

THE RECORD



Coming Together

Celebration Sunday is September 15th at The Brick Church

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“A Season of Beginning”

By Rev. Dr. Kimberly L. Clayton

In *The Great Gatsby*, F. Scott Fitzgerald wrote, “Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall.” Truman Capote wrote, in *Breakfast at Tiffany’s*, “Aprils have never meant much to me, autumns seem the season of beginning, spring.” And this from Nora Ephron: “Don’t you love New York in the fall? It makes me want to buy school supplies. I would send you a bouquet of sharpened pencils if I knew your name and address.”

At The Brick Presbyterian Church, fall truly is the season of beginning! We are very excited about all of the opportunities planned for worship, education, mission, and of course fellowship. We’ve been sharpening bouquets of pencils and going over curriculum. We’ve been painting offices and pruning the Garden. We’ve been planning mission events, choosing hymns, and selecting the menu and music list for the Fall Fling. And we have your name tag ready—with plenty more for new names that will join our church in this crisp season.

Here are the wonderful opportunities ahead to reconnect and to make new connections!

Our Church Home:

• Celebration Sunday is on **Sept. 15!** Adult Education begins and new officers are ordained and installed in worship. Our Youth Kickoff follows on **Sept. 22.**

• The annual Fall Fling on **Sept. 20,** hosted by our Women’s Association, overflows with food, drinks, and music. It’s a great time to come together while supporting vital missions for women and children in the city.

• Wednesday evening communion services begin on **Oct. 2 at 6:30 p.m.** this year, and will again be preceded by our Wednesday Night Dinner Program Ministry where we come together to cook for and eat with our guests from the Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter.

Our Schools:

• The Brick Church School begins a new era of leadership! Amy Warden, Director, and Elena Jaime, Associate Director, are busily preparing for the new school year. We can’t wait to have the building (and elevator) filled again with excited voices, laughter, and the sights and sounds of learning. Come meet Amy and Elena at a dinner on **Oct. 3.**

• Our Sunday Church School begins with Teacher Training on **Sept. 14.** We look forward to meeting our new captains and learning about special security efforts. We will be expanding our church school for children on most Holiday weekends this year as they learn and grow in Christ.

• The Women’s Bible Study (evening and morning sessions) will be studying the Psalms beginning **Sept. 24 and 26.** The Men’s Bible Study (Thursday mornings) will delve into the Gospel of John beginning **Sept. 19.** Working Women’s Fellowship resumes on **Sept. 26.**

Our Life Together:

• After church each Sunday, fellowship continues in the Garden as long as weather permits. New name tags will be introduced and get ready to sing “Happy Birthday” each month as we have cake to celebrate those turning a year older.

• Two Progressive Dinners will be held on **Oct. 3 and 17.** Drinks, dinner and dessert will be served in various beautiful spaces in the church. We will break bread together, hear about church initiatives in our ministries and mission, and meet new faces on the staff (Don Nagle, Interim COO/CFO, Amy Warden and Elena Jaime, and Ruben Nuño from Church of the Living Hope).

See you at church!

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MINISTERS’ READING CORNER

What Kimberly Clayton has been reading:

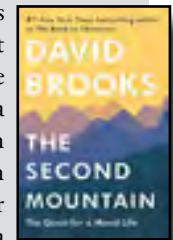
(Inclusion on the list does not imply endorsement).

Psalm Studies In preparation for the Women’s Bible Study this fall, I’m reading several books on the Psalms. J. Clinton McCann, Jr. is an internationally known Psalms scholar. He teaches at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, MO. We will use his *Immersion* study guide on the Psalms. I am reading a second book he wrote, *Great Psalms of the Bible*, for supplemental ideas. I am also re-reading two older books on the Psalms: a slim book by Dietrich Bonhoeffer (more a reflection on prayer in our lives than a study of the Book of Psalms), and another by C. S. Lewis, *Reflections on the Psalms*, first published in 1958. Here, Lewis says, he writes not as a biblical scholar but as one ‘amateur’ to another: “sharing difficulties I have met or lights I have gained when reading the Psalms.” As one might expect of Lewis, there are beautiful insights beautifully stated scattered throughout.



