



Between the Bricks

March-April 2016

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.

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9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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Describing the events of Resurrection morning, Dr. Luke tells us that on that first Easter morning a few women went to the garden tomb carrying spices that they might anoint Jesus' body. As you all know, upon their arrival at the tomb, the women discovered the stone that enclosed the tomb had been rolled away and Jesus' body was gone. As they pondered what might have happened, Luke tells us,

"SUDDENLY, TWO MEN IN CLOTHES THAT GLEAMED LIKE LIGHTNING STOOD BESIDE, SAID, "WHY DO YOU LOOK FOR THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD? HE IS NOT HERE; HE HAS RISEN! REMEMBER HOW HE TOLD YOU, 'THE SON OF MAN MUST BE DELIVERED INTO THE HANDS OF SINFUL MEN, BE CRUCIFIED AND ON THE THIRD DAY BE RAISED AGAIN.'"

After making the announcement that Christ had risen, one of the angels told the women to remember what Jesus had told them about him "being delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day rise again". Why did the angel tell them to remember what Jesus had said? It's because the disciples, (and us), are often so quick to forget what he's told us especially in moments when life throws us a curve.

When Jesus was arrested, tried, crucified, and put to death, his followers, absorbed in grief, soon forgot the many things Jesus had told them. They forgot the miracles he performed. They forgot his words of assurance and promise. They forgot how he walked to them on water, stilled a raging storm, and raised Lazarus and others back to life. They forgot, as we often do, who Jesus is, why he came, and the glorious hope we have through his triumphant resurrection. "Remember the things He told you", said the angel. Christ conquering death and the grave that first Easter morning isn't just a historical fact we remember and celebrate once a year. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the core, at the very heart of our faith. The resurrection of Jesus Christ empowers us to face and overcome every one of life's painful struggles, even death, in resurrection hope and victory. Peter states it so well in his first letter; "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for by his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while you have face various trials...." When life becomes hard dear friends, hold fast to the hope, the victory, the courage that God gives to us through the resurrection of his Son, our Lord Jesus.

May God bless you this Easter season and throughout your life and fill you with resurrection victory every day.



The Lord bless,

Pastor Kaden

WORSHIP SCHEDULE...

EVERY SUNDAY - 9:30 AM WORSHIP
10:45AM Coffee Hour

- March 6** **Fourth Sunday in Lent**
Teen Challenge
Sermon: The Face of Failure
- March 13** **Fifth Sunday in Lent**
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Sermon: The Face of Faithfulness
- March 20** **Palm Sunday**
Sermon: The Face of Forgiveness
Quilting, Etc.
- March 24** **Maundy Thursday**
Sermon: All for Us
Communion - Volharden Hall
- March 25** **Good Friday**
Sermon: The Concert of Calvary
- March 27** **Easter**
Sermon: The Face of Overwhelming Joy
- April 3** **Second Sunday After Easter**
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
- April 10** **Third Sunday After Easter**
- April 17** **Fourth Sunday After Easter**
Quilting, Etc.
- April 24** **Fifth Sunday After Easter**



NOTE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Dear Everyone,

As you read this I hope we are beginning to experience SPRING!



I was recently working on a project with Minerva and we discovered that MANY entries were never made to the Old Brick Reformed Church Record Book! It appears that the years between 1990 and 2009 are the most effected by this oversight.

We are asking that if you have had a life event within that time period (birth, death, marriage, confirmation, joining of the church, etc.) that you email the details to Min at secretary@okdbrickchurch.org or write it down and either mail it or put it in the collection plate so that we can update our church records. PLEASE INCLUDE FULL NAMES, DATE, MINISTER!

Thank you for your attention to this important piece of our history! Wishing you all a HAPPY SPRING.

Laura Hogan, Consistory VP

TRASH OR TREASURE FLEA MARKET

Old Brick plans to host a Trash or Treasure Flea Market next Fall. We will run our own table(s) with donated “treasures”, baked goods and simple lunch items. Vendors with both new and old (used/antique) items will be able to rent a space for a modest fee. Plans will develop as the year continues. With this in mind, we ask you, your friends, neighbors, family and groups you belong to collect treasures for donation to Old Brick.

We will provide small boxes to help with the collection process. These Old Brick Boxes are available in the Church and in Volharden Hall. Please pick up a few for yourself and to share with others. Do not limit your donations to the size of the box. We will be happy to accept glassware, china, tools, kitchen and houseware, small appliances, accessories (jewelry, handbags, scarves, belts, etc.) lamps, small tables and other small furniture and other miscellaneous and interesting items. No clothing or stuffed animals however. Just bring your items back to Old Brick during the year since we do have room for storage. But, if you cannot bring the items to us, just call and we will arrange for pickup.

