

THE RECORD



**Celebrating
Divine Connections
Stewardship 2020**

October
2019

VOLUME 109 — NUMBER 002

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

An Update from the Pastor
Nominating Committee
See page 3

Bring your Pets to the
Blessing of the Animals
More on page 4

Join us for the Festival of
Hymnody
Info on page 4

FROM THE MINISTER

“Divine Connections”



By Rev. Dr. Kimberly L. Clayton

In the teenage years of my southern upbringing, Progressive Dinners were always great fun. On Sunday nights, our youth group had progressive dinners at least twice a year. It was great fun to begin with appetizers at one of our homes, then pile into cars and travel to the next home for another course, then repeat. By the last course of the evening, we were stuffed...yet still managed to enjoy dessert at the last home on the “dinner tour.” One year, we decided to have a “Reverse Progressive Dinner”—starting with dessert and ending with appetizers. What a wonderful way to get to know each—being in each other’s homes and sharing favorite dishes.

This month, celebrating our theme for the year, Divine Connections, The Brick Church will host two Progressive Dinners. You won’t need a car or even a taxi. On **Oct. 3** and **Oct. 17**, come to the church and move from place to place within the building for each course. Not only will there be a host member sharing a family favorite dish, there will be speakers sharing stories about our vibrant mission and ministries. Each of the three courses will be held in spaces you may not frequent—the Youth Floor where our still-new classroom for two-year-olds sports that fabulous round skylight. And how about cocktails or dessert on the roof? (Did you know about the Wilson Playground on our roof?!) Each night will help you make new connections to people, ministry and mission. We have 12 leaders who are hosting teams this fall, each team is named after a former Senior Minister of the church—so you will also make a new connection with our past, learning more about the Senior Minister your team will represent. This is a fun way to increase our suspense and excitement about the name of your next Senior Minister still-to-be-revealed!

The theme of Divine Connections has also inspired us to offer Name Tag Sunday—all members and friends of The Brick Presbyterian Church will get their own permanent name tags on Sunday, November 10th. Imagine how nice it will be to finally greet those persons by name whom you know so well by their smile and from passing the peace.

One of the most sacred (and scandalous) things about the early church was its sense and practice of community. In the church, all were welcome—Jewish and pagan, slave and free, male and female, wealthy and poor. Roman society had never seen anything like it! That kind of love, hospitality, communion, simply did not exist anywhere else in such a radical form. It was a gift of the Holy Spirit...given to those who followed the way of Jesus Christ in a broken and divided world.

Late in his life, when Paul wrote to the Christians in Rome, he celebrated their life with God and the life they shared with one another in Romans 12:5: “...so we who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.” Paul longed to go to them and celebrate such Divine Connections with them.

This month, come and see; come and make Divine Connections in our sacred practice of community.

MINISTERS’ READING CORNER

Inclusion on the list does not imply endorsement; the hope is simply that you will find your own reading informed by this column.

What Rev. Dr. Kimberly Clayton has been reading:

***The Children of Light and the Children of Darkness: A Vindication of Democracy and a Critique of its Traditional Defence* by Reinhold Niebuhr (1944).** I had read Niebuhr’s book decades ago, but re-visited it while working on a recent



sermon. Jesus’ parable of the dishonest steward speaks of the “children of light and the children of this age.” That parable forms the basis for Niebuhr’s reflection on democracy in throes of World War, fascism, and Nazism. He examines the power of self-interest to corrupt and degrade the opposing power to seek the common good, a prime concern for democracy. We cannot afford to be naïve in a dangerous time. Quoting another of Jesus’ phrases, Niebuhr concludes: “The preservation of a democratic civilization requires the wisdom of the serpent and the harmlessness of the dove. The children of light must be armed with the wisdom of the children of darkness but remain free from their malice. They must know the power of self-interest in human society without giving it moral justification. They must have this wisdom in order that they may beguile, deflect, harness and restrain self-interest, individual and collective, for the sake of community.” Inside the cover of Niebuhr’s book in the Minister’s Study, its last owner had inscribed his name: Eugene Carson Blake. To hold Niebuhr’s book, that was once owned by such an important denominational, national, and international leader in the decades that followed, was awe-inspiring.