The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life by David Brooks

This newly published book by New York Times columnist, David Brooks in some ways builds upon his earlier book on character. Through the experiences of deep change in his own life, Brooks describes life as having a “two-mountain shape.” When we first start out as adults, we climb the first mountain, which is made of those things our culture values—success, making a name for ourselves, personal happiness. Once we reach that summit, we realize there is more to life and we begin to climb the “second mountain.” Brooks explores the four commitments that define a life of meaning and purpose: to a spouse and family, to a vocation (not necessarily the same thing as our ‘job,’ to a philosophy or faith, and to a community. He shares how, in his own “second mountain” journey, his faith has deepened as his Jewish heritage and appreciation for Jesus, the Gospels, and the Christian faith now are joined, enriching his engagement with people and the world around him.



Church Matters & Mission

PRAYER QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Prayer is none other than the expanding of our heart in the presence of God.”
—John Calvin

For more information on the different types of prayer support at The Brick Church, please go to: www.brickchurch.org/PastoralCare.

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC) UPDATE

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has been working very hard over the summer in the search for the next Brick Church Senior Minister; contacting recommendations for the Senior Minister position and meeting several times, including a called Session meeting on Aug. 7. The PNC approved the Minister Information Form (MIF) and will present this to the Presbytery on Sept. 3. After the Presbytery approves the MIF, the PNC can then begin to advertise in publications and seek candidates to be the next permanent Senior Minister.

Be sure to check your Tuesday and Friday emails, the website, and this fall's issues of *The Record* for updates in the search for the next Senior Minister. If you have any recommendations for Senior Minister or questions for the PNC, please contact them at pnc@brickchurch.org.



The 2019 Pastor Nominating Committee (from l to r): David Darst, Pam Dickson-Thorpe, Chair; Sarah Blais, Helen Pennoyer, David Wells, Shelby Carroll, Henry Barkhorn, Helen Lynch, Charles Higgins

EAST HARLEM MINISTRIES - CHURCH OF THE LIVING HOPE BLOCK PARTY SEPT. 15 FROM 3 TO 7 P.M.

For the past 3 years, Church of the Living Hope has been partnering with local community organizations as well as local churches to help host a yearly block party. Along with our Cabrini Coalition members The Brick Presbyterian Church and St. Frances de Sales, our Coalition has been active throughout the Spring and Summer in local organizing, advocacy and empowerment initiatives. Our goal for this event is to continue to build momentum and expand access to resources that would benefit the local residents of East Harlem and particularly the migrant community. This celebratory event will be held **Sept. 15 from 3 to 7 p.m.** with set up beginning after our 11 a.m. Sunday Service of Worship. Food, hand made Artisan crafts, community resource booths, live music and folk performances will be on full display on 104th Street between Lexington and 3rd Avenue. For more information on how to get involved, please contact Ruben Nuño at rnuño@brickchurch.org.



SERVICE OF BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - SAVE THE DATE: OCT. 4

Join us for a Service of Blessing of the Animals at The Brick Church on **Oct. 4 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.** This service is offered as part of our witness that God creates and loves all creatures great and small! Their lives bring joy and companionship to our lives and this is a way to both honor and celebrate our pets. Oct. 4 is the Annual Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi and often such services are observed around this date.

Bring your furry, feathered, or scaly family members to the Park Avenue side of the church. We will offer two stations for blessings: one in the Chapel and one near the front steps outside of the sanctuary.

We welcome pets on leashes and in carriers/crates and those who live in water. If your pet would not be comfortable around other creatures, or if you wish to remember a pet that has died, you can bring a photograph of your pet instead. We welcome our neighbors and friends to participate in this joyful and potentially noisy service! We will begin at **4:30 p.m.** with liturgy and song before the blessing of the animals begins.



