



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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September-October 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

1 Peter 2: 9: "You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God".

As I was preparing the sermon for Sunday, August 13th I came upon a story that I included in the message that I'd like to use as a basis for my article because of the powerful message it shares.

The story is about a young woman who was having a rough time. Her husband had died and now she was facing the full responsibility of raising three children on her own. She felt so alone, so afraid. She decided to attend a grief support group at a local church.

A few weeks after joining the group, the leader asked the woman if she would be willing to share her story; she agreed. She expressed her fears to the group. She said: "If it were just me, I'd be okay. Sure, I'm hurting and I'll have to do without some things, but I can handle it just fine. It's my kids that I'm worried about. So many of their friends have new designer clothes to wear to school; there's no way I can afford that and it hurts me to see my kids feel like they're out of place. And, when it comes to college, I don't know what in the world I'll do." With that her voice tailed off and she began to cry.

Just then, an older woman went over and put her arm around this young mother and tried to comfort her. "You know, I can really relate to what you're feeling now", the older woman said, "because 30 years ago I was in the same predicament. I had lost my husband too. I had four children and I wasn't even making enough money each month to pay our bills. But let me tell you something. We made it, the five of us and I'm so proud of my children today. I'd put them up against anybody's kids". And then she said this: "I have just one piece of advice for you. You may not be able to give your kids designer clothes or sports cars or trips to Europe. You may not even be able to afford to send them to the finest college but there is one thing you can give them that's better than all of that; you can give them the church. Make sure that you and your kids go to church and Sunday school every week. That might not seem like much to you right now, but I cannot tell you what a difference it will make in the long run. They'll receive something there that many kids don't have and that money can't buy and it's something upon which they can build their lives upon for the rest of their days; it's the love and the fellowship a person can only receive from Jesus through the Body of Christ. Give them the church; it's the best gift you can ever give your kids," she said.

Those are wonderful words of advice we all need to remember. Are you giving your kids and grandkids the gift of the Church? Are we striving to give that gift to family members, friends outside the Church and un-churched neighbors?

Song writer John Fawcett wrote: "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above."

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Kaden

WORSHIP SCHEDULE...

September



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

October



Worship Returns to the Sanctuary Sunday, Sept. 10th

Pastor Kaden's sermon series continues through Oct. 1st: "Church is Great, But..."

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| September 10
Sanctuary | Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sermon: Church is Great But...I Wish the Church Modeled Servant Leadership |
| September 17 | Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sermon: Church is Great But...I Wish the Church Demonstrated Greater Faith |
| September 24 | Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sermon: Church is Great But...I Wish the Church Expressed Deeper Gratitude |
| October 1 | Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost - World Wide Communion Sunday
Sermon: Church is Great But...I Wish the Church was Engaged in Serving the Community |
| October 8 | Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sermon: We Are Members of the Body of Christ |
| October 15 | Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sermon: Trust Him |
| October 22 | Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Sermon: In Times Like These |
| October 29 | Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost - Reformation Sunday
Sermon: Here I Stand |

We've Reached...30!

This is not announcing someone's birthday, or a couple's 30th wedding anniversary. I'm happy to say this number represents the number of people we, (often), had attending worship this summer. How's that for good news! Let's keep it going this fall, shall we? It's of course, up to all of you.

Thanks to everyone who have been so faithful in worship and for our visitors. Please come back again. Now let's begin to pray and aim for 35! We'll keep you informed.

NOTE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone!

Can you believe summer is over and school will soon be starting? Summer was good at Old Brick and attendance was good....but, it will be nice to see those of you that have had a busy summer.

If you weren't here for the *Christmas in July* celebration you missed the fun!!! There was lots to buy and the baked goodies and beverages were YUMMY! Thanks to Dorothy Wells and crew of Elves...they did a wonderful job!!!!

If you've seen Volharden Hall lately, there's a lot of activity going on in preparation of the *Trash & Treasure Sale*. Dorothy Wells and crew have been busy sorting and tagging all the donations and making signs. If you can help or rent a table please be sure to speak with Dorothy or Sharon, they will welcome extra hands for set up and the day of the sale!!

The deadline for *Christmas Child Shoebox Project* is looming. I ordered pre-printed shoeboxes available for 50 cents. Speak with me or Diane to get what you need. If you are unable to donate boxes you can either donate money and I will gladly fill a box for you, or your donation will go towards the suggested shipping cost of \$9 per box. These children NEED clothes, socks, underwear, shoes, flip flops and hygiene items. Many have never seen a toothbrush or they share one with their family. We are all so blessed I'm hoping we can share with those less fortunate.