***On Earth We’re Briefly Gorgeous*, by Ocean Vuong (New York: Penguin Pres, 2019).** The first novel by Vuong is a critically acclaimed poet and winner of both the Whiting Award and the T.S. Eliot Prize. You may have read his writings in such publications as *The Atlantic*, *Harper’s*, *The New Republic*, *The New Yorker*, and *The New York Times*. The novel takes the form



of letter from a son to his mother. Here the complexities of the Vietnam War, the family’s move to Hartford Connecticut, issues of race, class, survival, and the search to make sense of the life they have shared and in deep ways cannot share come together in exquisite prose. It is a tender and at times terrorizing attempt by this son to make sense of their personal histories. The title itself was enough to make me want to begin reading.

Church Matters & Mission

PRAYER QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“To say I love God but I do not pray much is like saying I love life but I do not breathe much.”

- Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor, Episcopal priest, professor and author

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 work of your Pastor Nominating Committee is well under way, and continues to move steadily forward. Our Ministry Information Form (MIF) is now active on the Presbyterian Church (USA) website, is also posted on our own website, and an advertisement has been placed in the denominational journal, Presbyterian Outlook. We are starting to receive Personal Information Forms (PIFs) from all around the country, and these are being carefully reviewed. Simultaneously, we have been reaching out to individuals who have already been referred to us, as well as to many friends of the Brick Church to ask for suggestions and recommendations as to who we might consider. The process of gathering information about each potential candidate, and then narrowing down our list, will take time and thoughtful consideration. We are working conscientiously and carefully, with God as our center, to carry out this important work. We ask for patience and your prayerful support as we seek to discern who God is calling to this position.

We will continue to keep you updated as to any material advances in our process. Please feel free to contact any member of the PNC with any suggestions or questions you might have. We are excited to see who God is calling to serve alongside us all!



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: CABRINI COALITION

Did you know that The Brick Church is partners with other local churches in the East Harlem Ministries? Brick Church along with Church of the Living Hope, and St. Francis De Sales form the Cabrini Coalition, which serves the needs of the immigrant population, especially children, in East Harlem.

Members of the churches and East Harlem residents took part last month in the annual Church of the Living Hope Block Party (see photo on right), where they enjoyed a day of fellowship, food, signing and dancing.

For more information on how to get involved with the East Harlem Ministries, visit www.brickchurch.org/volunteer or contact Ruben Nuño at rnuno@brickchurch.org.



Parish Register

Baptisms

Emma Ward Berry
Penelope Elizabeth Diane Pitz
James Lewis Tochilin
Lev Lyndon Were

Marriages

Renée D. Jennings and Raymond R. Alston

NEW SECURITY MEASURES

A new security system is in place for our building this year during school hours. This system will enhance security and the safety of all in the building. All visitors and staff need to check in at the security desk. School parents and caregivers need to wear the school-issued identification, or sign in at the front desk. Those attending committee and other meetings being held during school hours will also need to check in. We expect the new security system may have some kinks to iron out in the beginning, and appreciate your patience. We will continue to work to improve the system to keep our community safe. Thank you.

Worship and Witness



FESTIVAL OF HYMNODY

The great hymns of the church will again be highlighted in a special service of worship at The Brick Church on Sunday morning, **Oct. 20, at 11 a.m.** Thanks to the generosity of Don and Lynn Wilson, our wonderful Brick Church Brass Quintet will join with the Chancel Choir, the Anderson organ and the congregation in special arrangements of hymns chosen for this occasion and focusing on hymns from the American tradition. Rev. Dr. Kimberly Clayton will provide spoken commentary on each hymn. Please do plan to attend this festive service of worship.



SERVICE OF BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Join us for the Blessing of the Animals at The Brick Church on **Wednesday, Oct. 2, from 5:00 to 6:30 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 is not comfortable around other creatures, or if you wish to remember a pet that has died, you can bring a photograph instead. We welcome our neighbors and friends to participate in this joyful service!