THE RECORD

The Record is published monthly from September through June to foster growth in faith, fellowship and service among The Brick Church's members and friends. Ministers: Kimberly L. Clayton, Douglas T. King, Adam D. Gorman; Ministry of Music: Keith S. Tóth, Amanda Page Smith; Interim Chief Operations Officer/Chief Financial Officer: Don Nagle; Interim Controller: Lillian Sun; Director of Stewardship and Member Relations: Linda Thompson; Coordinator of Church Ministries and Mission, Renee Jennings; Program Administrator, Jeffrey Shayne; Administrative Assistant: Evonne Knight; Interim Administrative Assistant: Myra Schreiber; Night Manager: Stephen Smith; Plant Services Office Manager: Christiane Ramirez; Interim Coordinator for the Women's Association: Shannon Froehlich; Director of The Brick Church School: Amy Warden; Administrator and Director of Communications at The Brick Church School: Paula Rocca; Director of Institutional Advancement: Whitney Schwartz; Brick Church Communications Coordinator and Editor of *The Record*: Mike Suvada. Business Office: 62 East 92nd Street, New York, NY 10128, Tel: 212-289-4400.

Worship and Witness

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR RETURNS SUNDAY, SEPT. 8



(top row, l-r): Alina Lee, Isabella Livorni, Tonna Miller-Vallés, Artemisz Polonyi, Elizabeth Van Os, Sónia Batten. (Middle row, l-r): Agueda Fernández-Abad, Erica Koehring, Melissa Raymond, Sean Clark, Johnny Maldonado. (Bottom row, l-r): Jeffrey Taveras, Buddy Crutchfield, Daniel Hoy, Ryan Stoudt, Nathaniel Sullivan.

Our wonderful Chancel Choir returns from their summer break on **Sunday, Sept. 8**. We look forward to having their magnificent voices back with us in worship. The Chancel Choir welcomes new members mezzo-soprano Erica Koehring and tenor Sean Clark (see right). You can read more about our wonderful choir at www.brickchurch.org/bios.

FESTIVAL OF HYMNODY: SAVE THE DATE

OCT. 20 AT 11 A.M.

Join us on **Oct. 20** during 11 a.m. worship, when the great hymns of the church will again be highlighted in a special service of worship. Thanks to the generosity of Don and Lynn Wilson, this service features the Brick Church Brass Quintet, the Chancel Choir, the Anderson organ and the congregation in special arrangements of hymns Rev. Dr. Kimberly Clayton will provide spoken commentary on each hymn. Please do plan to attend this festive service of worship.

MEET OUR NEW CHORISTERS



SEAN CLARK

Hometown: Westland, MI.
BMus: Ithaca College
MMus: Arizona State Univ.
Opera Diploma: University
of Toronto



ERICA KOEHRING

Hometown: Indianapolis, IN
BA: Butler University,
Indianapolis, IN
MMus: University of
Nebraska-Lincoln
Artist Certificate: University
of Missouri-Kansas City

MEET THE 2019-2020 SEMINARIANS



ANTHONY JONES

Anthony Jones, is starting his second year of the Dual Degree Program at Princeton Theological Seminary. He is currently in the process of being ordained in the PC(USA). Read more about Anthony at www.brickchurch.org/student-ministers.



JACOB KENNEDY

Jacob Kennedy is a first year Master of Divinity student at Princeton Theological Seminary, where he is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree. He is also working towards ordination in the PC(USA). Read more about Jacob at www.brickchurch.org/student-ministers.



MARGARET POTEET

Margaret Poteet is a rising M. Div. Senior at Princeton Theological Seminary. A native of Houston, TX, Margaret attended Arcadia University in the Philadelphia suburbs and earned her BA in Education in 2004. Find out more about Margaret at www.brickchurch.org/student-ministers.



WEDNESDAY COMMUNION CHOIR RETURNS OCT. 2

Our wonderful Wednesday Evening Communion Choir, consisting of adult and youth volunteers, returns on **Wednesday, Oct. 2**. For more information, contact Keith Tóth at ktoth@brickchurch.org.

