

Old Brick Reformed Church  
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## First Class

# Between the Bricks

January/February 2015

## Message from the Pastor's Desk



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.

### Church Office Hours:

Monday  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Tuesday and Thursday  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Wednesday  
8:00 am - 1:00 pm

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It was an extremely cold, blustery January night in New York City. The subways were filled with commuters returning home from work and also many "street people" trying to escape the bitter cold outside. As the train rumbled along, it would stop at each station. Some folks would exit the train as others got on. At one station a rather disheveled woman got on the train. She was ragged and dirty, cold and weary, and perhaps she even had too much to drink.

As the train pulled out of the station, she stumbled, then slumped, into a seat and fell fast asleep. Her hands were nestled inside two tattered gloves that were full of holes. Other people on the subway moved aside to make room for the woman and to create as much space between themselves and her as possible.

Then, something strange happened. As the train pulled into another station, a young man walked over to the woman, paused in front of her, removed his gloves, laid them on the woman's lap, and got off the train. Another man who was exiting the train at the same time saw what the man did and couldn't resist asking him why he left gloves on the woman's lap. "It's because I'm a Christian," he said.

We understand why the young man placed his gloves on that woman's lap, don't we? He did this because that's what Christians do when they see someone in need. They do what they can to help meet the need. Why? They respond in ways like this because that's what Jesus always did. Jesus modeled what God's love is like by performing acts of compassionate and kindness towards others. Such acts, says Jesus, shall be commended on the Day of Judgment:

"Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.... I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

May our ears, eyes, and hearts always be open to hear, see, and respond to the needs of others because that what our Master, Jesus did, and that's what He's called us to do as well.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Kaden

## QUOTES OF THE MONTH.....

*Robert McQuilikin once said, "The sin of unforgiveness is a cancer that destroys relationships, eats away at one's own psyche, and—worst of all—shuts us off from God's grace."*

*C.S. Lewis: "Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have something to forgive".*

*"Doing an injury puts you below your enemy, revenging one, makes you even with him; forgiving it sets you above him."*

*Anonymous*

### 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

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE...



**EVERY SUNDAY  
9:30AM WORSHIP**



- JANUARY 4**      **Second Sunday after Christmas**  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
Sermon: The Secret of Success
- JANUARY 11**    **First Sunday after the Epiphany**  
Sermon: Starting Over
- JANUARY 18**    **Second Sunday after the Epiphany**  
Sermon: Sow Love
- JANUARY 25**    **Third Sunday after the Epiphany**  
Sermon: A New Era Begins  
Annual Congregational Meeting
- FEBRUARY 1**     **Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
Scout Sunday  
Sermon: Now's Your Chance
- FEBRUARY 8**     **Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
Love Sunday  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
Pastor Kaden begins a new series entitled: "What Makes Jesus So Attractive?"  
Sermon: He Loves Me
- FEBRUARY 15**   **Transfiguration Sunday**  
Sermon: He Sees the Best in You
- FEBRUARY 18**   **Ash Wednesday**  
**Colts Neck Reformed Church**
- FEBRUARY 22**    **First Sunday in Lent**  
Sermon: He Spoke in Simple Language

## LENTEN BIBLE STUDY



Pastor Kaden will be leading another Lenten Study on some of the, "One Another" statements in the New Testament such as:

**Forgive one another, serve one another, edify one another and others.**

The studies will be held each **Wednesday morning during Lent at 11:00 AM in Volharden Hall.**

Please mark this time of study on your calendar and come join us! Why not invite a friend.

## BRICKETTES



The Brickettes will resume rehearsals on Monday, February 23rd at 4:20PM in Volharden Hall. New members are always welcome!!



## NOTES FROM THE LOFT...



A special word of thanks and appreciation to both the Chancel Choir and the Brickettes for their music ministry during Advent and Christmas. It continues to be a joy working with these musicians.

*Chancel Choir continues to meet every Monday evening at 6:00PM.*

**NEW CHOIR MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN AND ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**