WEDNESDAY EVENING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUSICIANS

Our Wednesday Evening Communion services will recommence on **Oct. 2 at 6:30 p.m.** For the past several years this service has had music provided by our volunteer Wednesday Communion Choir. This year, in addition to the choir, there will be opportunities for those who wish to offer a vocal or instrumental solo to be part of this service. Musicians of all ages and abilities are welcome to be participate at these services. Our Minister of Music, Keith Tóth, will be directing the music. If you are interested in participating in the Wednesday Communion Choir or in providing an instrumental or vocal solo, please contact Keith at 212-289-4400 ext. 231 or ktoth@brickchurch.org.

JOIN THE HAND BELL CHOIR!

Adults and Youth (grade 6 and older) are encouraged to join the hand bell choir to ring in worship on **Sunday, Nov. 17**. In addition to ringing in church, there will be rehearsals on Sunday afternoons and Tuesday evenings in October and November. Prior hand bell or musical experience is welcome, but not necessary. Please contact Amanda Smith, Director of Children's Music, at asmith@brickchurch.org to R.S.V.P. or learn more.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Did you know that the beautiful flowers by our communion table in worship are sponsored by members of our congregation? If you would like to sponsor the flowers in our sanctuary one week in memory of (or in celebration of) a loved one, please contact Helen Lynch at helenlynch@mac.com. Thank you for considering helping to adorn our sanctuary to the glory of God.

Divine Connections

Divine Connections Night of Fellowship

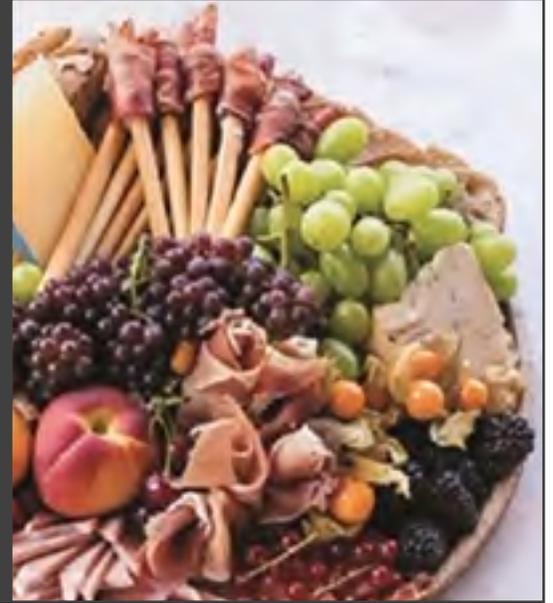
HOSTED BY YOUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Potluck with an Etaly Power Boost! Conversations with Amy Warden, Director of The Brick Church School, Don Nagle, Interim COO/CFO and Rev. Ruben Nuño, East Harlem Ministries Initiative. R.S.V.P. for each night below.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 6:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 6:00 P.M.

THE BRICK CHURCH
62 EAST 92ND STREET
NEW YORK, NY 10128



LET THE CONNECTIONS BEGIN AT OUR PROGRESSIVE DINNERS! CELEBRATING DIVINE CONNECTIONS STEWARDSHIP 2020

The theme of this year's Stewardship Campaign, *Divine Connections*, is founded in the belief that the abiding strength of The Brick Presbyterian Church is our community. Members of our church, who come together to worship, learn, care and live together form a community of people who are on a faith journey together. We worship together in beautiful spaces built by those who came before us, those of us here now, and those who will come in the future (many of whom worship together now as children and youth). The strength of our community is based on the conviction that although we are individuals we come together as one in the body of Christ, and as such, we are encouraged to know each other, to take care of one another, to learn from each other and to create a home together.

We launch our fund-raising effort this fall with a reminder of all of these things, eating food prepared by your stewardship representatives - those who have volunteered to help raise the funds that support our community - moving through the spaces tirelessly designed and constructed by volunteers in our midst and used by all of us throughout the year.

Our Progressive Dinners on **October 3 and 17** will bring us together in communion and fellowship. We then will embark on a community stewardship effort. This effort is going to be different this year. Working together in family groups, we will raise the vital funds needed to support all that we do as a community of faith. Each group will be led by a Stewardship Representative, who will communicate regularly about the progress your group has made.

Each of our initial 12 groups will consist of approximately 50 families. In a friendly competition, we will try to reach 100% participation and raise at least \$160,000 in each group. Help your group reach these goals!