Divine Connections

**ANNOUNCING STEWARDSHIP KICKOFF 2020
SAVE THE DATE: PROGRESSIVE DINNERS
OCT. 3 AND OCT. 17 FROM 6 TO 8:30 P.M.**



VISITOR OPEN HOUSE ON SEPT. 12

Invite your friends and join us for a Visitor Open House at The Brick Church on **Thursday, Sept. 12 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.** in the Living Room of The Old Parish House at the 62 East 92nd Street entrance. Members will be on hand to answer questions about the church and refreshments will be served. A series of classes is held four times each year for those who are interested in joining The Brick Church. Our next series will be in the fall. Please contact Linda Thompson at lthompson@brickchurch.org for more information.

Family Ministries - Children



SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL RESUMES SUNDAY, SEPT. 15

The weekly schedule is online and included in the bulletin each week, with information for Regular Sundays, Family Sundays, and Holiday Weekends. You can register now for Sunday Church School and Childcare for the church year online at www.brickchurch.org/SCSregistration. Please contact Jeff Shayne with any questions at jshayne@brickchurch.org.

EXCITING SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL CHANGES FOR 2019-2020!

As you sign your children up for Sunday Church School this fall, know that we are extending the 2019-2020 program year through **Father's Day, June 21** for all classes. The last day of SCS in 2020 will be a month later. We will also host a One Room SCS on three holiday weekends: Columbus weekend in October, Martin Luther King weekend in January, and President's weekend in February. If you would like to volunteer to teach or supervise, our Sunday Church School classes welcome more volunteers—youth and adult. Please contact Jeff Shayne at jshayne@brickchurch.org for more information.

SEPT. 2019 SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

SEPT.	SPECIAL NOTES	2s/5K	1st-7th
1	Holiday Weekend	No classes; Childcare Only	No classes; Childcare Only
8		No classes; Childcare Only	No classes; Childcare Only
15	First Sunday of SCS!	Sunday School Class #1	Sunday School Class #1
22		Sunday School Class #2	Sunday School Class #2
29		Sunday School Class #3	Sunday School Class #3



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER AND CHILDCARE TRAINING SATURDAY, SEPT. 14

Calling all Sunday School teachers and childcare volunteers, superintendents, and music leaders: join us for the required Teacher Training on **Saturday, Sept. 14, from 9 to 11 a.m.** in the Carnegie Room. We will only hold one training session this year, so please make every effort to attend. A lot is changing this fall! Volunteer teams will learn about the curriculum and safety procedures, discuss building changes post construction, sign up for dates, discuss best practices, and enjoy fellowship. The Childcare Training will take place in conjunction with the teacher training and is required for all volunteers. Breakfast food will be served, and childcare will be available. If you need childcare, please contact Jeff Shayne at jshayne@brickchurch.org.

REGISTER FOR CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Registration is open for the 2019-2020 Children's Choir season. Come sing with us! Choirs are offered for children age 4 through Grade 7. In each weekly choir rehearsal children develop their singing voices and musical skills, and have the opportunity to connect through music with one another and with their faith. The choirs sing throughout the year in Sunday worship services, outreach events, and the Park Avenue Tree Lighting (2nd-7th Grade). Register at www.brickchurch.org/childrenschoir. Questions? Contact Amanda Smith, Director of Children's Music at asmith@brickchurch.org or 212-289-4400 x229.

TUESDAY CHOIR SCHEDULE

TIME	ACTIVITY	AGE	LOCATION
2:45 to 3:10 p.m.	Cherub Choir	Pre-Kindergarten	YAR
3:45 to 4:15 p.m.	Carol Choir	K-1st grade	Choir Room
4:20 to 5:05 p.m.	Junior Choir	2nd-5th Grade	Choir Room

SUNDAY CHOIR SCHEDULE

TIME	ACTIVITY	AGE	LOCATION
Sundays 10 - 10:50 a.m.	Youth Choir	4th - 7th Grade	Choir Room

Family Ministries - Youth



All-Youth Kickoff Event at The Brick Church

Photo by: Helen Elmiger

YOUTH KICKOFF - SEPT. 22

Youth in fifth grade and above — join the fun! Be sure to encourage your youth to start the year off by attending the All-Youth Kickoff at The Brick Church on **Sunday, Sept. 22 from 5 to 7 p.m.** We have a jam-packed schedule of events and activities planned for the 2019-2020 year, including local service projects. Parents, remember to register your teen for the Pioneers (fifth, sixth and seventh graders), Eighth Grade Confirmation, or High School Youth Group by going to www.brickchurch.org/youthgroup. There is no cost, and it will be a fantastic evening to kick off the year. To learn more about Youth Ministry at The Brick Church or if you have any questions, please go to www.brickchurch.org/youthgroup.



