



# Between the Bricks

March-April 2020

## 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:**

Tuesday  
Wednesday and Thursday  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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A young woman invited a non Church going neighbor to come to church with her one day. She had been friends with this neighbor for a long time and prayed for her neighbor everyday. She wanted her neighbor friend, who had faced many struggles, an abusive marriage, a painful divorce and the recent death of both of her parents, to experience the strength and joy Jesus provides to those who love Him. Those difficulties had left the woman wounded and hurt by many painful scars in her heart. When the young woman asked her friend if she'd come to church, she thought her friend would refuse, but, to her great surprise, her friend agreed to go.

The whole week before Sunday, the young woman prayed for her friend, asking the Holy Spirit to give power to the pastor's message to reach her friend's heart. Sunday morning arrived and, sure enough, the neighbor lived up to her promise, and the two women went to church together. Upon arriving at church, the young woman who had invited her friend prayed: "Lord, may your Spirit speak to my friend this morning, touch her Lord in some way by your Word".

The service was lovely, however, when the pastor began his message from a text in Genesis chapter 5, the young woman thought: "Oh no, why does he have to preach on this subject today?" Genesis chapter 5 contains the lineage of Adam leading up to Noah (really heady, rather stuffy material), and the minister's message was long and tedious. Listening, the young woman thought, "She's not going to get anything out of this. She'll never want to come back again".

After the service, as they drove home, the young woman said to her friend. "I'm so sorry the pastor's message was so long and talked about a subject you probably found boring". "Boring", replied the neighbor. "I thought it was a great message. As the pastor read the passage about each of those people and ended with the words, "And he died," then spoke about death and the Christians' hope of eternal life, it made me take a good hard look at myself, how I've been living and what a mess my life has been. I felt God was speaking directly to me this morning. I'd like to come to church with you again next week" said the woman. To the young woman's surprise, the Holy Spirit had answered her prayer.

Let me ask you something. When was the last time you invited an un-churched neighbor to come to church with you? Is there an un-churched friend you've been thinking about and praying for? Have you been hesitant to invite them to church because you're concerned they'll hear something that might turn them off even more to the church than perhaps they are already? Have confidence that the Holy Spirit knows your friends' needs and will speak to their heart as only He can. Why not invite an un-churched friend to join you for church soon and watch Him do "His thing"

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Kaden*

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE...



**Every Sunday - 9:30 AM**  
**10:45 AM Family Coffee Hour**



<b>March 1</b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> Sermon: "The Good Grocer"
<b>March 8</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> Sermon: "Through the Storms" <i>Sunday School</i>
<b>March 15</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> Sermon: "Jesus Predicts His Death"
<b>March 22</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> Sermon: "A Humble Spirit" <i>Sunday School</i>
<b>March 29</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> Sermon: "The Conditions of Discipleship "

### Holy Week

**April 5:** *Palm Sunday, Worship 9:30a*  
Sermon: "Welcoming the King"  
*Sunday School*

**April 9** *Maundy Thursday: 6:30p Soup Supper, 7:15p Worship in Volharden Hall.*  
Sermon: "The Heart of Discipleship"

**April 10:** *Good Friday - Sanctuary is open 12-3p for prayer & private meditation*  
(A study guide to assist your reflections will be available in the sanctuary)

**April 12:** *Easter Sunday, Worship 9:30a*  
Sermon: "Then Came Sunday"



**April 19** *Second Sunday of Easter*  
Guest Preacher to fill pulpit  
*Sunday School*

**April 29** *Third Sunday of Easter*  
Sermon: "Why Me Lord?"

## NOTE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

**I Corinthians 11 : 1 “Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.”**

Hello Church Family,

We are fast approaching another Easter Season! As it draws nearer, we should take some time to evaluate who we are as Christians, and why we do the things that we do. What's the end goal? Are we on the right path, or do we need to turn around? Are we doing the right thing?

In my opinion, the Bible verse highlighted above from Paul the Apostle's first epistle to the Corinthians, exemplifies what it means to be a Christian, even in this day and age. We have come to imitate Christ, because we imitate what other Christians in this denomination, congregation, and our personal lives, have imitated before us. But, as we imitate, we also need to reflect on where we are and where we are going.

Thus, it's important to note, there are a lot of important changes happening within the Reformed Church of America which may soon impact Old Brick. In June 2018, the General Synod of the Reformed Church of America created a *Vision 2020* team to address growing unrest and schism within the RCA Church body. The *Vision 2020 Team* has been tasked with prayerfully exploring three different scenarios for the future of the RCA: staying together, significant reorganization, and grace-filled separation.

In the coming days, Diane will be emailing a general summary, along with a questionnaire, regarding this information. For those who do not have an email, take a copy next to the bulletins on Sunday morning.

