



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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May-June 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Phoebe, Epenetus, Andronicus, Junias, Ampliatus, Urbanus, Apelles, Aristobulus, and others. Do you have any idea who these people are? It's possible, at least for a few of you, one or two of these names may sound a bit familiar but, as far as the others are concerned, you're probably scratching your head wondering who they are. Who are they and where did I come up with their names? Well, the truth is I didn't come up with them at all. Their names are found in the 16th chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans. Why not take a moment and read the chapter.

O.K. now, have you finished? Did reading the chapter help you to understand who these people are? Probably not! While Paul provides us with a few bits of information about these people, his tiny bits of information really doesn't tell us a whole lot about the people he mentions here. And yet, Paul held them in such high esteem he concludes his letter mentioning each of their names. Will we ever know any more about them than what Paul includes here? No. Will we ever know the important ministries each of them performed? Probably not. Nonetheless, one thing we do know is that each of them played such a significant role in the life of the church Paul felt compelled to introduce them to his readers.

That fact got me thinking. I was being somewhat reflective the other day as Janet and I were engaged in conversation about something and I was reminded of a speech teacher I had in my freshman year of High School. She was a great teacher whose skills in developing the art of public speaking in her students laid a foundation in my life that helped develop my skills in public speaking. Her life impacted mine and, indirectly I trust, you are benefiting from the skills she imparted to me too. And yet, if I mentioned her name to you, without having told you what I have just told you about her, her name would be meaningless to you and you'd probably never pay it any mind again.

This same principle applies in the life of the Church. While we shall never know much more about them than what Paul tells us there, the people he mentions all played a significant role in ministry helping the Church to grow. And, the same can be said for each local congregation too. Down through the centuries people have passed through the doors of *Old Brick Church*, many whom we shall never know yet each one assisted the do not know them, we remain ever indebted to them all. Therefore, while we do not know them, let us always remain ever grateful to them for their faithful service to Christ and to *Old Brick Reformed Church* that continues to bless us in so many ways. Romans 16: 25-27: "Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ.....to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Kaden

WORSHIP SCHEDULE...



EVERY SUNDAY - 9:30 a.m.
10:45 a.m. Coffee Hour



May 6	Sixth Sunday of Easter & Holy Communion <i>Sunday School</i> <i>Sermon: The Seated Savior</i>	
May 13	Seventh Sunday of Easter <i>Sermon: Mothers: A Precious Gift</i>	Happy Mother's Day!
May 20	Pentecost Sunday <i>Sunday School</i> <i>Sermon: Holy Spirit or Holy Smoke?</i>	
May 27	Trinity Sunday <i>Sermon: The Spirit of Christ</i>	
June 3	Second Sunday after Pentecost & Holy Communion <i>Sermon: His Coming, Our Hope</i>	
June 10	Third Sunday after Pentecost <i>Sunday School</i> <i>Sermon: God Is For 'Us, Not Against Us</i>	
June 17	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost <i>Sermon: The Perfect Father</i>	HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!
Pastor Kaden's Summer Sermon Series Begins:		
June 24	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost <i>Sermon Series on "Prayer"</i>	

Summer Worship Begins in Volharden Hall



NOTE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

“To You Who Bring Small Children to Church”

There you are sitting in worship or Bible study. Your child, or toddler, is restless. Perhaps even a little boisterous. You try to silence them, and nothing. You try to pacify them with food or toys, and nothing. Eventually, you resort to the last thing you wanted to do: you pick them up, and before a watching audience, you make the march out of the auditorium. All the while, you’re a little embarrassed. Maybe you’re a little frustrated too. You might even think to yourself, “There’s no point in coming to church. I get nothing out of it because I have to constantly care for my kid.”

I want you - you mothers and/or fathers - to know just how encouraging you are to so many. The little elderly woman who often feels alone beams with a smile at the sight of you wrestling with your little one. She’s been there before. She knows how hard it can be, but she smiles because to hear that brings back precious memories. To see young parents and their small children brighten her day, and she may have just received bad news this week about her health but seeing the vitality of young ones removes - if but for a moment - her fears.

The older man who always seems to be grouchy notices you too. He’s always talking about how children in this day have no respect or sense of good. But, he sees you - a young family - in church, and you don’t miss any gathering. Like clockwork, he can depend on the sight of you and your young family. You give him hope that maybe the church isn’t doomed after all, because there are still young parents who love God enough to bring their restless children to worship. Bring your children to church. If you don’t hear crying, the church is dying. As hard as it might be for you as a parent who’s half-asleep, keep on doing what you’re doing. You are an encouragement, and you’re starting off your children’s lives as you should.

Laura Hogan, Consistory VP

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Our newly re-organized Sunday school is going great! Sunday school has met every other Sunday, with up to as many as 12 children in attendance. Our next Sunday school classes will be held on May 6 & 20th and on June 10th.