ORDER OF ST. PAUL

Sign up now to become a worship leader through The Order of St. Paul. New members are being accepted from the seventh grade onward. Members of The Order of St. Paul assist in the worship service each Sunday, carrying the cross (we call the crucifer) in the procession, serving as flag-bearers, and serving as candle attendants, as well as assisting the pastors at special services during Lent. If you are in seventh grade or older and are interested in worship leadership, The Order of St. Paul is for you! Community service credit is available at the end of the program year based on service hours and commitment to the Order. For more information, contact Jeff Shayne at jshayne@brickchurch.org.

CHURCH MOUSE – BOARDING SCHOOL PROGRAM

If you have a student who will be away at boarding school this fall, you are invited to enroll him or her in the Church Mouse Program. Brick Church members and students will be paired up by the Youth Ministry Committee with input from the pastoral staff. Volunteers send small gifts and notes to our Brick Church students who are away at boarding school, reminding them that The Brick Church remembers and loves them. To register your student or to be a mouse for this wonderful program please contact Jeff Shayne at jshayne@brickchurch.org.

Brick Church Youth Programs

High School Youth Group (9th - 12th Grade)

Sundays, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. in The Dining Room

Confirmation Class (8th Grade)

Sundays, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. in The Carnegie Room

Pioneers (5th-7th Grade)

See schedule

Wednesday Night Dinner Program (all ages)

Wednesdays, 5:00 - 7:15 p.m. in Watson Hall Kitchen

Pioneers Committee Meetings: 9/12, 10/17, 11/7, 12/5, 1/9, 2/6, 3/5, 4/2, 5/7
All-Youth Committee Meetings: 9/11, 10/2, 10/23, 11/13, 12/11, 1/8, 2/12, 4/8, 5/13

Brick Church Youth Events

Sept. 22:	All Youth Kickoff Event	5th - 12th Grade
Oct. 20:	Pioneers Halloween Party	5th - 7th Grade
Nov. 1 - 3:	Mission Weekend	5th - 12th Grade
Nov. 17:	Middle School Youth Group	5th - 7th Grade
Dec. 8:	Park Ave. Tree Lighting	5th - 12th Grade
Jan. 10:	Pioneers Sleep-Under	5th - 7th Grade
Jan. 25:	High School Mission Day	9th - 12th Grade
Feb. 2:	Superbowl Party	5th - 12th Grade
Feb. 22:	All Youth Ski Trip	5th - 12th Grade
Feb. 28:	Ash Wed. Seed Planting	4th - 12th Grade
March 8:	Pioneers Ice Skating Trip	5th - 7th Grade
April 19:	Pioneers Year-End Event	5th - 7th Grade
May 16:	High School Mission Day	9th - 12th Grade
June 15 - 21:	High School Mission Trip	9th - 12th Grade

Faith Formation

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 7 p.m.,
Dining Room

-or-

Thursdays at 9:15 a.m.,
Session Room

The study meets at two different times and locations (listed above), covering the same material. No prior Biblical knowledge is expected and all women are welcome and visitors are welcome also. If you are interested in joining the study, please contact Rev. Dr. Kimberly Clayton at kclayton@brickchurch.org.