Why all this you ask? To raise a few dollars for church use-perhaps toward work on the church or some modest update we might need - is one purpose. But our primary purpose is to unite us as a group in a common effort and to increase awareness of Old Brick Church in our community.

For further information, ask Sharon Mahoney, Barbara Murphy or Dorothy Wells 732-431-2307

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Teen Challenge

On Sunday morning, March 6th, we have a very special hour of worship planned. That morning we'll be visited by members of Teen Challenge and organization that began many years ago by the Rev. David Wilkerson. Teen Challenge is a ministry that has helped teens escape the horrors of drug addiction. The young men who will join us that morning will sing and share their stories about how their faith in Jesus helped them overcome their addictions. This is a service you won't want to miss. Invite your friends and please be prepared that the service will probably be a bit longer than is usual.



Quilting, Etc



The Quilting, Etc. group will be meeting the third Sunday of March 20th and April 17th and gather together at Volharden Hall at 1 PM.

Worship Service Reminders

(Our Sunday morning services all begin at 9:30 a.m.)

On Sunday mornings during the month of March, Pastor Kaden continues his series of Lenten studies on the theme: "Faces at the Cross".

On Sunday, March 6th, please join us as we welcome visitors from Teen Challenge ministry who will sing and share their personal stories how faith in Jesus Christ empowered them to overcome drug abuse and addiction.

Sunday, March 13, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper



Sunday, March 20, is Palm Sunday. Palms will be distributed at the end of the morning service.

Also, please remember our Holy Week remembrances. On Thursday, March 24th, Maundy Thursday at 7: 30 pm. in Volharden Hall we'll remember the Lord's celebration of the Passover with his disciples. And on, Friday, March 25th at noon in our sanctuary we'll remember the events of our Lord's death on Calvary.

Finishing with Sunday, March 27, Easter Sunday. Join us as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ.



ANNOUNCEMENTS - CONTINUED



Wedding at Old Brick

Please keep Danielle MacDonald and Eugene Garritt in your prayers, as well as all their family members. On Friday, April 22nd at 2pm in the sanctuary, Danielle and Eugene will be united in marriage. Congratulations, are prayers are with you both!

Calling All Cooks - we will be holding a **CHILI COOK-OFF** after service, during coffee hour, at Volharden Hall April 17, 2016. The recipe for the winning chili entry will be used at the Trash & Treasure sale. Anyone with a great recipe or willing to cook up a pot for the contest should contact the Church office or Dorothy Wells at 732-431-2307. Everyone is welcome to come sample the food and vote for their favorite entry.



NOTES FROM THE LOFT...

During this season of Lent, both Choirs are busily preparing for Palm Sunday, the Holy Week and Easter.

The Brickettes and the Chancel Choir will sing on Palm Sunday. The Brickettes and Chancel Choir will join forces on Easter Sunday.



Brickettes Choir rehearsals will be meeting Sunday morning immediately following the service at 10:30 AM. This helps with the children already being in attendance.



Easter

*Behind us lie the cross and grave,
Before, eternal bliss;
There blossoms from the garden cave
The Tree of Righteousness;
The face that shame and spitting bore
Is crowned with radiance evermore.
Thou livest far from earthly strife
In God's eternal peace
And there with Thee is hid my life,
And there my wanderings cease;
The secret place where still and blest
I rest in Thine eternal rest.*

*He's
Risen!*

-Gerhart Ter Steegen

March 2016

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>Daylight Savings Time is <u>March 13</u> - One Hour Ahead</p>		1	2	3	4 Brickettes 4:20 PM	5
6 Teen Challenge	7 Chancel Choir 6 PM	8	9	10 Consistory 7 PM	11 Brickettes 4:20 PM	12
13*** Communion "Soups Day" Coffee Hour	14 Chancel Choir 6 PM	15	16	17	18 Brickettes 4:20 PM	19
20 Palm Sunday Quilting, Etc	21 Chancel Choir 6 PM	22	23	24 Maundy Thursday 7:30 PM	25 Good Friday Noon No Brickettes	26
27 Easter 	28 No Choir	29	30	31		

April 2016

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3 Communion	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Consistory 7 PM	15	16
17 Quilting, Etc. Chili Cookoff	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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First Class

QUOTES OF THE MONTH.....

The resurrection is God's "Amen!" to Christ's statement, "It is finished."
- S. Lewis Johnson

"I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in me, though he dies, yet shall he live; and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."
- Jesus Christ



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