



Between the Bricks

September-October 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Read Romans 5: 6-8

We hear the cry often these days; people demanding justice against a perpetrator of a crime that was committed against someone they know and love. They demand that the perpetrator be punished, that justice is served and the criminal pay for the crime they committed. We can hear the agony they're feeling inside as their anger and sorrow pours forth from their wounded hearts. They are demanding justice.

If, however, the punishment fitting the crime is withheld, the victim, for example, refuses to "press charges" or speaks up for their assailant and pleads with the court to withhold penalty and the court does, this is mercy. Mercy is withholding the punishment a wrongdoer deserves.

And, there is something else, a third response that's unusual and truly astonishing when given. It's something that extends far beyond showing mercy. It's called grace and grace is showing favor, pouring love upon one who doesn't deserve it. Grace is unconditional, it is offered with no strings attached. Grace is a gift and provides forgiveness to the one deserving punishment, judgment, and death.

While the response of grace is often rare, when grace is in operation it's amazing to see and a marvel to behold. That's how the Amish community, you may remember, responded to Charles Carl Roberts back in 2006 after he entered an Amish elementary school with a gun and opened fire, killing 5 children and injuring 5 others before killing himself. While grieving the loss of their children, the Amish community reached out in grace to forgive the killer and minister to Roberts' family. Theirs, was an amazing response of grace; an example of love we should all remember and emulate whenever someone harms or mistreats us.

Grace, of course, is how God responds to you and me in Christ. We were spiritually powerless. We are sinners. Because of our sin we deserve death, (Romans 6: 23). But God didn't simply withhold from us the punishment our sins deserve. He didn't simply offer mercy, no! He imparts His grace to us in Christ. He gave us what we didn't deserve, His love and the assurance of eternal life. "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." We deserved spiritual death but God provides us with forgiveness and life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

"Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me, I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come, 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home". John Newton, 1779.

Join us each and every Sunday for worship at Old Brick Church as together, we marvel and celebrate the wondrous grace of God given to us through Jesus Christ.

*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 Family Coffee Hour



Worship Returns to the Sanctuary on Sunday, September 8th

September 1 **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost & Holy Communion**
Sermon: From the Reverend Paul Walther

Pastor Kaden continues his series on the Hebrews Exodus journey to the Promised Land.

September 8 **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Sanctuary)**
Sermon: A Place of Yielding

September 15 **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
Sermon: A Place of Blessing
(Studies on the Exodus end)

September 22 **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
Sermon: Rejuvenating God's Servants

September 29 **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
Sermon: Gold in the Garbage

October 6 **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost & Holy Communion**
World Communion Sunday
Sermon: Still Dirty?

October 13 **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
Sermon: Jesus Changes Broken Lives

October 20 **Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
Sermon: For All the World To See

October 27 **Reformation Sunday**
Sermon: Hot Tub Christianity

NOTE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone,

The summer is coming to a close. Rather than mourn the loss of warm weather and days on the beach, I find it helpful to look towards the coming Fall months as a time of gathering, or harvest if you will.

On September 8th, we will be gathering together once again in the Sanctuary of Old Brick Reformed Church for worship and fellowship to the Lord. This will be another chance to bring our offerings before our God. And by offerings, I mean ourselves. Each of us are a gift to the church, and I would also say a gift to our Lord. We each offer unique perspectives as well as new ideas, new directions, and new resources to help sustain our church.

September 15th will be the First day of Sunday School for the children of Old Brick. After Pastor George delivers his children's message to them, the children will gather in Volharden hall where they will have a chance to fellowship amongst themselves while learning valuable Christian lessons, playing games, and engaging in fun projects with Old Brick's Sunday School staff. We look forward to seeing their bright faces in the coming season.

On Saturday, September 28th (Rain Date: Saturday, October 5th) Old Brick church will be hosting our annual *Trash & Treasure and Flea Market Sale*. The Church and other vendors will gather on Church grounds to have a wide range of Trash & Treasure items for sale.

Enjoy the coming harvest season and we look forward to seeing you at Church.

Bring a friend, or Two!

Thomas Bynoe, VP Consistory



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Please Join us on Sunday, September 8th for worship at 9:30a as we return to our beautiful Sanctuary. Each Sunday, right after worship, we gather to enjoy coffee, beverages, snacks and fellowship in Volharden Hall.



The Consistory and Administrative Committee will meet on the following dates:

- Thursday, September 12th at 7 pm - Consistory
- Thursday, October 10th at 6:45 pm - Consistory and Administrative with Dan Bavuso.

Please notify Pastor George if you're unable to attend any of these meetings.



Quilting Etc. group meets the 3rd Sunday of the month immediately following worship.

No crafting experience needed and everyone is welcome to craft and enjoy time with friends.

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Old Brick Sunday School Begins Sunday, September 15th - During Worship at 9:30 a



Last year we had a very wonderful Sunday school program for children K-8. It was based on a “one room schoolhouse” model and it seemed to have worked well. We were blessed with five terrific Sunday school teachers who rotated the teaching schedule and Ms. Sharon Mahoney served as the classroom aid. We’re looking forward to another great year of Sunday school beginning on Sunday, September 15th.