In mid-October, you will receive your group assignment (each group named after a former minister) and will be contacted by your stewardship committee representative. Thank you in advance for reaching out to and helping your committee volunteer, for taking part in what we hope will be a fun activity, and for your generous support of our church. Your committee representative is working hard to help us reach our community goals. Thank you for doing your part to help.

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, Renée Alston; 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.

Family Ministries - Children



FAMILY SUNDAY WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Each year we set aside Family Sundays to welcome our children in worship and include them in the liturgy. We coordinate these Sundays with communion in order to make sure our older children are invited to the Lord's Supper. This year, our Family Sundays are **Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Jan. 5, Feb. 2 and April 26**. If your child is interested in reading, greeting, drawing artwork or being involved in other ways, please email Jeff Shayne at jshayne@brickchurch.org.

COMMUNION CLASS FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS SUNDAY, OCT. 20



For all children, first grade and older who would like to know more about the sacrament of Communion and experience the fellowship of being welcomed at the table, Rev. Kimberly Clayton will hold a class after worship on **Sunday, Oct. 20**. Lunch will be provided and the class will meet in the Session Room until 1:30 p.m. Parents are asked to attend so that the whole family can learn about the sacraments. R.S.V.P. with Jeff Shayne at jshayne@brickchurch.org.



OCTOBER SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL (SCS) SCHEDULE

OCTOBER	SPECIAL NOTES	2s/5K	1st-7th
6	Family Sunday#1	Sunday School Class 4	Remain in Worship
13	Columbus Day Weekend	Childcare/One-Room SCS	One-Room SCS
20		Sunday School Class 5	Sunday School Class 4
27		Sunday School Class 6	Sunday School Class 5

Family Ministries - Youth



PIONEERS FALL FEST

Pizza, candy, games, a service project, relay races, mummy competition and even a bowl of “you’ll never guess what that is!” Expect all this and more at our annual Pioneers Halloween Party. On **Sunday, Oct. 20**, we will meet in the Living Room after worship. Lunch will be provided, and then the games will begin. We will end the festivities by **2 p.m.** As always, friends are welcome. For more information or to R.S.V.P, please email Jeff Shayne at jshayne@brickchurch.org.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER PROGRAM (W NDP)

Serve God by serving others. Our youth-led Wednesday Night Dinner Program is every Wednesday this year from **5 to 7:30 p.m.** Youth cook, serve and enjoy a meal with the residents of the Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter. All youth in fifth grade and above are encouraged to join us along with the Deacons and volunteers for a meaningful time of service and fellowship. Those in fifth and sixth grade should be accompanied by a parent. For more information, contact Jeff Shayne at jshayne@brickchurch.org or visit www.brickchurch.org/wednesday-night-dinner.



TAKEOUT ON OCTOBER 6

High Schoolers are encouraged to join us for our monthly youth-led morning service at **9:30 a.m.** TakeOut is a service for youth only which includes contemporary music and communion as well as dinner and games. Rev. Adam Gorman will offer the message and open it up to the youth for discussion. For more information, contact Jeff Shayne at jshayne@brickchurch.org. Friends are always welcome. Hope to see you there!

INTERGENERATIONAL MISSION WEEKEND

Don't miss the first Brick Church Intergenerational Mission Weekend **Nov. 1 to 3**. All 5th through 12th graders are welcome. Please contact Adam Gorman at agorman@brickchurch.org or Peter Manning at pjmann@aol.com with any questions. More information is available on page 9. You can register for the Mission Weekend online at www.brickchurch.org/missionweekend.

