



Between the Bricks

May-June 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Read Galatians 5: 16-26

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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Recently, I've been reading a booklet entitled: "God's Abiding Presence". The book was written by a number of contributors. These daily devotional readings have been an encouragement to me. They are an important reminder that, regardless of where I am, what I am involved with, or whatever may be occurring in the world, our strength as Christians, our peace and joy is found in "God's Abiding Presence". Remember Jesus words: "And surely I am with you always, even to the close of the age" (Matthew 28: 20b).

In one of the devotionals the writer poses a series of questions, such as, "Am I serving Christ or am I expecting Christ to serve me? Do I "practice" the presence of God in my life by trusting Him each day? When life is hard, do I grumble and complain and begin thinking, "God surely has abandoned me?" One author suggests we imagine Jesus walking beside us each day. Then, asks the author, "If, after being with you for an extended period of time, Jesus, were to "post a list" of those who have served Him well, would your name appear on the list or would it be missing?"

I'm sure, if Jesus were physically present among us, walking by our side each moment of the day, His physical presence would surely motivate us to live and do as much as we could to please Him. We'd probably be more conscious of the things we say. We'd want to "put our best foot forward" in the hope of winning his approval. We'd probably devote more time to prayer, reading God's Word and being engaged in ministry for Christ. How might Jesus physical presence affect how you live today? Would His presence cause you to make changes in your life?

Of course, our Lord Jesus is no longer physically present with us, but He is with us spiritually through the Holy Spirit who lives inside of us. (John 14: 15-18). Jesus is present with us even though we cannot see Him bodily standing in front of us. He is always with us; always watching our actions and listening to our words. Again, if He posted a list of those who serve Him well, would your name appear on the list?

Paul tells us in Galatians 5: "So I say, live by the Spirit and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature....I warn you as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control....Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."

Good advice, as those who seek to honor the Lord. Let us, "keep in step with the Spirit". The Lord bless.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Kaden

WORSHIP SCHEDULE...



EVERY SUNDAY - 9:30 a.m.
10:45 a.m. Family Coffee Hour



May 5	Third Sunday of Easter & Holy Communion <i>Sunday School</i> <i>Sermon: Warts and All</i>	
May 12	Fourth Sunday of Easter <i>Sermon: Life Lessons from Mom</i>	Happy Mother's Day!
May 19	Fifth Sunday of Easter <i>Sunday School</i> <i>Sermon: Hymn Service</i>	
May 26	Sixth Sunday of Easter / Memorial Day Weekend <i>Sermon: A Day of Remembrance</i>	
June 2	Seventh Sunday of Easter & Holy Communion <i>Sermon: Ascension Sunday He Was Taken Up</i>	
June 9	Pentecost Sunday <i>Sunday School</i> <i>Sermon: A Race Worth Running</i>	
June 16	First Sunday after Pentecost <i>Sermon: Follow your Father</i>	HAPPY FATHER'S Day!
June 23	Second Sunday after Pentecost <i>Sermon from The Rev. Paul Walther</i>	
June 30	Third Sunday after Pentecost <i>Sermon from The Rev. Paul Walther</i>	

NOTE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Acts Chapter 11 vs. 25-26

Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

The holy season is upon us! During this time of Passover, Easter, and the coming of the Pentecost, it is important to think about what's really happening during this period of rebirth. Passover reflects the end of the Israelites bondage at the hands of the Egyptians, and the beginning of their journey to find their new country. Easter reflects the crucifixion and death of Jesus on the cross, as well as his resurrection and ascension to sit at the right hand of God the father almighty. Pentecost reflects a fledgling church trying to find its way until the coming of the Holy Spirit breathes new life into the disciples and the followers of Christ, who are soon to be called Christians.

Not only is this a time of tremendous rebirth in the church, but also in the world around us. The weather has started changing and becoming more spring-like. Trees and flowers are starting to bloom again, as the grass gets greener and the birds and animals come out of their winter slumber. Everyone is starting to spend more time outdoors.

Now is a good time to **start** something new! Now is a good time to **bring** something new! To Church..... that is. Help *Old Brick* find that new thing that will help to sustain us during and beyond this period of great rebirth and renewal. I look forward to seeing you at Church and hearing all about it.

Thomas Bynoe, Consistory VP

ANNOUNCEMENTS



***Old Brick Reformed Church added to....
"Weekend in Old Monmouth" Historical Tour***

**Tour Dates: Saturday, May 4th from 10a-5p &
Sunday, May 5th from 12n-5p**



"Weekend in Old Monmouth" is an annual two-day event when 50 of Monmouth County history sites open their doors to visitors and waive their admission fees. Weekend in Old Monmouth is a self-guided tour of 50 Historic sites throughout Monmouth County. *Old Brick Reformed Church* is among 5 new sites added for this years tour.

The tour is also available online and can be viewed on a computer, tablet, or smart phone. A virtual tour has been created with all 50 locations that will reveal more about the specific historic sites. Follow this link: <https://co.monmouth.nj.us/page.aspx?ID=3464> for more information.



