



Between the Bricks

September-October 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

READ ACTS 4: 1-13

While Janet and I were shopping in a department store a some years ago, we happened to run into a fellow I hadn't seen in years. We had been rather close friends in high school but had lost touch after we both headed off to college and our lives began moving in different directions. As soon as we made eye contact we recognized one another and immediately exchanged a friendly embrace. "Wow, it's great to see you" I said. "You to", my old friend replied. I introduced Janet and she went off to shop some more and my friend and I started asking each other questions to get reacquainted. "How are you?" and "What have you been doing since high school?" we each asked the other. Other questions and answers followed; it was wonderful seeing this old friend. Then he said something I'll never forget. He said, "When I saw you from a distance I immediately thought you were your Dad". "You look just like your father" he said.

How does this happen? How can we resemble our parents so much? Well of course, it's because of our DNA, Deoxyribonucleic Acid, the genetic instructions that formulate the development and function of living organisms is the dictionary definition. DNA is the blueprint, the recipe or code that defines our make-up and shapes our appearance. DNA is what causes me to look like my Dad, or you; to resemble your Mom.

If there were a spiritual DNA, Peter and John had it. Following Pentecost the two disciples were changed men. The empowerment of the Holy Spirit changed their DNA patterns. They were different than before Pentecost. They acted different, sounded different even appeared different. As they stand before the Sanhedrin, the high ruling court in Judaism defending their public witness for Christ, Dr. Luke tells us in Acts 4, that simply by looking and listening to Peter and John, the counsel recognized that Peter and John "had been with Jesus". They were filled with Jesus' spiritual DNA.

Unlike, however, the DNA transmitted genetically from one generation to the next, spiritual DNA takes work on our part. As with Peter and John, we must yield our lives to the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. With them, we must devote ourselves to prayer, God's Word and worship. We must be committed to growing in our relationship with Jesus, striving to become more Christ like in our attitudes and actions each day.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if everyone you encountered each day looked at you and said: "Wow, when I saw you approaching at a distance I thought I saw Jesus coming towards me". May we devote ourselves to developing, with the help and empowerment of the Holy Spirit, our spiritual DNA that as people look at us they will see Jesus! How are you working to build your spiritual DNA?

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...



Every Sunday - 9:30 AM Worship
10:45 AM Coffee Hour



Worship Returns to the Sanctuary on Sunday, Sept. 9th

Pastor Kaden's concludes his summer series on *Prayer* on September 16th.

September 2	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost & Holy Communion Sermon: From The Rev. Paul Walther
September 9	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Sanctuary) Sermon: <i>Prayer: The Act of Listening</i>
September 16	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Sermon: <i>Prayer: The Destiny of Nations</i>
September 23	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sermon: <i>How's Your Vision?</i>
September 30	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sermon: <i>Cultivating Friendships</i>
October 7	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost & Holy Communion World Communion Sunday Sermon: <i>So Near and Yet So Far</i>
October 14	Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost Sermon: <i>"How Valuable You Are"</i>
October 21	Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost Sermon: <i>Lost and Found</i>
October 28	Reformation Sunday Sermon: Re-entry

NOTE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone,

I'm sitting here looking out the window and see an exceptionally beautiful day. Yet the newspaper is laying next to me with pictures of devastation from the recent rains. It's amazing how in the blink of an eye our fragile world can be turned upside down.

Our country is in turmoil with a growing racial divide, shootings every day, poverty, food and medicine recalls, fires and flooding (and so much more).

We each have our problems and issues to deal with, but don't forget others. The very least we can do is be kind; ignore rudeness and thoughtlessness. A smile is so simple, and easier than a frown or anger. We have no idea what someone else is going through.

Smile when you are happy, smile when you are sad.....smiles are contagious.

Laura Hogan, VP Consistory



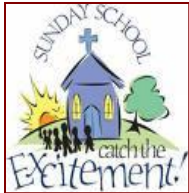
ANNOUNCEMENTS

We return to the Sanctuary for 9:30a worship on Sunday, September 9th.



Choir Rehearsal Resumes on Thursday, Sept. 13th at 6pm in the Sanctuary.

We always welcome new members - so join us on Thursdays, 6pm.

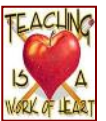


Old Brick Sunday School resumes on September 23rd at 9:30 a.m.