Fall 2019 Women's Bible Study Schedule

- Sept. 24/26:** *The Pursuit of Happiness* (Psalms 1-2, 19, 32, 37, 72-73, 111-112)
Oct. 1/3: *Where is God in a World of Suffering?* (Psalms 5-6, 23, 31, 33, 36, 86, 103, 106-107, 118, 136)
Oct. 8/10: *Faithful Complaining* (Psalms 3-7, 9-14, 22, 31-32, 51, 69, 109)
Oct 15/17: *A Lifestyle of Gratitude* (Psalms 22, 30, 40, 100, 116, 118, 139)
Oct. 22/23: *A Lifestyle of Praise* (Psalms 8, 24, 66, 100, 104-105, 11, 114-115, 117, 121, 124, 134, 138, 145-150)
Oct 29/31: *Whom Can We Trust?* (Psalms 11, 23, 34, 91, 118, 121, 131)
Nov. 5/7: *Marching to Zion* (Psalms 46, 48, 84, 87, 121, 122)
Nov 12/14: *Establishing Justice* (Psalms 2, 72, 82, 89, 93, 95-99, 144, 149)

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at 7:45 a.m.
Session Room

The Men's Bible Study, led by Rev. Douglas King, meets Thursdays at 7:45 a.m. in the Session Room. All men are cordially invited to attend. Please email Jeff Shayne at jshayne@brickchurch.org to be added to the distribution list.

Fall 2019 Men's Bible Study Schedule *A Journey Through the Gospel of John*

- Sept. 19:** John 1:1-18 *A Cosmic Birth*
Sept. 26: John 2:1-11 *An Unexpected Sign*
Oct. 3: John 3:1-21 *A Night-time Visitor*
Oct. 10: 4:7-30 *A Quenching at the Well*
Oct. 17: John 5:1-15 *Come on in, the Water's Fine*
Oct. 24: John 10:1-18 *The Good Shepherd*
Oct. 31: 11:1-44 *A Dress Rehearsal*
Nov. 7: 12:1-8, 13:1-11 *Feats of Footwashing*
Nov. 14: 14:1-31 *A Place to Call Home*
Nov. 21: 15:1-17 *The Ties that Bind*
Dec. 5: John 18:33-19:30 *What is Truth?*
Dec. 12: John 20:1-28 *Called by Name*

Adult Education Presents:



SEPT. 1
LABOR DAY WEEKEND -
NO CLASS

SEPT. 8
BIBLE STUDY: JESUS INSTITUTES
THE NEW COVENANT
REV. ADAM D. GORMAN

SEPT. 15
MISSION TRIP RECAP
REV. ADAM D. GORMAN

SEPT. 22
REFLECTIONS ON THE EARLY CHURCH
DR. JEREMY F. HULTIN -
UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

SEPT. 29
REFLECTIONS ON THE EARLY CHURCH

OCT. 6
REFLECTIONS ON THE EARLY CHURCH
REV. DR. WILLIE JENNINGS -
YALE DIVINITY SCHOOL

Please join us at 9:45 a.m. in the Living Room on the Third Floor of the Parish House. All are welcome; bring friends and enjoy coffee and light breakfast items beginning at 9:30 a.m. Childcare is provided on the Youth Floor beginning at 9 a.m. For more information about adult education at The Brick Church, please go to www.brickchurch.org/adulteducation or contact Jeff Shayne at jshayne@brickchurch.org.

WORKING WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

For all working women, we gather each month in Midtown for fellowship and devotion. We are still looking for volunteers to host a meeting, and you can sign up online at www.brickchurch.org/workingwomen. Visitors are always welcome.



Fellowship



FALL FLING IS HERE! SEPT. 20 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE GARDEN

September is here which means it's time for the annual Fall Fling at The Brick Church. This wonderful event will be held on **Friday, Sept. 20, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.** in the Brick Church Garden. Join us for this special evening sponsored by The Brick Church Women's Association.

This terrific fellowship event provides all members with a great night to catch up with old friends and meet new ones as we start our fall season in the new church year. This festive evening includes hors d'oeuvres, beverages and a buffet dinner in the Garden for \$50 per person; and all proceeds go towards grants for the 10 ministries that the Women's Association supports. Go to www.brickchurch.org/fallfling to register.