CHURCH LIFE AND EVENTS

Easter Sunday at Old Brick: We celebrated Easter Sunday with Worship, Sunday School and our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Everyone had a good time and we thank *Sharon Mahoney* for all her work organizing our event.



TRASH & TREASURE 19: is set for September 28, 2019. Our fourth year is underway - we are already collecting, sorting, cleaning and pricing. Starting May 15, you can bring donations (no clothing) to the smaller classroom in Volharden Hall or call the Church office if you need items picked up.

We will need volunteers for the day of the sale to act as greeters, and be Church representatives. This means lots of smiles while you keep your eyes open, sit down and have a cup of coffee. We also need helpers for "the Trash & Treasure Gang"- during the months before the sale. Anyone who can offer a few hours to help sort, clean, rinse glassware, make price tags or put on stickers is welcome. (It isn't all lifting boxes or dragging tables.) Daytime and evening work sessions will be arranged and announced weekly in the Church Bulletin. **If you can spare just a few hours, call Dorothy directly 732-431-2307. We need you!**



Please help make this the best year yet to work together and raise funds for Old Brick Church.

Ministry To Needy Families: Old Brick's partnership with the Pediatric unit at Jersey Shore University Hospital has helped over 35 needy families during very difficult times. Their appreciation is overwhelming. We hope that you continue to help us in this wonderful service opportunity.



Urgent List of Needs: *Diapers (Newborn/Size 1); Baby Bottles; Pack N Plays; Infant Clothing (Boys and Girls), Diaper Cream; Infant supplies; Burp Cloths, Swaddling blankets; Gifts Cards to purchase formula. Car Seats, and Uber Gift cards.*

Special envelopes are available for your gifts. Please make the checks out to *Old Brick Church*, labeled (Needy Families). If you'd like to provide any of these items, please leave in the vestibule in Volharden Hall with a note indicating they are for Jersey Shore Hospital. Thank you!

NOTES FROM THE LOFT



As our choir season closes down for the summer, we will continue our tradition of closing the year out with a dinner at an area restaurant . Our small, but mighty choir was joined by the Morganville United Methodist Church Choir for Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday and Good Friday.

Please join us in the fall for a new year of praising God with music!

Edward Krogstad, Music Director



Happy Mothers & Fathers Day!

A story for Moms for Mother's Day on May 12th.

A small boy invaded a lingerie section of a department store and shyly said to the salesclerk, "I want to buy a slip for my mom, but I don't know what size she wears." The clerk said, "It would help to know if your mom is short or tall, fat or skinny". The boy replied, "She's just perfect," beamed the little boy, so the clerk wrapped up a size thirty-four for him. Two days later Mom came into the store herself and changed it to a size fifty-two.

A story for Dad's for Father's Day on June 16th.

A Father's Prayer: Last night my little boy confessed to me some childish wrong; And kneeling at my knee he prayed with tears; "Dear God, make me a man, like Daddy – wise and strong; I know you can." Then when he slept, I knelt beside his bed, confessed my sins and prayed with low-bowed head; "O God, make me a child, like my child here - pure, open, trusting thee with faith sincere."

- Author Unknown

Can't I Be Christian Without Going to Church?...Yes

It is just as possible as being:

A soldier who will not join an army

A student who does not go to school.

A citizen who won't vote or pay taxes.

A salesperson with no customers.

An explorer with no base camp.

A captain of a ship with no crew.

A businessperson on a desert island.

An author without readers.

A tuba player without an orchestra.

A politician who is a hermit.

Your church is your home base for growing in Christ.

The great task of the church is not only to get sinners into heaven, but to get saints out of bed!

- Anonymous

May 2019

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Sat

			1 C. Scouts 6:30p	2 Choir rehearsal	3	4
5 Worship 9:30a Holy Communion Sunday School	6 B. Scouts 7p	7 C. Scouts 6:30p	8 W. Workers 7p	9 Qrtly Mtg. Admin. & Consistory 6:45p	10 Aspen Social 7-9p	11
12 Worship 9:30a Happy Mother's Day!	13 B. Scouts 7p	14	15 C. Scouts 6:30p	16 Choir rehearsal 6p	17	18
19 Worship 9:30a Sunday School Quilting Etc.	20 B. Scouts 7p	21 C. Scouts 6:30p	22	23 Choir rehearsal 6p	24	25
26 Worship 9:30a	27 	28 Aspen Grp 6:00-8:30p	29	30	31	

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship 9:30 a Holy Communion	3 B. Scouts 7p	4	5	6	7	8
9 Worship 9:30 a Sunday School	10	11	12 W.Workers 7p	13 Consistory Mtg. 7p	14	15
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First Class

Quotes...

Thoughts about the importance of coming to Church

In the old days, ponies and mules were used to haul out the coal in the mining camps.

A man asked a little boy why there were so many ponies and mules out in the fields on Sunday.

The little boy answered,
“They work all week in the mines.
We bring them up on Sundays so they
won’t go blind”.

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