We are grateful to those who have been teaching: *Ms. Nicole MacDonald, Ms. Kristina Cain, Ms. Danielle (Jones) Rugnetta, Mr. Thomas Bynoe and Ms. Jillian Wojtaszek (substitute).* We are also grateful to the parents who have been so faithful in bringing their children, and we’re most grateful, of course, for the children who come. Thanks to everyone!



Our Sunday morning worship attendance has been on an upswing and we are grateful. We’ve set a new worship attendance goal of **“50”** people for a regular Sunday with normal worship activities. Come and help us reach our goal, we’d love to welcome you. Diane makes additional bulletin copies each week and we’ve reserved one with your name on it.



Remember the 3 “P’s”: **Pray** for the ministry of Old Brick Church, **Presence**, make worship a priority in your life, come to worship each Sunday, and **Participation**, invest your times, talents, and treasures in helping us to grow Old Brick Church. **HELP US REACH OUR NEXT GOAL “50”!**



Pastor Kaden will begin a new Bible study series on Sunday, May 20th at 10:45a on the theme of: “STRENGTH TO FACE THE STORMS OF LIFE”. Study will be held in the church library for 45 minutes from 10:45-11:30. Please join us on the following Sundays: **May 20th & 27th, and June 3 & 17th** after worship.



The Strategy Task Force was created last year and continues to meet each month. If you can help us develop new strategies to grow Old Brick Church, please let Pastor George know.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS....



A Ministry To Needy Families: Old Brick Church has developed somewhat of a partnership with the Pediatric unit at Jersey Shore University Hospital in Neptune. Our church family has provided money for gift cards given to needy families, and other items such as baby diapers and wipes. It is a wonderful service opportunity. All the needy family referrals come to us from Ms. Dana Zacharczyk, a Pediatric social worker at Jersey Shore Hospital. Recently, Dana has sent us an **immediate needs** list of the following items requested:

Diapers (Newborn/Size 1); Baby Bottles ; Pack N Plays; Infant Clothing (Boys and Girls), Diaper Cream; Infant supplies; Burp Cloths, Swaddling blankets; Gifts Cards to purchase formula.

Special offering envelopes are in the sanctuary next to the bulletins for your gifts. Please make the checks out to *Old Brick Church*, labeled (Needy Families). If you'd like to provide any of these items, please leave in the vestibule in Volharden Hall with a note indicating they are for Jersey Shore Hospital. We thank you all for the generous support you continue to offer that touches the lives of so many.



It's the 70th Anniversary for Marlboro's BoyScout Troop 86. Celebrate with them on Sunday June 3rd from 2-5p, at the Morganville Volunteer Fire Company. *Tickets are \$10.00 per person.* If you're interested in attending, please RSVP to: Troop86Celebration@gmail.com for this special event. Old Brick holds the charter for Troop 86 and we have a great partnership with the scouts. **Congratulations on 70 Years!**

CHURCH LIFE AND EVENTS



Many thanks to Sharon Mahoney for organizing the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Old Brick Church. The children really enjoyed searching for their hidden eggs after worship on Easter Sunday.



Join us for an exciting baseball game with the Lakewood BlueClaws.

All members, friends & family are welcome! We have a covered party deck for Monday, July 2 at 6:30p, which includes a buffet at 6:30p with 1-1/2 hours of food, non-alcoholic beverages, dessert, plus game tickets. We'll need 40 people.



FOR RESERVATIONS: call church office at 732-946-8860 or secretary@oldbrickchurch.org .

DATE: July 2nd. **BUFFET:** 6:30p. **GAME:** 7:10p **COST:** \$35 adults / \$20 kids 5-12 / Under 5 free.

Payment needed before Friday, June 1st. Please make checks out to Old Brick Church.



TRASH & TREASURE and FLEA MARKET 2018: Yes, it's time to talk about it! **T&T18 will be Sept. 15th!** We hope it will be even better than our first 2 years. Last year was amazing, but there's always room for improvement. We need your support and help to: *collect, donate, talk, sort, price, box, advertise, bake, display, sell, and then box again for cleanup.* Work? Yes! But, it's actually **fun when a great team gets together.** That definitely means: **We need you!**



I call on each of you to "clear the clutter" and look out for donations from family, friends and neighbors. Everything helps (no clothing/used stuffed animals). We'd like small furniture, HH items, jewelry, electronics, toys, sports equipment, linens, knit & crochet items, decorator pillows, accessories (gloves, scarves etc.), books, tools etc. If in doubt, ask or bring in, and let us decide. T&T18 will be similar to the past years. We'll sell food and Trash & Treasure items mostly inside with rental vendor space outside, advertise with local signage, free listings and News Transcript and Asbury Park Datebook. **COLLECT, COLLECT, COLLECT** and help **get the word out!** Thanks for your help last year and for this coming year!



Any questions, call the Church office: 732-946-8860 or me directly at 732-431-2307, Dorothy Wells.