It's time for us to come together to discuss the future of our Church again. I look forward to having this discussion with you.

*Wishing you a Happy and Safe Easter,  
Thomas Bynoe, Consistory VP*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Special Recognition:** Old Brick extends our sincere congratulations to *Jill Lambert* and *Carol Van Mater*, who were recognized during worship on Sunday, January 19th amongst friends and many family members to celebrate their years of dedicated service to Christ and to the ministry of Old Brick Church . Thank you to *Jill* and *Carol*.



**In Sympathy:** We extend our deepest sympathies to Ken and Candee Stattel and the Preston family on the passing of *Joan Preston*, one of our members, who died January 17th in Maine. **There will be a memorial service here at Old Brick Church to remember the life and witness of Joan Preston on Monday, March 16th at 3pm.**



**Vision 2020:** Please check your email for the "Vision 2020" information. We ask that you review then fill out the brief questionnaire and then return to either Pastor George, the church office or any Consistory member at earliest convenience. Copies are also provided in the Sanctuary and Volharden Hall for those who wish to pick them up at worship.



**Old Brick Offer Envelopes:** The 2020 Offering envelopes have finally arrived! We will have them at the Church Office and/or can put in the mail for those who would prefer. Sorry for the delay and thanks for your patience.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS...



The ministry of Love Lifts Us Up, (a ministry Old Brick Church initiated), continues to minister to families that are poor and have a seriously ill child in the Pediatric or Neo-natal intensive care units at Jersey Shore University Medical Center.

LLUU is an interfaith ministry of about 20-25 people representing different congregations. We also work closely with members of the staff who are consultants to our organization. In our approximately 2 years of existence we have helped over 100 families in need.

## To learn more or become part of our inspirational LLUU ministry

- Our next meeting is *Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 1pm* at Jersey Shore University Medical Center, Brennan Rooms 104-105.
- Visit us on Facebook - Love Lifts Us Up, or sign up for our email list.



Also, to make a donation you may send them either to the Old Brick Church (specify gift is for LLUU) or send it to: **Love Lifts Us Up, P.O. Box 382, Ocean Grove, New Jersey 07756.**

All contributions are tax deductible as LLUU is a 501c3 Tax Exemption.

## Easter Flower Dedications



Beautiful Lilies and Tulips will decorate the Sanctuary for Easter in remembrance and in honor of loved ones. To dedicate one or more *Easter Lily* or *Tulip plants* (\$15) just fill out a form in Sunday bulletin or contact the church: 732-946-8860 or [secretary@oldbrickchurch.org](mailto:secretary@oldbrickchurch.org).

## Reminders...

**Daylight Savings Time is Sunday, March 8th**, so change clocks to “Spring Forward” an hour.

**Consistory Meetings:** Thursday, *March 12th* at 7p and Thursday, *April 2nd* at 7p . Meetings are in the Volharden Hall Library. Please note, the Quarterly Administrative/Consistory meeting will be held on May 14th, not in April.

**A Weekend in Old Monmouth:** This an annual two-day event, the first weekend in May, is when 50 of the Monmouth County history sites open their doors to visitors and waive their admission fees. This is a self-guided tour and is scheduled Saturday, May 2nd from 10a-5p and Sunday, May 3rd from 12p-5p.

## HOLY WEEK

### April 5, Palm Sunday

9:30a worship. We remember our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.



### April 9, Maundy Thursday

6:30p, Soup Supper followed by worship at 7:15p in Volharden Hall. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

### April 10, Good Friday

The sanctuary is open 12-3p for prayer and private meditation. A study guide for self reflection will be available.

### April 12, Easter Sunday

9:30 a.m. worship as we celebrate our Lord's resurrection!

Come and  
join us for  
worship!

## CHURCH LIFE AND EVENTS...



**Love Sunday:** We extend our sincere thanks to *Sharon Mahoney* and everyone who assisted her in the kitchen for the really wonderful luncheon Sharon prepared for us on *Love Sunday*, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sharon, thank you, it was really great! Please keep Sharon in your prayers as she recovers from cataract surgery.



**Scout Sunday:** Our annual *Scout Sunday* tradition was held Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. The Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts from Troop 86 joined us during our worship and then the Troop, leaders and parents provided the Old Brick congregation with a special breakfast.



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT...



### Homemade Italian Meals...

I have the luxury of having a gourmet Sicilian chef and his finance staying with me through early April. He prepares gourmet meals to go and they are delicious!

**Sicilian Specialties Menu →**



If you want to order a homecooked meal,  
please call Ed Krogstad at 732-673-0547.  
Place your order & pick up at Volharden Hall.