Old Brick has lost one more "brick" with the loss of Bud (Carlton) Borden recently. He and Betty, who passed away in February, were both active members of OBRC for many years. Our sincere and heartfelt sympathies go out to Bud's family. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Please join us at worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. Your church needs YOU!!
See you soon, Laura Hogan, Consistory VP

MEETINGS & EVENTS

September

Thursday, 7th: Consistory - 7p

Friday, 15th: Trash & Treasure Congregation Pre-Sale and Baked Goods Drop off - (4-7p)

Saturday, 16th: Old Brick Trash & Treasure and Flea Market Sale - 9a-3p

Thursday, 21st: Strategy Committee - 7p Volharden Hall

Thursday, 28th: CPR/AED Training Class 7-9p Volharden Hall

October

Thursday, 5th: CPR/AED Training Class, 7-9p Volharden Hall

Thursday, 12th: Consistory - 7p

Thursday, 19th: Strategy Committee - 7p Volharden Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Choir Rehearsal Resumes: Thursday, Sept. 7th at 6pm in the Sanctuary.

We Welcome New Members - So Join Us on Thursdays, 6pm



Old Brick is looking to hire a Sunday School Teacher: Candidates should possess a strong sense of mission to educate children and help us renew our Sunday School program in October. This teaching position will have as many as 15 children of varied elementary school ages. It requires: 3 hours a week, (1-1/2 hours lesson preparation, and 1-1/2 hours at the Church Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:45 a.m.)

Please email the Rev. George Kaden at: pastor@oldbrickchurch.org.

CPR & AED. Sign up for either training class offered: 9/28 or 10/5 (7-9p) Oceanside CPR, teaches you how to respond to breathing & cardiac emergencies for *infant, children and adults*. Learn to perform CPR correctly, use an Automated External Defibrillator and save someone from choking!

Register Now: 732-946-8860 / secretary@oldbrickchurch.org.

Class limit: 35 Cost: \$20.pp or \$30. w/certification Ages: 8 yrs-Adult.



CHURCH LIFE & EVENTS

A summer of Special Family Reunions

The **Hendricks & Hendrickson** family reunion in July brought together many family members as well as local history seekers from near and far for a weekend filled with fun social events, presentations, historic tours and a re-dedication of the historic Hendricks(on) burial ground. William & Daniel Hendricks were among the founders of Old Brick Reformed Church in 1699.

The **Preston's** gathered in August with family travelling from 13 states to attend their reunion at Old Brick. Keith Simpson, an English relative, gave a power point presentation on the history of the Preston family and how they came to the States.



Christmas in July



Volharden Hall was transformed into a winter wonderland with festive displays of Christmas items and decorations for sale. Everyone enjoyed the Christmas carols, hot chocolate and cookies. Many thanks to everyone who participated - the donors, the workers, the bakers and the buyers!

Halloween Blast in October



Once upon a midnight dreary while I pondered weak and weary -- suddenly there came a tapping and Sharon Mahoney suggested we have a Halloween Party at Old Brick. And, quoth the Consistory, "OK".

The party will be at Volharden Hall, the early evening, on the Friday or Saturday before Halloween (Oct. 27 or 28). Specifics will be determined very soon. Our family friendly bash is for Old Brick Church members, their families, friends and anyone who would like to get to know us (at our best?).

So, have you checked your DNA? Ghosts, ghouls, witches, goblins, vampires, bats and even the Big Bad Wolf, are all welcome. Or, if you are a fairy princess, mermaid, Prince Charming, Goodie 2 Shoes or even Cinderella herself, you are also welcome.

Costumes are desired, but you can dress as yourself if you prefer. **COME! JUST HAVE FUN!**

Trash & Treasure and Flea Market Event - Saturday, Sept. 16th: 9a-3p



We're heading down the home stretch for our Trash & Treasure Sale. Our stock is abundant... at times overflowing the rooms in Volharden Hall. Yet, we always find room, so don't hesitate to bring donations or let us know if you need help transporting them. We are pricing and organizing the "stuff," and completing our handmade yard signs for advertising. Let us know if you, or friends, have good yard locations that we can use. Ads are in the local newspapers and other media.

We are advertising, but *the best advertising is "word of mouth"*. So, tell friends, neighbors and invite families to come. Whether they rent space or just come to shop, have lunch or a snack, there will be something of interest for all.

Until the big day, we are sorting, polishing, pricing and organizing. We appreciate help and support especially in these remaining few weeks and, of course on Market Day. Be it a little or a lot, **EVERYTHING COUNTS!** Please help with this challenge and, hopefully, we can meet or even exceed last year's success. **CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITIES!**



**Please Sign-up to Help with Display & Sales
on the 16th...and the week prior!**

NOTES FROM THE LOFT

Choir rehearsal will resume on Thursday, September 7th in the Sanctuary.

Please note Choir rehearsals will now meet on Thursdays at 6pm.

Please join us, everyone is welcome!



PIECES FROM THE PAST...

