



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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January 2012

## A Message from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

By the time you receive this message, many of the sounds of Christmas will have faded and even some of the sights will have disappeared. **As Christians, we march to the beat of a different drummer** and to the tune of One who has taken up residence in our midst not simply for a sentimental reason but for a lifetime and all eternity. Thus, I suggest it is well we linger at the crèche and let the mystery and miracle truly sink in for ours is a God whose gift is transformational.

**The light of Christmas brings us to the season of Epiphany** when we celebrate the light that guides our path and journey. Speaking of light, our Christmas Eve candlelight service was ever so beautiful. Both exterior and inner light testify of course to the "Light that shines in the darkness which was not overcome by darkness." Elizabeth Kubler Ross has put it so well. "People are like stained glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within." May it be said of all of us!

Finally, a *New York Times* essay headline declared, "the lesson of 2011 is that we can't foresee 2012." While this is true, it makes our faith critical. **Even though we do not know what 2012 will bring, we entrust our lives to the One whose star guides us forward.** After all, Christmas is the gift of hope and salvation and herein lies the peace which passes all understanding.

Grace, peace and blessings for the New Year!

Grace and Peace,

Kent E. Huyck

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When they saw the star, they rejoiced  
with exceeding great joy.  
-Matthew 2:10



## JANUARY EPIPHANY

### SUNDAYS

10 AM

### WORSHIP

*Coffee Hour Follows Worship!*

*“We saw his star when it came up in the east  
and we have come to worship him.”*

*-Matthew 2:2*

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| January | 8  | First Sunday after Epiphany<br>Holy Communion Sunday<br><b>Sermon - Taking Steps in a New Direction!</b>      |
| January | 15 | Second Sunday after Epiphany<br>Deacon Ordination & Installation<br><b>Sermon - Do We Still Have a Dream?</b> |
| January | 22 | Third Sunday after Epiphany<br><b>Sermon - Keep the Porch Light On</b>  |
| January | 29 | Fourth Sunday after Epiphany<br><b>Sermon - A Story Big Enough</b><br>Annual Meeting Sunday                   |

*“Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts,  
gold and frankincense and myrrh.”*

*-Matthew 2:11*



# CHRISTMAS DECORATING...



## Christmas Concert...



**Refreshment Committee:  
Barbara, Dorothy & Laura...**



## New Christmas Wreaths ...



## 'My School' Christmas Party...



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## **First Class**

### **Quote of the Month...**

*Break forth, O beauteous  
heavenly light, To herald our  
salvation;  
He stoops to earth—the God of  
might, Our hope and  
expectation. He comes in human  
flesh to dwell,  
Our God with us, Immanuel,  
The night of darkness ending,  
Our fallen race befriending.*

*(Words: Norman E. Johnson)*

### **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, Supportive, Faith, Sharing,  
Caring, Praying