Sicilian Specialties Menu	
<u>SALAD</u>	
MIX SALAD	GREEN SALAD, CHICKEN, RICOTTA AND MRS 12.50
SAVORY SALAD	GREEN SALAD, CHICKEN, BACON AND RICOTTA 15.50
CREPES SALAD	TOMATOES, MOZZARELLA CHEESE, BACON AND OIL 13.00
<u>PASTA</u>	
PASTA WITH BROCOLI	18.00
PASTA WITH TOMATO	15.00
PASTA ARRABBIATA	TOMATOES SAUCE, BACON AND ONIONS 17.00
PASTA NOCCA	TOMATOES SAUCE, EGGPLANT AND BASIL 18.00
PASTA WITH MUSHROOMS AND SPINACH	18.00
PASTA WITH SALMON AND CREAM	22.00
<u>SECOND</u>	
BAKED CHICKEN	16.00 WITH POTATOES 22.00
BREADED CHICKEN	WITH SPINACH 18.00
MEAT WITH MASHED POTATOES	23.00
MEATBALL WITH PASTA	20.00 (NO SAUCE)
* PASTA CUCIOSE	
SPAGHETTI	
FARFALLE	
PESTO	
* TO ORDER 732-673-0547	

## HANGING AROUND AT OLD BRICK...



Photo by Ed Krogstad

There are deer and even wild turkeys on the grounds of Old Brick, but we now also have *Walter*, whom we *believe* is a Black Turkey Vulture. Seen some days hobbling in the woods or the cemetery, Walter was named by security guys here daily, as the State renovates property behind Old Brick. They say he managing okay even though he has a broken wing and can't fly. He's a beautiful bird that welcomes food, sometimes brought by other birds, and an occasional sandwich tossed into the woods by the guards. I heard *Grover the Groundhog* was an Old Brick Mascot years ago, named by *Jim Brotherton*. Maybe Walter could be next...we enjoy seeing him here at Old Brick.



## NOTES FROM THE LOFT



Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays at 6pm in the Sanctuary.  
Thinking about joining our small but mighty choir...new choir members are welcome!!

*Edward Krogstad, Music Director*

# March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <b>Worship 9:30a</b>  <b>Holy Communion</b>  <b>1st Sunday of Lent</b>	2  C. Scouts (6p)  B. Scouts (7p)	3	4  C. Scouts 6p)	5  <i>Choir (6p)</i>	6	7
8 <b>Worship 9:30a</b>  <b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b>  <b>Sunday School</b>	9	10  C. Scouts (6p)	11  W. Workers (6p)	12  <b>Consistory Mtg (7p)</b>  <i>Choir (6p)</i>	13	14
15  <b>Worship 9:30a</b>  <b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b>	16  <i>Memorial for Joan Preston</i>  Old Brick Church 3p  B. Scouts (7p)	17	18  C. Scouts 6p)	19  <i>Choir (6p)</i>	20	21
22  <b>Worship 9:30a</b>  <b>4th Sunday of Lent</b>  <b>Sunday School</b>	23  C. Scouts (6p)  B. Scouts (7p)	24  C. Scouts (6p)	25  C. Scouts 6p)	26  <i>Choir (6p)</i>	27	28
29  <b>Worship 9:30a</b>  <b>5th Sunday of Lent</b>	30	31				

# April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 C. Scouts (6p)	2 <b>Consistory Mtg. (7p)</b>	3	4
5 <b>Worship 9:30a</b> <b>Holy Communion</b>   <b>Sunday School</b>	6    B. Scouts (7p)	7  C. Scouts (6p)	8  W. Workers (6p)	9 <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 6:30p Supper 7:15 Worship  	10 <b>Good Friday</b>  	11
12 <b>Worship 9:30a</b>  <b>EASTER</b>  	13  B. Scouts (7p)	14	15  C. Scouts (6p)	16  <i>Choir (6p)</i>	17	18
19 <b>Worship 9:30a</b>  <b>Sunday School</b>	20  B. Scouts (7p)	21  C. Scouts (6p)	22  C. Scouts (6p)	23  <i>Choir (6p)</i>	24  Aspen (6-9p)	25
26 <b>Worship 9:30a</b>  Sanctuary Reserved 12-5p	27  C. Scouts (6p)	28  B. Scouts (7p)	29	30  <i>Choir (6p)</i>		

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## **First Class**

### **Quotes.....on Jesus Christ**

Jesus Christ: the meeting place of eternity and time, the blending of deity and humanity, the junction of heaven and earth.  
- *Anonymous*

Jesus Christ is God spelling Himself out in language that everyone can understand.  
- *S. D. Gordon*

He stands absolutely alone in history; in teaching, in example, in character, an exception, a marvel, and He is Himself the evidence of Christianity.  
- *A. T. Pierson*

No other God have I but Thee; born in a manger, died on a tree.  
- *Martin Luther*

### **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