Brick Church Youth Events

Oct. 20:	Pioneers Halloween Party	5th - 7th Grade
Nov. 1 - 3:	Family Mission Weekend	5th - 12th Grade
Nov. 17:	Pioneers Youth Group	5th - 7th Grade
Dec. 8:	Park Ave. Tree Lighting	5th - 12th Grade
Dec. 22:	Young Adult Christmas Choir	8th - 12th Grade plus college students
Jan. 10:	Pioneers Sleep-Under	5th - 7th Grade
Jan. 25	High School Mission Day	9th - 12th Grade
Feb. 2:	All Youth Superbowl Party	5th - 12th Grade
Feb. 22:	All Youth Ski Trip	5th - 12th Grade
Feb. 26:	Ash Wed. Seed Planting	4s - 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 14-20	High School Mission Trip	9th - 12th Grade

Faith Formation

NEW: SUNDAY COED BIBLE STUDY

Paul's letter to the church in Rome is simultaneously considered one of the most theologically dense books of the New Testament, and the clearest summary of our Christian faith. Members Johanna and Benjamin Collins-Wood invite you to join them as we explore this letter together. The Bible study will be held in the Anderson Library from 9:45-10:45 a.m. five Sundays this fall. All are invited.

Adult Education Presents: *Israel Journeys*



Learn more about modern Israel from fellow members of the congregation and a Jewish Rabbi as they describe their recent journeys to the State of Israel.

HELEN LYNCH AND KIMBERLY PURVIS - SUNDAY, OCT. 20

Join Helen Lynch and Kimberly Purvis as they provide an eyewitness account of Israel and Palestine. In March 2019, they traveled to Israel with *Embrace the Middle East*, a British group dedicated to assisting in the resolution of the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians. During their travels in the West Bank and elsewhere in Israel, they visited with ordinary Palestinians, met with groups actively assisting the Palestinian population and spoke with Jewish settlers. Helen and Kim will present their views on the current conflicts in Israel--past, present and future.

RABBI CHARLES SAVENOR - SUNDAY, OCT. 27

Join Rabbi Charles Savenor of the Park Avenue Synagogue as he tells us of his Synagogue's historic trip to Israel in December 2018 to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the State of Israel, a multigenerational journey with 450 synagogue members participating. Prior to the trip, they engaged the entire congregation in a dynamic conversation about the blessings and complexity of the modern Jewish state. While there, in addition to visiting innovation centers in "Start Up nation," their PAS participants explored Israel's social challenges with Professor Avi Weiss of the Taub Center and engaged in interfaith dialogue at Beit Ha'Gefen in Haifa. They do not shy away from Israel's current challenges, but rather are committed to understanding the context and to imagining a homeland that represents the best of Jewish values.

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.

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.

October WBS Schedule

- 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)

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.

October MBS Schedule

A Journey Through the Gospel of John

- 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*

THE 76TH ANNUAL BRICK CHURCH FAIR

SAVE THE DATE: NOV. 12 & 13

Mark your calendars for the Brick Church Fair! This year's Fair will be held on **Tuesday, Nov. 12 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Wednesday, Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.** We will have opportunities to volunteer on weekends or weekdays this fall. The proceeds from the Fair go towards outreach grants to the nine organizations the Women's Association supports in New York City. Join us for this 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.



MEN'S ASSOCIATION BREAKFAST TALK

Join us on **Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 8 a.m.** on the Third Floor of the Parish House to hear a fascinating talk by Ernesto Mejer entitled *A Conversation on Cuba*, about Cuba's fall from grace. Ernesto, born in Cuba but forced to flee the Castro regime, will tell his story and provide his insights on the regime today. Please email mensassociation@brickchurch.org to R.S.V.P.



INTERGENERATIONAL MISSION WEEKEND AT STONY POINT CENTER NOV. 1, 2, AND 3

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. R.S.V.P. at www.brickchurch.org/missionweekend. Be sure to reserve your place(s) soon as space is limited and filling up.

SILVER AND WINE & CHEESE

The Archives and History Committee and Chancel Committee invite all who are able to gather on **Tuesday, Oct. 1, from 6 to 8 p.m.** in the Session Room to polish church silver and enjoy fellowship over wine and cheese. Some of the church silver has been in vaults for a number of years...but will go on view in locked cases soon and we will be using different sets of silver plates, ewers and chalices in our celebration of Holy Communion going forward.

Potluck – we will have silver polish, gloves and aprons ready for you!! To sign up contact Margaret Stocker, Archives and History Committee or C.J. Kerr, Lindsay Higgins, Pam Ferguson, Cathy Leonhard, Catherine Skobe, Chancel Committee.

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.



Brick Church School



CHILDREN'S FAIR ON 92 STREET 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 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**.

