

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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Summer 2025

Message from Pastor Richard H Weyer

I find it amazing how God uses nature to show His glory. Each season of the year reveals God's creativity and glory. The changing temperatures, the transformation of plants and trees. How they appear bare and barren in winter, the appearance and signs of life in spring, the many shades of green leaves in summer and then the brilliant multiple-colored trees of Fall.

I also find it amazing that God uses us to show others His glory. He can use our life, our words, our bodies, our thoughts and even our successes and failures to be seen in our lives. He can be seen in our lives in how we treat others and how we react to the way others treat us. There's no greater reward on earth than for someone to recognize Jesus because of how we have lived our lives.

With that in mind I have 3 questions for each of us to consider. Is God seen through your words? The tongue can bring destruction, but it can also bring glory to God. The way we use our words can have a powerful impact on those around us. We can be encouraging to others and refrain from gossip. We can bear witness to our testimony in Christ by our words.

Is God seen in our successes and failures? Do we give God praise when we succeed? Do we give God glory when we fail? In both circumstances, God can be seen in our lives by how we react to success and failure. God is sovereign over our lives, and because we know and trust who He is in us, we can tell of His goodness in the victories and losses.

Is God seen in our lives through how we treat others? God will be seen in how we treat our friends, families, neighbors and stranger. It can be difficult to treat others how Jesus would want us to treat them. In those moments, we rely on the Holy Spirit to guide our actions and our words. Our treatment of others allows those who do not yet have a relationship with Jesus to experience Him through us.

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." - John 13:35

CREATIVE CONNECTIONS

Creative Connections is the evolution of the Quilting Group. We welcome everyone-MEN & Women. If you have a craft....Bring it! If you have something interesting to share we will listen! If you want to learn a craft we will do our best to make that happen! If you simply want to join us for fellowship we are happy to welcome you!

Let's plan on meeting on September 14th right after Coffee Hour!

THANKSGIVING HARVEST TABLE

We need 2 volunteers to pick up fresh fruits and veggies for our Harvest Table on November 16, 2025. After the service the goods will need to be packed up and taken to VolHarden Hall so Open Door can pick up.

FLOWER COMMITTEE

Right now the Flower Committee is made up of myself, Sharon Mahoney, and Dorothy VanCuren/Gail Maddox. We each take a month each quarter.

It would be great to have a 4th person for flower pick up. We meet Nancy in the back parking lot of Colts Neck Reformed Church on Saturdays at 10:30 am. We rotate months so no one does it all the time!

Call or text me if interested: Laura 732-513-0578

If you are interested in dedicating Chancel flowers to a loved one for Sunday Services, please send a \$20 donation to Old Brick Reformed Church with a note indicating who the Flowers are dedicated to and which Sunday you would prefer the dedication to be on.

CHURCH USE	CONSISTORY CORNER
Monday evening: Cub Scouts Wednesday/Friday evenings: Boy Scouts	In the May 2025 Consistory meeting the Consistory voted to install a stair chair. The purpose was to make the restroom and the downstairs gathering room more accessible.
2nd Wednesday: Woodworkers	The Memorial Fund had just enough money to cover the project! If you need help using this feature please ask!

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT!

Old Brick Reformed Church participated in Marlboro's NATIONAL NIGHT OUT!
Troop 86 Boy Scouts helped us with tables, chairs and set up and take down. Thank you to Ken & Candee Stattel, Pete & Carol VanMater, Sharon Mahoney and Dorothy Wells for taking the time to represent us!!!



CONSISTORY

Consistory is made up as follows:

President: Rev Vincente Martinez

Rev Vincente is the current NB Classis President and is filling in as we don't have a

minister

Elders: Laura Hogan, VP

Sharon Mahoney

Deacons: Douglas Tilton

Thomas Bynoe

We normally meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month but in September we will meet on the 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm.

October 9th Meeting begins at 6:45 pm for 3rd Quarter review with Dan Bavouso

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MESSAGE FROM CONSISTORY

Hi Everyone.....can you believe it's Mid August already?

A lot has happened at Old Brick since the start of summer. Starting in the Fall you were all getting weekly emails from Pastor Marie. Unfortunately, Pastor Marie had a family emergencies and tendered her resignation effective the end of May.

Pastor Richard Weyer has graciously stepped back in as Interim Pastor. Pastor Rich will finish out August, we will have Pulpit Supply and Pastor Rich will be back for the biggest part of October, November and December.

Pastor Rich was already scheduled for Christmas Eve but has made arrangements to keep his previous commitment and to serve us!! CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT OLD BRICK CHURCH AT 5:00 pm THIS YEAR. Please try to arrange your schedules to come join us! Let's fill the church up as we used to!

In the next couple of days Sharon Sanicola will be working on the news letter for August.

We worship at 10:00 in VolHarden Hall till the Sunday after Labor Day. On September 7th we will return to our beautiful sanctuary for worship.

PLEASE come join us for worship! Gods Blessings to all,

Laura Hogan, VP Consistory



OUR MISSION

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