We will need volunteers to help on the committee, so if you are interested in lending your support or have any questions about the Fall Fling, please contact Shannon Froehlich in the Women's Association office at sfroehlich@brickchurch.org. We hope to see you there on **Sept. 20!**



INTERGENERATIONAL MISSION WEEKEND AT STONY POINT CENTER NOV. 1, 2, AND 3: SAVE THE DATE

Don't miss the first Brick Church Intergenerational Mission Weekend at Stony Point Center in Stony Point, NY. All ages and family configurations welcome! We will work, worship and eat (and have fun!) together for two days of spiritual renewal and mission driven work. Please contact Adam Gorman or Peter Manning if you have questions. Cost per person is \$240 for two nights and all meals. We can accommodate any financial (and dietary!) needs. Please join us for what we hope will be a growing ministry of off campus mission and fellowship. Reserve your place(s) soon as space is limited and filling up. R.S.V.P. to jshayne@brickchurch.org.



MOM'S MORNING OUT PROGRAM RESUMES ON SEPT. 10

Join us for the weekly Mom's Morning Out Program – held on **Tuesdays from Sept. to June from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.** at the Parish House. This year, MMO resumes on **Tuesday, Sept. 10**. Our fellowship program is for moms and their children ages 2-1/2 and under. It offers Brick Church moms a chance to get to know other moms with very young children and a play time for the children. You can stay as little or long as you like – whichever works best with your child's schedule. For more information, please contact Shannon Froehlich at sfroehlich@brickchurch.org.

2019 BRICK CHURCH FAIR — SAVE THE DATE TUESDAY, NOV. 12 AND WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13



Mark your calendars for The 76th annual Brick Church Fair! This year's Fair will be held on **Tuesday, Nov. 12 and Wednesday, Nov. 13**. We will have opportunities to volunteer on weekends or weekdays this fall. The proceeds from the Fair go towards outreach grants to ten programs in New York City. Join us in the worthwhile event and enjoy the fellowship that the Fair creates. To learn more about the many volunteer opportunities at the Fair, please contact Fair Coordinator Shannon Froehlich at sfroehlich@brickchurch.org.

Brick Church School

NEW BEGINNINGS THIS FALL AT THE BRICK CHURCH SCHOOL!

By Anne Schack and Paula Rocca

As the new school year begins, we are delighted to welcome our new Director, Amy Warden, and our new Associate Director, Elena Jaime. Amy has been at the Brick Church School for six years as our Associate Director and has brought her energy, warmth and innovation in young children's education to our school community. She helped to launch our successful Two's Program in 2018 and started the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee for faculty in 2015. She has also been the Director of the June Program and has completed a thorough review and revision of our literacy curriculum. Amy's passion for Early Childhood Education and her expertise will propel our warm and nurturing school into an even bolder and brighter future.

Elena Jaime was most recently the Lower School Principal at Little Red School House and Elisabeth Irwin High School in Manhattan. She is committed to the development of children's intellectual, social and emotional needs through a child-centered approach to curriculum. She believes that school communities function at their best when there exists a strong partnership between the school and its families.

It will be exciting to move forward with Amy and Elena's clear vision of the future. We are truly blessed to have such an innovative, gifted and passionate team in place for this fall. Please join us in welcoming these two experienced leaders for this year and for many more years to come. You can contact Amy at awarden@brickchurch.org and Elena at ejaime@brickchurch.org.



Amy Warden

Elena Jaime

BRICK CHURCH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

(PLEASE NOTE THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS DEC. 1)



Children who will be three years old by Nov. 30, 2020 are eligible for admission to the Brick Church School in Sept. 2020. The Brick Church School also has a two's program for siblings and the children of Church members. Children must be two by **Sept. 1, 2020**. You may submit an application online after Labor Day from the School's website at www.brickchurchschool.org. Applications will be available from September through November, so you do not need to contact us the first day after Labor Day. All applications (2s and 3s) must be received by **Dec. 1**.

The Session has approved the following Guidelines for Admission:

The Brick Church School recognizes the importance of diversity in its student body and also seeks balance in each classroom in terms of gender, age and personalities. To this end, it welcomes children of members and non-members of the Church of all racial, ethnic, religious and other backgrounds. However, in accepting candidates for admission, the School will give preference to:

- Children of parents, be they Church members or non-members, who require scholarship assistance to fulfill the Brick Church's goal to have at least 10% of the students receive financial assistance.