Coming to the OBC Newsletter will be a "Pieces of the Past" segment. This will be an informative and (hopefully) interesting section about recent Church history-our people, buildings, activities and challenges. We will NOT look at activity from 200-300 years ago but rather that occurring in our memory and lifetime. Stories will start with "Do you remember..." or "When I was a kid at Old Brick...". We will better connect and reconnect with the personality of Old Brick Church and find a better understanding of who we are. Some ideas are: the Hart Library, Pine Grove worship area, the Church basement (how scary is it?), the Church bells & organ, "back in the day" Church groups, suppers and fund raiser activities. Any additional "pieces" of Old Brick you would like to hear about - please let me know, in person, by phone or email. Looking forward to hearing from you, Dorothy Wells, 732-431-2307, dwells1967@verizon.net.

FROM THE MOUSE HOUSE....



They say there's no place like home and home is where the heart is-well, Old Brick Church in Marlboro just feels like home to me. I still love to travel and I have friends and family all over the world, but you will find me spending more and more time here at OBC. I am back in my Mouse House again!

In fact, after stopping by for Christmas in July, I was back again on a recent Sunday. WOW! I hear it has been a very busy summer! Besides the Christmas event, there were three reunions here at OBC. There was the Hendrickson reunion, the Preston reunion and a third smaller, but not lesser, reunion that I heard about. Who, you ask? Odette Meglio and Gloria Drogan were childhood acquaintances but did not stay in touch. As it turns out, they have both been attending OBC services but did not recognize each other. One day, Gloria the name "Odette" mentioned and said "I have heard that name only one other time in my life-an "Odette" visited my neighbor in Morganville when we were kids." It turns out she was the very same one. Gloria and Odette got together recently after service during "Chat & Chew." A friend is someone you haven't met yet-or have you?

Fondly, C. Mouse

REMINDERS



Please Visit Our Facebook Page at BRICK CHURCH. We like hearing from you, so keep posting updates, photos and announcements!

Yards needed for Trash & Treasure Signs: We'd appreciate anyone who can to let us display a small sign on their yard for our big fundraiser on 9/16. We would put up/remove signs. Please help, or enlist help from friends/neighbors. Call: [732-946-8860](tel:732-946-8860) or email: secretary@oldbrickchurch.org. Thank you!

Shoebox Challenge: Save a \$1.00 a week through Oct. 31st to help send shoeboxes filled with gifts, hygiene items & school supplies to children in need. OBC has Shoeboxes for .50 each to fill, have us fill for you or use your saved challenge money towards shipping costs.



IN MEMORY OF...

We are saddened by the recent loss of a special Old Brick member and friend, Bud Borden.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to his family on his passing.

Carlton "Bud" Borden (August 31, 1928 - August 27, 2017)

September 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

3 Worship 9:30a & Holy Communion	4 Labor Day	5 C. Scouts (7p)	6	7 Consistory Mtg (7p) Choir (6p) C.Scout Ldr (7:30p)	8	9
10 Worship 9:30a in Sanctuary) B. Scouts Mtg (3-5p Hall)	11 B. Scouts (7p)	12	13	14	15 T& T Congregation Preview Sale Baked Goods Drop off (4-7p)	16 OBC Trash & Treasure and Flea Market Sale (9a-3p)
17 Worship 9:30a Quilting Etc. (1-3p)	18 B. Scouts (7p)	19 C. Scouts (7p)	20	21 Strategy Comm. Mtg. (7p)	22	23
24 Worship 9:30a	25 B. Scouts (7p)	26 Aspen Mtg (6:30-8:30p)	27	28 Choir (6p) CPR/AED training class (7-9p) 	29	30
30 Worship 9:30a	31 B. Scouts (7p)					

October 2017

Sun

Mon

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Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1 Worship 9:30 a & Holy Communion	2 B. Scouts (7p)	3 C. Scouts (7p)	4	5  CPR/AED training class (7-9p) Choir (6p)	6	7
8	9	10	11 W.Workers Mtg (7p)	12 Consistory Mtg (7p) Choir (6p)	13	14
15 Worship 9:30 a	16 B. Scouts (7p)	17 C. Scouts (7p)	18	19 Strategy Mtg. (7p) Choir (6p)	20	21
22 Worship 9:30 a Quilting, Etc. (1p-3p)	23 B. Scouts (7p)	24 Aspen Mtg (6:30-8:30p)	25	26 Choir (6p)	27	28
29 Worship 9:30 a	30 B. Scouts (7p)	31 Halloween 				

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First Class

God's Garden.....

In growing a healthy, fruit bearing church, try this plan.

Plant three rows of squash:

Squash gossip.
Squash criticism.
Squash indifference.

Plant seven rows of peas:

Prayer. Promptness. Perseverance.
Politeness.
Preparedness.
Purity.
Patience.

Plant seven heads of lettuce:

Let us be unselfish and loyal.
Let us be faithful to duty.
Let us search the Scriptures.
Let us not be weary in well doing.
Let us be obedient in all things.
Let us be truthful.
Let us love one another.

No garden is complete without turnips:

Turn up for church.
Turn up for meetings and prayer.
Turn up with a smile, even when things are difficult.
Turn up with determination to do your best in God's service.

After planting, may you grow in peace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3: 18).
And may you reap rich results of the harvest.

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