We had a wonderful Sunday school program last year here at Old Brick and this year looks like it's going to be even better. Sunday school resumes at 9:30 a.m. on September 23 and will be held every other Sunday through June 9th. Sunday school will begin in the sanctuary and the children, teachers and staff will be dismissed to go to Sunday school class after the Children's sermon in the Church service. We hope you'll enroll your child/children and invite any un-churched families you may know to enroll their children too.

We have a great teaching staff of volunteers who will be sharing the teaching responsibilities

throughout the year. They are: *Nicole MacDonald* (consultant/resource advisor), *Jillian Wojtaszek*, *Thomas Bynoe*, *Melody Chen*, *Danielle Jones Rugnetta*, *Kristina Cain* (teachers). Sharon Mahoney (teacher aid).



Sunday School Picnic on September 23rd.

On Sunday, September 23rd, all Sunday school *parents*, *teachers* and *children* are invited to join us for a Sunday school "Kick-off" picnic after class. We'll have games and other activities for the children.

We look forward to another exciting year of Sunday school for our "Little Bricks".

Come join the fun...at 'Little Bricks' Sunday School...



CHURCH LIFE & EVENTS

Jersey Shore University Hospital Interfaith Support Team

As you know our congregation has been engaged in providing assistance to needy families that have a seriously ill child in the Pediatric or Neo-natal Unit at Jersey Shore Hospital. We have supported nearly 15 families that are also experiencing serious financial difficulties. This has been wonderful ministry we hope will continue.

Jesus Taught
us how to
Serve Others

As this ministry has progressed you're no doubt aware that we continue to expand this ministry. A number of other congregations have joined us in our efforts for which we are extremely grateful. The next meeting of this interfaith support team is **Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 11 a.m.** at Jersey Shore Hospital.

Please keep this ministry in your prayers and, if you'd like to become more directly involved please speak with either *Pastor George* or *Laura Hogan*. And, as you are led, please continue to put change and or other donations in the water jugs or use the envelopes designed for this ministry in the sanctuary. Thanks for your prayers and financial support. What a difference these gifts are making.



Trash & Treasure and Flea Market Event - Saturday, Sept. 15th from 9a - 3p.

Trash & Treasure is just around the bend on Sept. 15th. Donations, sorting, cleaning, pricing, boxing, storing and signage have gone very well. Thanks to "The T&T Gang" (a small but VERY hard working group) we are in good shape to this point. Ads are going in newspapers and online. We are hearing from vendors. It is \$15 for a space rental. Our rain date is Saturday, Sept. 22.



Please take home flyers to help spread the word. **NOW we really need everybody on board with ALL HANDS ON DECK** request. Signs need to be placed in the community, tables opened, boxes moved to the sales floor, items unboxed and displayed **prior to SEPT 15**. Then, on the 15th we need *baked items, sales folks, "watchful eyes"* to monitor the buyers and *replenish the tables* and *somebody to meet, greet, direct and welcome buyers* (and help keep an eye outside). We need assistance to put the remaining items away on Sunday and Monday. **Really need everybody's help - even if only for an hour or two.**

In the next Between the Bricks, for Nov./Dec., I'm sure I will be telling you what a great success this event was. Meanwhile, please do as much as you can to help. **Whatever you can do, WE NEED YOU!**

MEETINGS & IMPORTANT DATES

September

- Sunday, 9th: Worship returns to the Sanctuary
- Thursday, 13th: Choir rehearsal resumes at 6p in the Sanctuary
- Thursday, 13th: Administrative & Consistory Meeting with Dan Bavuso (6:45p)
- Saturday, 15th: Old Brick Trash & Treasure and Flea Market Sale (9a-3p)**
- Sunday, 16th: 35th Annual Marlboro Day (12-5p)
- Tuesday, 19th: Faith Coalition Meeting at Jersey Shore (11:45a)
- Sunday, 23rd: Sunday School begins. Picnic following for teachers, parents and children.



October

- Thursday, 11th: Consistory Meeting (7p)

NOTES FROM THE LOFT



Choir rehearsal resumes on Thursday, September 13th at 6pm in the Sanctuary.
Please join us, everyone is welcome!

PIECES FROM THE PAST...