- Children of active members of the Brick Church who joined the Church at least a full year prior to the Dec. 1 application deadline. [The Constitution of The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Part II, Book of Order 1999-2000, Section G-5.0202 defines an active member as a "person who has made a profession of faith in Christ, has been baptized, has been received into membership of the church ... and participates in the church's work and worship." Earlier in the Book of Order {Section G-5.0102 (d.)}, it states that financial support is an important part of being a faithful member, and the Brick Church requires a timely stewardship pledge and payment as part of financial support.]

- Siblings of non-member children who are or have been enrolled in the school.

In every instance, admissions decisions will be made by the School to preserve the best interests of the students and the quality of their educational experience both as individuals, as members of a particular class or grade, and as members of the student body of the School as a whole. Therefore, while preference will be given to the aforementioned applicants, preferential consideration will not guarantee admission.

"Information for Church Members Interested in Applying to The Brick Church School" is available on the website. This more fully explains what active membership means. By **Dec. 2**, Church members who have been members for more than a year and parents of siblings must choose if they would like to have preference status. If they so choose, they will receive an early decision from the School by **Jan. 17** and will need to reply to the School by noon on **Jan. 24**. Once committing to The Brick Church School, families must withdraw from other schools. Decisions for members less than two years and for all other candidates will be mailed on **Feb. 27**.



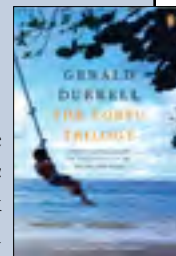
CHILDREN'S FAIR: SAVE THE DATE FRIDAY, OCT. 18 — NOON TO 4 P.M.

The Children's Fair returns to The Brick Church School! This year, the Children's Fair will be on **Friday, Oct. 18 from noon to 4 p.m.** Brick Church School families and friends will discover a transformed 92nd Street – closed to traffic for the occasion – where games, rides, crafts, and myriad other activities for children will be offered. There will be plenty of yummy snacks and drinks as well. We hope you will join the fun!

BRICK CHURCH BOOK CLUB

SEPTEMBER

On **Monday, Sept. 9**, starting at **7:30 p.m.** we will be discussing our summer read, *The Corfu Trilogy*, by Gerald Durrell. The New York Times describes this as "A delightful book full of simple, well-known things: cicadas in the olive groves, lamp fishing at night, the complexity of fish and animals - but above all, a childhood moulded by these things." Our host is Sandy Gooder. Please contact her at 212-410-9690 if you plan to attend.



OCTOBER

For our **Monday Oct. 7** meeting, beginning at **7:30 p.m.**, we will discuss *The Matriarch: Barbara Bush and the Making of an American Dynasty*, by Susan Page. The Atlantic calls this "the rare biography of a public figure that's not only beautifully written, but also shockingly revelatory." Our host is Gloria Plaut, and we ask that you contact her at 212-737-9278 if you plan to attend.



As always, all are welcome to attend Brick Church Book Club meetings!



Parish Register

Baptisms

Brooke Betterly Watermulder Bales
Alice Merrell Clement
Alberto Sung Fernandez
Hunter Briggs Handler
Minnie Anne Miller
Sasha Manoosingh
Oliver Woodrow Pitts
John Morgan Sanchez
Molly Evans Swann
Bruce Donald Thomas, IV

Deaths

Terry A. Carpenter
David H. Dingle
Linda F. McKamy



MEN'S ASSOCIATION GOLF OUTING ON SEPT. 26

The Brick Church Men's Association will hold its Second Annual Golf Outing on **Thursday, Sept., 26**, at The Sleepy Hollow Country Club in Briarcliff Manor, New York. The day will kick off in the afternoon with tee times beginning at 2 p.m. The practice range will be available before the round of golf. The group will gather for an early dinner after golf in the Sleepy Hollow Grill Room. Men are welcome to join for dinner only as well. The cost for the event will be \$250, which will include the round of golf, use of practice facilities, locker room access, a golf cart, dinner and drinks. The cost for the dinner only option will be \$75. We hope you will join us for this fun day of golf and fellowship. Please email mensassociation@brickchurch.org to sign up.

