. I think we can all relate to those thoughts because that is just one example of many, of life as we live it every day.

The hopeful thoughts that can over power the challenges that we struggle with should be shared with Him, the faith and hope within each of us that we must carry with an undeniable strength, similar to the same strength used as He carried the cross to His death for us.

The same strength, if you look for it and listen, that tells us, the world will keep turning, the Son will keep shining, the flowers will continue to bloom, and our faith and hope in Him will continue to grow.

*May the Peace of Christ be with you,*

*Jim Moore*

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### WORDS OF WISDOM

I'm sitting here trying to think of what I will say this month. I opened the top of a little table and found a 3x5 three ring notebook that was my Mothers. She had clippings from magazines, bible quotes, questions she pondered and poems she either wrote or poems that she liked. Among her pages I found these words of wisdom:

Take Time to Live

Take Time to Work - It is the key to usefulness.

Take Time to Think - It is the source of power.

Take Time to Play - It is the antidote for worry.

Take Time to Read - It is the fountain of wisdom.

Take Time to Dream - It is hitching your wagon to a star.

Take Time to Love and Be Loved - It is the road to happiness.

Take Time to Look around - It is too

Short a day to be selfish.

Take Time to Feel - It is the language of the soul.

Take Time to Worship - It is the supreme act of communication and communion between a man and his Maker.



*Blessings,  
Laura Hogan*

## Murphy's Laws... of Parenting

1. The Tennis shoes you must replace today will go on sale next week.
2. The chances of a piece of bread falling with the grape-jelly side down are directly proportional to the cost of the carpet.
3. The garbage truck will be two doors past your house when your teen remembers it's his turn to take out the trash.
4. The shirt your child must wear today will be the only one that needs to be washed..

**HAPPY MOTHERS & FATHERS DAY**

# May 2017

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

	1 "Shoebox Challenge" (5/1-10/31/17)	2  C. Scouts (7p)	3  ACA (7p)	4  <b>Strategy committee mtg. (7p)</b>	5	6
7 Worship 9:30a & Holy Communion	8 Chancel Choir rehearsal (6p)  B. Scouts (7p)	9	10  Woodworkers (7p)	11  <b>Consistory Mtg (7p)</b>	12  C. Scouts (7p)	13
14 Worship 9:30a  <b>Happy Mother's Day!</b>	15 Chancel Choir rehearsal (6p)  B. Scouts (7p)	16  C. Scouts (7p)	17  ACA (7p)	18	19	20
21 Worship 9:30a  Quilting Etc. (1-3p)	22 Chancel Choir rehearsal (6p)  B. Scouts (7p)	23  Aspen Grp (6:30-8:30p)	24  ACA (7p)	25	26	27
28 Worship 9:30a	29  	30	31  ACA (7p)			

# June 2017

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

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4 Worship 9:30 a & Holy Communion  <b>Eagle Scout</b> (Church/Hall) 12:45p	5 Chancel Choir rehearsal (6p)  B. Scouts 7p)	6  C. Scouts (7p)	7  Woodworkers (7p)	8 <b>Consistory Mtg (7p)</b>	9  C. Scouts ( 7p)	10
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## **First Class**

### **QUOTES OF THE MONTH.....**

#### **On Parenting**

***"Before I was married I had three theories about raising children. Now I have three children and no theories".***

- John Wilmont, the Earl of Rochester

***"A father's first responsibility to his child is to love his wife. The most favored children in the world are those who parents love each other".***

- Charles Shedd

***"To our forefathers the Christian faith was an experience. To our fathers it was an inheritance. To our generation it is a convenience. And to our children it is a nuisance".***

- Anonymous author, on the importance of raising children in a genuine Christian home.

That being said, you'll enjoy this:

***A minister asked a group of children in Sunday school class, "Why do you love God?" He received a variety of answers but the one he liked best was from a girl who said, "I guess it just runs in our family".***

#### **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