



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 PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Old Brick Reformed Church Family,

It's never easy saying good-bye to people we love. Whether we're saying good-bye to a son or daughter who are off to college or leaving for military service, saying good-bye to people we care about is sometimes quite difficult for people. Janet and I are experiencing such difficulty right now as we make ready to leave Old Brick Church and say good-bye to all of you.

We're feeling a sense of loss because we have developed strong attachments here at Old Brick and we'll miss being part of the Old Brick Church family. And there is also the emotion of stepping away from parish life (which is all we have known for the past 46 years) and entering a new and very different phase of life", retirement or "semi-retirement". God has been "preparing" us for this time of transition but it is an unsettling time to say the least.

We thank God for our years in parish ministry and for these past nine years serving you here at Old Brick. Our years together have been a blessing and we can't thank you, our dear friends, enough for the patience, love, and understanding you have shown us through those years. The nine years have passed quickly and it's hard to believe our time together will soon come to an end.

I hope you feel as we do that our life together has been a "good marriage" as pastor and congregation. As we leave you, we commend you to the tender loving care of our Heavenly Father. The Apostle Paul's words come to mind from Philippians 1:

"For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption the forgiveness of sins."

We will continue to reside in Ocean Grove, at least until next spring. Until then, Janet will continue her employment in Wall Township and I hope to carry on my involvement with Love Lifts Us Up. As we enter this new phase of life, we ask for your prayers. We remain confident of God's faithfulness, that God will guide us in the days and years ahead and will provide for our every need as He has always done.

We will hold you in our hearts and shall remember you in our daily prayers. May God bless each one of you as you strive to remain faithful in your service to Christ through the ministry of Old Brick Reformed Church. God bless you!

Yours in Christ, Pastor George and Janet Kaden

NOTE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT...

Where has 2022 gone? The year is half over already! I wanted to take this opportunity to fill you in on some happenings at Old Brick.

In the past year much has been happening. We had a new roof put on Volharden Hall (we were lucky it lasted a long time)! We had the peeling plaster and paint in the church repaired and painted. The painters did such a terrific job that you can't tell where the problem areas were. In order to do the painting we had the organ pipes taken down, cleaned and put back up.

As we all know the roof on the church needs some repairs and the steeple needs to be replaced. After the first of the year, Consistory and Admin made the decision to sell the Manse. John Esau's Father (Dan Alsalameh) was our listing agent. We listed the house for \$530,000 and it sold for \$545,000!!!! On top of that, Dan very graciously donated his portion of the commission back to Old Brick!! I personally can't thank him enough for all he did to make the sale as painless as possible! With these funds we can get our "house in order". We are currently waiting for a bid on the needed repairs. After these repairs, the monies will be invested to help with housing costs for the next minister.

Over the Summer, I met with the gentlemen that painted the church. They supplied us with an estimate to paint Volharden Hall. It was looking dingy and needed a face lift before we get a new minister. The painting of the hall took place last week. Please come by to appreciate their fine workmanship.

Speaking of a new minister.....Classis required us to update the Self Study Report we submitted in 2012. Thanks to Kim Bynoe and the committee back then that Self Study was very well done and easy to update.

George and Janet will be with us till the last Sunday in September (09/25/22). I know we will all certainly miss them, but they have earned a happy retirement. We are planning a luncheon for that last Sunday. While we don't need firm reservations, it would help in our planning if you could send an email to either myself or Sharon Sanicola with your intentions to attend or not.

Laura's email: lbhogan1979@aol.com

Laura's cell for texts: 732-513-0578

Sharon's email: secretary@oldbrickchurch.org

Let's send George and Janet off with lots of Old Brick Family Love. They have blessed us with their words of wisdom and music for almost 10 years now.

Well, I think that about brings us up to date. Hope to see you in soon in worship!

Sincerely,
Laura Hogan

OUR OLD BRICK CHURCH LIFE AND EVENTS

Condolences

Our hearts go out to Sharon Mahoney on the death of her mother, Mary Mahoney. Mary L. Mahoney, 86, of Marlboro Township passed away on Friday, July 1, 2022 at Chelsea at Manalapan.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Melonie and Alicea Ghans, Dwight Ghans' mother and wife, and to all of his family at this time. Dwight Ghans passed away this past Monday, July 11th.

Condolences to Kim, Thomas, and Lilly Bynoe and their family on the death of Kim's Dad, Dave Ferry, Saturday morning, July 23rd. Mr. Ferry was 73 years old. He lived in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania.

Extending Thanks:

The Freehold Area Open Door Board of Trustees sincerely thanks all of you for supporting Open Door's mission. Your donations allowed us to assist those in need and those most vulnerable among us. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated. We're grateful you've decided to BeTheONE and make a difference!

Love Lifts Us Up Meeting and Information:

Members of Old Brick Church continue to support this ministry that was started by our Old Brick Reformed Church family. It is, as you know, a ministry to families who have a seriously ill child in the Pediatric or Neonatal units of Jersey Shore University Medical Center in Neptune, New Jersey.



Love Lifts Us Up has in its approximate four years of existence, assisted some 275 families with an ill child. We thank all of you for your ongoing support and ask for your continued prayers for this exciting, life blessing ministry.

You, the Old Brick Reformed Church family cannot be thanked enough for the help you offer, the prayer support you provide and the love and concern for seriously ill children and their families that you so generously give. 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.

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First Class

Quotes: On Pride

Pride is the only disease known to man that makes everyone sick except the one who has it.

~ Bud Robinson

Pride is the ground in which all other sins grow.

~ Alexander Whyte

None is so empty as those who are full of Themselves.

~ Benjamin Whichcote

Did you notice how we shook the bridge?
- a flea to the elephant he was riding
after crossing an old bridge

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