Old Brick Reformed Church completed construction of "The Chapel" in 1869 at 21 N. Main St, Marlboro N.J. A new manse was built on the opposite side of the street. The new Chapel building had better heating in the winter than the main Church and convenience for the pastor and congregation in the village. Over the years, the Chapel was the hub of religious and social activities for the S.E. portion of Marlboro Township. In winter, Sunday worship was at the Chapel as well as evening and mid-week services. Over the years, additions were added, 2 classrooms, kitchen and restrooms. This broadened the usages to include: memorial services, Sunday school, religious instruction, dinners, fund raisers, Consistory meetings and social activities for groups like *The Circle*, *Young Couples Club*, the *Youth group* and the *High School Canteen*. With added space, Old Brick sponsored Boy Scout Troop 86 and rented classrooms to the Board of Ed. for grades 1-3. By late 1960's, the congregation was large, group activities extensive and the building in need of renovations. The Chapel was sold, and Volharden Hall was built in 1970. The Chapel was first sold to Monmouth Christian Church and then sold to a Chinese grocery and karate and dance studios. Today, the building has again been renovated, with the earlier footprint still in place, and will be used as a hair salon.

We preserved 2 pieces of the Chapel's past for Old Brick: the bell in front of Volharden Hall, and now, 2 lights from the sanctuary. These lights were "saved" by Joseph Walker and donated back to Old Brick by Barbara Walker. We hope to use them (with Gap's help) in the Sanctuary vestibule. Again, we are reminded of Old Brick's history and its role in the community.



FROM THE MOUSE HOUSE....

Busy as I've been with Trash & Treasure, I've heard bits & pieces of news about vacations, family visits and "clears outs," new windows and upcoming plans. Plus, the trials and tribulations that are a regular part of life. But, the best tidbit overheard was *Florence Bennett* telling *Dorothy Wells* about the good times at Old Brick that centered around the Chapel in the 1950's and 1960's. The Bennett Family lived on Vanderburg Rd and then on Main St, so Florence was right there.

The names and activities bounce back to recent Church and community history. Florence's stories put me into a time and place not so long ago, yet quite different from now. They remind me of stories Mama Mouse and Grandma Mouse told with names and activities familiar to many of us as part of our church family history. Get these stories first-hand from *Florence*, travel back to our own version of Mayberry. Stories such as: how the Young Couples club came to be, the age cut-off for the group, who headed up the first youth group, or when *Marie Holmes* "taught" Florence how to bake bread as *Lotta Burke* watched and laughed, or those great Church Supers (chicken salad & oysters) and how they got successful. And, I am sure, Florence and others have many more good stories about activities in the Chapel. Would love to hear more. "Well, anywho, Ha!" as my friend says,

Hugs to All, C. Mouse

REMINDERS

Yards needed for Trash & Treasure Signs: We'd like to promote our sale with a small sign on peoples yards. We would put up/remove signs. Call: 732-946-8860 or email: secretary@oldbrickchurch.org.

Directory Updates: We're updating our church directory, please call/email the office with updates to your information. There is also a directory in the Hall you can review.

September 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

2 Worship 9:30a & Holy Communion	3	4	5 C.Scouts 6:30p	6	7	8
9 Worship 9:30a Returns to Sanctuary	10 B. Scouts (7p)	11	12 W.Workers Mtg (7p)	13 Admin. & Consistory Mtg w/ Dan Bavuso. (6:45) Choir (6p)	14	15 Trash & Treasure Sale 9a - 3p
16 Worship 9:30a Quilting Etc. (1-3p)	17 B. Scouts (7p)	18 C.Scouts (6:30p)	19 Interfaith mtg @ JS Hosp. 11:45a C.Scouts 6:30p	20 Choir (6p)	21	22
23 Worship 9:30a Sunday School Sunday School Luncheon	24 B. Scouts (7p)	25 Aspen Mtg (6:30-8:30p)	26	27 Choir (6p)	28	29
30 Worship 9:30a						

October 2018

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

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First Class

QUOTES On.....Ambition

“Don’t worry about doing something great. Be great by doing what you can where God has placed you.”

-Paul Robinson, missionary, Uruguay.

“He is truly great who deemeth himself small, and counteth all height of honor as nothing”.

- Thomas a’ Kempis

“Seekest thou great things for thyself? Seek them not”.

- Jeremiah 45: 5

“From the desire of being great, good Lord deliver us!”

- A Moravian Prayer

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