As with last year, we’ll be holding Sunday school every other week, (you can get the full schedule from Diane). Sunday school starts in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. and following the Children’s message, the children are dismissed with the teacher and staff to Volharden Hall for the morning lesson.

Those with elementary school children, are encouraged to enroll your child/children. Please invite grandchildren, unchurched neighbors and friends to bring their children too. God tells us to: *“Train up a child in the way he/she should go and when he/she is old he/she will not depart from it”*. Proverbs 22:6.

The greatest responsibility parents have in raising children is planting seeds of faith in their heart; guiding them towards knowing the Lord. To compliment your efforts, a Churches Sunday school program will help.

We look forward to welcoming your children on September 15th and throughout the Sunday school year.

CHURCH LIFE AND EVENTS

4th Annual Trash and Treasure and Flea Market Sale

HEY KIDS! DO YOU KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS? IT’S TRASH & TREASURE TIME! AGAIN!

On **September 28, 2019**, Old Brick Church holds it’s **Annual Trash & Treasure Sale and Flea Market**. The T&T team (thank you very much) has been collecting, polishing, and pricing donations for months. We’re almost ready, in a few weeks, it will be displayed in Volharden Hall and available for purchase. Roadside signs will go up after Labor Day.

Vendors can rent spaces (18.00) to sell their wares. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available for purchase at the kitchen. **Go to Old Bricks website and Facebook page for event flyer and vendor registration forms.**



Volunteers are needed: days prior to event (setup, display and stage the area) and the day of, to help with vendors, watch the sales floor; make new friends and represent Old Brick. Then, there is clean-up!



Yards are needed for Signs: help promote our sale. Please offer to put our new small sign in your yard (or anywhere with traffic visibility) mid- Sept. - just call 732-946-8860. We will put up/remove.

Please give a helping hand and join us for a fun day with a some work and some shopping tossed in.

Sign-up sheets in Volharden Hall, or just let us know how you can help. Church office: 732-946-8860 or Dorothy Wells: 732-431-2307. **Donations continue in Volharden Hall until Sunday Sept. 15th.**

CHURCH MISSION

Love Lifts Us Up

Love Lifts Us Up, is an interfaith ministry that our congregation here at Old Brick Reformed Church organized at Jersey Shore University Medical Center to help needy families who have a seriously ill child in the Pediatric or Neo-natal units at the hospital.

To date, our congregation has assisted approximately 70 needy families with Wal-Mart or Target gift cards, Uber cards, donations of baby diapers and wipes, car seats, knitted baby clothing, Pac and plays and other necessities.

Your generous financial gifts, the bills and coins you place in the collection jars each Sunday has enabled us to help poor families as they struggle through the difficulties of caring for a severely ill child in the hospital. Thank you all so very much for your compassionate generosity. Your gifts are touching lives.

If you'd like to have your name added to the *Love Lifts Us Up* email list, to stay updated on our work, contact Diane in the Church Office and let her know of your interest.

LLUU is a 501-C3 organization.

All donations are tax exempt and may be sent to LLUU. P.O. Box 382, Ocean Grove, NJ 07756



*Please pray for the members of LLUU, the children and families,
the Pediatric, NIC and Pediatric Advanced Care Staff each day.*

God bless each one of you.



NOTES FROM THE LOFT



The Chancel Choir is back singing on Sunday September 15th in our Sanctuary. Choir rehearsal begins on Thursday, September 12th at 6pm in the Sanctuary. Rehearsals will be held on Thursdays, at 6pm in the Sanctuary.



**Please join us in the Choir, we love to welcome new members
to our small but mighty group!**

Ed Krogstad, Music Director



September 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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

October 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2 C. Scouts (6p)	3	4	5
6 Worship 9:30a Holy Communion	7 C. Scouts (6p) B. Scouts (7p)	8 C. Scouts (6p)	9	10 Admin. & Consistory Mtg w/ Dan Bavuso (6:45)	11	12
13 Worship 9:30a	14 B. Scouts (7p)	15	16 W.Workers Mtg (7p)	17 Choir (6p)	18	19
20 Worship 9:30a Quilting, Etc.	21 C. Scouts (6p) B. Scouts (7p)	22 C. Scouts (6p)	23 C. Scouts (6p)	24 Choir (6p)	25 Aspen Social Mtg (6:30-9p)	26
27 Worship 9:30a	28 C. Scouts (6p) B. Scouts (7p)	29	30	31 Halloween 		

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First Class

Quotes on...Atheism

“Gratitude is the most awful moment in the life of an atheist. He feels thankful, but he has no one to thank”.

- Peter Kreeft

“There is nothing in history to match the dire ends to which humanity can be led by following a political and social philosophy that consciously and absolutely excludes God. I am thoroughly convinced that when the last chapter of humanity is written, we will find that the implications of atheism, i.e., living without God, if consistently carried through, will have made life plainly unlivable within the limits of reason of even of common sense”.

- Ravi Zacharias

“I think only an idiot can be an atheist”.

- Professor Christian B. Anfinsen,
Ph.D. in biochemistry, Harvard University
and Nobel Prize winner for chemistry.

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