NOTES FROM THE LOFT



Our choir season closes down for the summer on May 31st. We'll continue our tradition of closing the year out with a dinner at *Huddy's*. I was so proud of our small but mighty choir on Easter Sunday day as they sang *Hallelujah* from "The Messiah". Please join us in the Fall as we kick off a new year praising the Lord. Next choir rehearsal is Sept. 13th.

PIECES FROM THE PAST...

The Memorabilia Room was established in 1980 in one of the four classrooms in Volharden Hall. It's located directly in front of you as you reach the top of the stairs. Funded largely by a Fashion Tea held in 1983, the Memorabilia Room serves as a safe place to collect and store many of the Church's historical items not in current or frequent use. Housed inside this locked room are such varied items as gravestones from "The Gabat House" on Hudson St. in Marlboro Village, a memorial cabinet designed and created by Kent W. and William Stevenson, volumes of Church history of baptisms, confirmations, weddings and deaths, an assortment of Church history and recipe books and a variety of printed T-shirts. And there is so much more.

Curious about what is really behind the locked door? Well, there is far too much to list here but you can explore for yourself on May 6, 2018 when there will be an "Open Door" day. The Room will be unlocked during coffee hour from 10:30 to 11:30 and available for your historical adventure.

FROM THE MOUSE HOUSE



While at *Coffee Hour* a few weeks ago, I overheard a table of 8 actively chatting away. How wonderful to see my Old Brick family laughing, joking, enthusiastically involved in conversation. So I moved closer, listened to see what evoked such participation. Well, they were discussing **the social calendar of the doctoring crowd.**

The trials, tribulations, massive coordination efforts, the need to maintain flexibility while adhering to schedule and the importance of a sense of humor. Then, above all, **remember to write it down on your calendar – in pencil!**

Once you finally have your schedule established (subject to change, of course) you need to consider your parents' schedule or sometimes your kids. Then, if you need a ride, or they do, who will drive? And what is their schedule? Once you finally have the week secured and all of the details covered, **guess what happens? The doctor's office calls to change the appointment!** Then everything else must change to accommodate and the process of planning the week starts all over again.

Thanks to *Diane, Ed, Donald, Barbara M., Barbara W., Carol, Sharon, Linda, Odette, Florence B., Lora, Melonie, Jill* and the rest of my Church family who made me realize that I am not alone with these scheduling issues. We all seem to be part of the "Doctoring crowd" who manage to get to our appointments, help others with theirs and still have time to be together on a Sunday morning to laugh about it. Now, if I could just find a space to schedule in the rest of a social life. **Gotta laugh!**

Hugs to all, C. Mouse

Happy Mothers & Fathers Day!

The Little Chap Who Follows Me!

A careful man I want to be; a little fellow follows me.

I do not dare to go astray, for fear he'll go the self same way.

I cannot once escape his eyes, whate'er he sees me do, he tries.
Like me he says he's going to be; the little chap who follows me.

He thinks that I'm so very fine, believes in every word of mine.
The base in me he must not see; the little chap who follows me.

I must remember as I go, through summer's sun and winter's snow,
I'm building for the years to be; the little chap who follows me.

May 2018

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			C. Scouts (6:30 p)	Choir rehearsal (6p)		
6 Worship 9:30a Holy Communion Sunday School Memorabilia Open Door Day (Coffee Hour)	7) B. Scouts (7p)	8	9 Woodworkers (7p)	10 Consistory Mtg (7p) Choir rehearsal (6p)	11	12
13 Worship 9:30a Happy Mother's Day!	14 B. Scouts (7p)	15	16 C. Scouts (6:30 p)	17 Choir rehearsal (6p)	18	19
20 Worship 9:30a Sunday School Bible Study 10:45 Quilting Etc. (1-3p)	21 B. Scouts (7p)	22	23	24 Choir rehearsal (6p)	25	26
27 Worship 9:30a Bible Study 10:45	28 	29 Aspen Grp (6:00-8:30p)	30	31 Choir - Ends for summer season		

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10 Worship 9:30 a Sunday School "Pick Your Popcorn" Toppings-Coffee Hour Sunday School Mtg 10:45a	11 B. Scouts (7p)	12	13 Woodworkers (7p)	14 Consistory Mtg (7p)	15	16
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24 Worship 9:30 a Summer Worship Volharder Hall Begins	25	26 Aspen Grp (6:30-8:30p)	27	28	29	30

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First Class

Quotes.....on worship

“Christian worship is the most momentous, the most urgent, the most glorious action that can take place in human life.”

- *Karl Barth*

“Wash your face every morning in a bath of worship and praise.”

- *Charles Spurgeon*

“It behooves us to be careful what we worship, for what we are worshiping we are becoming”.

- *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

“The most acceptable service we can do and show unto God, and which alone he desires of us, is that he be praised of us”.

- *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