



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 VISITING PASTOR'S DESK

Changing Seasons

**“For as the body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of that body, though many, are one body — so also is Christ.” -- 1 Corinthians 12:12**

For some people changing seasons means we are going from Summer to Fall. For others it means we are going from baseball to football. Whichever it is for you, I am willing to guess that you have heard the names Tom Brady and/or Patrick Mahomes, National League Football quarterbacks who have won multiple Super Bowls.

Do you recognize the names: Ryan Jensen, Joe Hang, Daniel Kilgore, Martinus Rankin?

The first 2 were teammates of Tom Brady and the other 2 were teammates of Patrick Mahomes. There are 50 other players on both teams whose names, like the previous 4 mentioned players, you probably never heard of either. Yet without those other players, both Tom and Patrick would never have won a Super Bowl.

Having listened to post-game interviews with both quarterbacks, it was apparent that both quarterbacks realized their accomplishments would never have been possible without their teammates.

One thing you cannot ignore about football is that it is a team sport. There are 11 position players on the field on any given play. The quarterback is just one of those 11. If a particular play is going to work, it requires all 11 players on the field to do exactly what the play called them to do. When all the players come together it results in a successful play.

This is true of the church as well. As Paul stated, “For as the body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of that body, though many, are one body — so also is Christ.” -- 1 Corinthians 12:12

The same applies to our responsibilities as a Christ-follower, as a member of Old Brick Reformed Church. We each play an important role in doing God’s Kingdom work with our spiritual gifts. We are all gifted by the Holy Spirit to be used for the building up and the well-being of each other.

When we team up with other believers, God can do even mightier works through us. When your gifts are combined with the gifts of those around you, the Spirit of the Lord will be alive and active and your impact will be unstoppable.

I remember visiting a home bound member in my previous church. She was frustrated that after being an active member for 70 plus years, she was no longer able to actively participate in worship or other church activities.

She said, “I feel useless.” I asked her, “Do you pray?” (Knowing that she did) She replied, “Of course I do?” My reply, “Then I am asking you to be a prayer warrior for our church.” I challenged her to look at the church calendar and the church’s directory of members and to pray for some ministry or someone in the church every day.

As the seasons change, I want to challenge you to: identify the gifts that God has given you; consider how can you use your spiritual gifts to empower and enable Old Brick Reformed Church to become the church that God is calling it to be.

Godspeed  
Pastor Rich

## THANK YOU

You may notice a beautiful new sidewalk in front of VolHarden Hall. Old Brick Reformed Church would like to thank the anonymous donor who donated the beautiful sidewalks.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child is back! We will be continuing our 21 years of support for this vital mission sponsored by Franklin Graham's organization, Samaritan's purse. It is a great joy to provide a special gift of new toys and everyday items to needy children around the world.

Empty Boxes are located in the front room of the Sanctuary. Please follow the guidelines listed in the enclosed pamphlet and DO NOT include the following things: Used or old items, liquids/lotions, gels, toothpaste, food/candy or glass. Please remember to attach one of the labels choosing a boy or a girl and an age range.

Return boxes to the Sanctuary by November 6th and Thank you for the blessing of your continued support and generosity.

## CHRISTENING

Old Brick welcomed Abraham Gehm into the church family on September 10th, 2023. May God Bless you and may we all help you in your path of life. Congratulations.

## UPCOMING PULPIT FILL

October 1 - Richard H. Weyer	December 3 - Richard H. Weyer
October 8 - Maddy Patterson	December 10 - Yong Bok Kim
October 15 - Yong Bok Kim	December 17 - Richard H. Weyer
October 22 - Ron Cadmus	December 24 - Richard H. Weyer
October 29 - Richard H. Weyer	December 31 - Richard H. Weyer
November 5 - Richard H. Weyer	January 7 - Richard H. Weyer
November 12 - Richard H. Weyer	January 14 - Susan Kramer Mills
November 19 - Richard H. Weyer	(Jan 14 is Congregational Meeting)
November 26 - Paul Walther	

## NOTES FROM THE VP OF CONSISTORY

I want to take this opportunity to bring you up to date on the Sanctuary Roof Project. If you've been around you can see we are nearing completion and the roof looks spectacular!

Unfortunately, we are \$200,000 over budget due to unforeseen structural issues. Besides the roof, the window frames and fascia boards were found to have significant rot.

The funds from the sale of the manse have been depleted and we are using funds from the Memorial Account. The Memorial Account is funded by donations made in memory of deceased members, special Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas donations over the last few years.

At this point we are praying the \$50,000 remaining is enough to see the project to completion, without having to dip into the Endowment Account (which funds our day to day operations). The donations we received after my last letter were very much appreciated! If you can help us please be assured your donation will go directly into bringing Old Brick back to her former glory.

~Laura Hogan, VP Consistory



## LIFTS US UP MEETING AND INFORMATION

Dear friends from Old Brick Reformed Church, the ministry of Love Lifts Us Up, a ministry you played such a huge role in creating, continues to provide assistance to families that have a seriously ill child in the Pediatric or Neonatal units at Jersey Shore University Hospital. Since the day LLUU began (about seven years ago), the organization has helped approximately 550 families and just about everyday new families are added to that number. And, we can't thank all of you enough. On behalf of Love Lifts Us Up we say: "Thank you!" for your ongoing support.

There's an open invitation for you to come to one of our monthly meetings. The next meeting of LLUU is Monday, October 30 at 12:30 -1:30 pm. at the Hope Tower of Jersey Shore University Medical Center, conference rooms 1 and 2. We hope to see some of you then and, in the meantime, may God continue to bless each one of you. ~~Pastor George Kaden

Currently we are in desperate need of diapers, size newborn or 1, wipes, bottles, formula, and infant baby clothing (can be used if in good condition). Also, your tax deductible donations are always welcome. The group also will accept current car seats, pack n plays, and strollers in good condition. Anything you bring to Old Brick will be taken directly to Dana at Jersey Shore. ~~Candee Stattel

If you'd like to help or send a financial donation, please call Pastor George and let him know of your interest or send your financial gifts to:

Love Lifts Us Up, P. O. Box 382, Ocean Grove, New Jersey 07756  
or through LLUU website, LLUU.org.

Love Lifts Us Up is a 501c3 non-profit. All your gifts are tax deductible.



# OUR OLD BRICK CHURCH LIFE AND EVENTS

## CEMETERY DEDICATION

On Saturday, September 9th, there was a Grave Marker Dedication ceremony at Old Brick Reformed Church thanks to a collaboration of the Middletown chapter NSDAR, New Jersey Historical Commission and the County of Monmouth.



### 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