Community Life



MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE AND "WHAT'S HIS NAME"

By Kent McKamy

Brick Church members list other members as some of their closest friends. But as time has passed, and our membership has grown, some of our longtime members don't know some of the newer members of our congregation. And vice versa.

So to help ease that situation, The Brick Church is going to reinstitute a long-standing practice we stopped back in the 1960s: we are going to ask all members to wear name tags so that others will come to recognize and know them.

No more pointing to a man or woman going down the aisle and asking a seatmate, "Do you know who that is?" That's our hope. Brick Church is investing in permanent name tags for all members.

November 10th is "Hello Sunday." As parishioners come to Sunday service, the greeters will invite everyone to find their name tags in alphabetized baskets in the narthex. If you can't find a tag with your name, simply complete one of the temporary tags you will find there, and enter your name on the list nearby for permanent name tags. Soon after, you'll have a permanent name tag. Importantly, we ask that you return your name tag after having visited coffee hour, or as you exit the church after services. That way, they'll be available for the following Sunday. (Some individuals may forget and go home with their name tags. Simply wear them the next time you come to services.) What's in a name? Everything...when it's your name.



MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Four times per year, The Brick Church hosts a series of membership meetings. At these informational meetings, neighbors, visitors and members can learn about Christian faith and worship, the Presbyterian tradition, and the history and life of The Brick Church. Anyone who wishes to join the church must attend all three meetings in the series. For more information, contact Linda Thompson at lthompson@brickchurch.org.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

*Sunday, Oct. 6, at 9:45 a.m. or
Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 6:45 p.m.*

THE PRESBYTERIAN WAY

*Sunday, Oct. 13, at 9:45 a.m. or
Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 6:45 p.m.*

THE BRICK CHURCH AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Saturday, Oct. 19, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP

Sunday, Oct. 20, at 10:30 a.m.

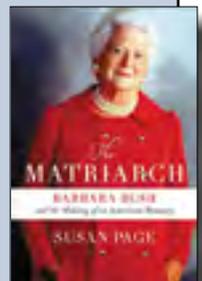
NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

Sunday, Oct. 20, from 6 to 8 p.m.

BRICK CHURCH BOOK CLUB

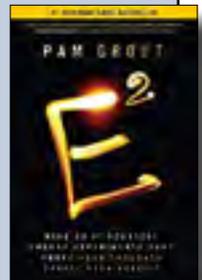
OCTOBER

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.



NOVEMBER

In our **Monday, Nov. 4** meeting, starting at **7:30 p.m.**, we will be talking about *E Squared*, by Pam Grout. On the New York Times bestseller list for 20 weeks, and translated into over 30 languages, this book models "nine do-it-yourself energy experiments that prove your thoughts create your reality." Our host is Dona Ferrante. Please contact her at 646-554-4675 if you plan to attend.



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

October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		9:30 a.m. Mom's Morning Out 2:45 p.m. Cherub Choir 3:45 p.m. Carol Choir 4:20 p.m. Junior Choir 5:00 p.m. Jan Hus Family Night (off-site) 6:00 p.m. Archives Committee & Chancel Meeting 6:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee 7:00 p.m. Tuesday Women's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Sunday Childcare 9:30 a.m. TakeOut 9:45 a.m. Coed Adult Bible Study 9:45 a.m. <i>Christian Life New Membe Class</i> 10:00 a.m. Youth Choir 11:00 a.m. Sunday Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship - World Communion & Family Sunday 12:15 p.m. Healing Service 12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour 12:30 p.m. High School Youth Group 12:30 p.m. HVDA Living Room Chat	6:00 p.m. Lay Pastoral Care Committee 7:30 p.m. Book Club	9:30 a.m. Mom's Morning Out 2:45 p.m. Cherub Choir 3:45 p.m. Carol Choir 4:20 p.m. Junior Choir 6:45 p.m. <i>Christian Life New Member Class</i> 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Women's Bible Study - Note: Time Change
9:00 a.m. Sunday Childcare 9:30 a.m. <i>Presbyterian Way New Member Class</i> 10:00 a.m. Youth Choir 11:15 a.m. One Room School House 11:00 a.m. Worship with The Sacrament of Baptism 12:15 p.m. Prayer Partners 12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour	Church and School Closed for Columbus Day	8:15 a.m. Communications Committee 9:30 a.m. Mom's Morning Out 2:45 p.m. Cherub Choir 3:00 p.m. Lay Pastoral Care Tea Party 3:45 p.m. Carol Choir 4:20 p.m. Junior Choir 6:30 p.m. Prison Ministry Committee 6:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee 6:45 p.m. <i>Presbyterian Way New Member Class</i> 7:00 p.m. Tuesday Women's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Sunday Childcare 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 9:45 a.m. Lecture Series: Israel Journeys 9:45 a.m. Coed Adult Bible Study 10:00 a.m. SCS Teachers' Study 10:00 a.m. Youth Choir sings in Worship 10:30 a.m. Pro Re Nata Meeting 11:00 a.m. Sunday Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship - Fest. Of Hymnody, New Members Received 12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour 12:30 p.m. Pioneers Fall Fest 12:30 p.m. High School Youth Group 12:15 p.m. Prayer Matters 12:45 p.m. Communion Orientation Class 6:00 p.m. New Members' Reception	6:00 p.m. Archives Committee	9:30 a.m. Mom's Morning Out 2:45 p.m. Cherub Choir 3:45 p.m. Carol Choir 4:20 p.m. Junior Choir 6:00 p.m. Hand Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Tuesday Women's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Sunday Childcare 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 9:45 a.m. Lecture Series: Israel Journeys 9:45 a.m. Coed Adult Bible Study 10:00 a.m. SCS Teachers' Study 10:00 a.m. Carol, Junior, and Youth Choirs 11:00 a.m. Worship 12:15 p.m. Prayer Partners 12:15 p.m. Congregational Meeting 12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour 12:30 p.m. High School Youth Group 1:00 p.m. Hand Bell Choir		9:30 a.m. Mom's Morning Out 2:45 p.m. Cherub Choir 3:45 p.m. Carol Choir 4:20 p.m. Junior Choir 7:00 p.m. Tuesday Women's Bible Study



6

7

I

8



I 3

I 4

I 5

20

21

22

27

28

29

AT THE BRICK CHURCH

<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
8:00 a.m. Buildings and Grounds Committee 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting and Prayers 2:00 p.m. Archives Committee 5:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals 5:00 p.m. WNDP 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion Service 7:00 p.m. Children's Ministries Committee 7:00 p.m. Congregational Fellowship Committee 7:00 p.m. Men's Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Mission Outreach Committee 7:00 p.m. Worship and Music Committee 	7:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9:15 a.m. Thursday Women's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Progressive Dinner		
2	3	4	5
1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting and Prayers 5:00 p.m. WNDP 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion Service 7:00 p.m. Grants Committee 	7:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9:15 a.m. Thursday Women's Bible Study		10:00 a.m. Baptism Class
9	10	11	12
7:15 a.m. PNC Meeting 7:45 a.m. Personnel Committee 12:00 p.m. Budget Review Meeting 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting and Prayers 5:00 p.m. WNDP 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion Service 7:00 p.m. Joint Officer's Dinner 7:30 p.m. Joint Officers Annual Meeting (Deacons, Elders, Trustees) 	7:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9:15 a.m. Thursday Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Pioneers Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. Progressive Dinner	8:00 a.m. Joint Finance Committee 12:00 p.m. Children's Fair	9:30 a.m. <i>Brick Church at Work and Worship</i> <i>New Member Class</i>
16	17	18	19
7:15 a.m. PNC Meeting 9:15 a.m. WA Board Meeting 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting and Prayers 5:00 p.m. WNDP 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion Service 7:00 p.m. All-Youth Committee 7:00 p.m. NMEC 7:00 p.m. Adult Education Committee 	7:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9:15 a.m. Thursday Women's Bible Study	8:00 a.m. Joint Finance Committee	11:00 a.m. Linda McKamy Memorial Service
23	24	25	26
1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting and Prayers 5:00 p.m. WNDP 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion Service 	7:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9:15 a.m. Thursday Women's Bible Study		Locations will be listed on the monitor in the lobby  = Sacrament of Baptism  = Communion
30	31		