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By Rev. Adam D. Gorman

Dear Brick Church Family,

A lot has happened in the last few years. A lot. So many amazing ups and a few hard downs but everything continues to be going very well because many of you have leaned in and committed yourself to God and to the work of this church. Programs continue to flourish and become more robust, volunteers have stepped up in ways we could have never imagined, and the church is strong but now it is time for me to ask you for more specific program assistance.

Not many people know what my entire job entails and so I thought I would take this opportunity to give you a look under the hood. I start Sundays at the church before most of you arrive, prepping multiple rooms and making sure all the different foods went to the right places. Then, while I teach Confirmation Class, two adult education components will happen: one lecture and one Bible Study. This week, I will need to leave Confirmation Class early so I can meet some of the Sunday School teachers in the Dining Room to discuss curriculum. Next, we all run to the worship service and while it is taking place, so is Sunday School and childcare. Following the service, I will have an event with the middle schoolers (Pioneers) and also one with the High School Youth Group. These occur at the same time as Coffee Hour.

Therefore, we need your help!

Congregational Fellowship needs people to help run events like Coffee Hour, the Tree Lighting Social, the Day of Discipleship Meals, the Strawberry Festival and Summer BBQs. Adult Education has had a lot of turnover and we need people to help choose, reach out to, and welcome lecturers for Sunday mornings. The Pioneers Committee would love to have three more middle school parents join us AND we need a few more childcare volunteers and Sunday School Teachers. One idea we have developed for Sunday School is to add what we are calling “floaters.” These are people who aren’t attached to one particular grade but who can be called on by any given class for a Sunday when they are struggling to fill a teaching slot. Alternatively, it can be someone who has taught Sunday School before and who can help encourage and guide a classroom that has several newer teachers.

So, please, lean in, dig in, and worship God not only in Sunday Morning Worship but in all that we do as a church. Let me know which committee you’d like to join and we will happily bring you into the fold.

Thank you, God bless and have a wonderful day!
Adam

INDEMNITY INSURANCE PUBLIC NOTIFICATION REQUIRED BY LAW

Statement Pursuant to section 726(d) of the New York State Not-for-Profit Corporation Law: The Corporation of The Brick Presbyterian Church in the City of New York acquired effective June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020 from Presbyterian One, a one-year commercial policy which provides indemnity insurance coverage for the pastors, trustees of the Corporation and other officers who are not trustees.

The policy provides insurance coverage to reimburse those covered by the policy to the extent permitted by laws, for expenses, liabilities and losses, if any, that may be personally incurred by them as a result of their service in those capacities and to reimburse the Corporation for amounts it is required or permitted to pay in indemnification to such persons.

This policy provides trustees’ and officers’ with a total liability of \$1 million per claim with a \$1 million aggregate, And umbrella coverage with a \$10 million each occurrence/aggregate. The annual premium for this commercial package is \$160,398 of which \$3,646.54 is for trustees’ and officers’ coverage. No sums have been paid under this insurance policy with respect to indemnification of trustees and officers.

Church Matters & Mission



HELP SUPPORT THE 2019 DEACON FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

On **Saturday, Dec. 14**, The Brick Church will host over 100 individuals from families from the Stanley M. Isaacs Neighborhood Center at the annual Deacons’ Family Christmas Party. We look forward to another fun-filled day of games, music, arts and crafts, food and the traditional gift shopping malls. Santa will be dropping by, but with the North Pole already running at full capacity, Santa is in desperate need of “elves” and volunteers from The Brick Church community to make Watson Hall dazzle with holiday cheer. We need “elves” to donate new gifts for girls and boys ages 5 to 12. Gift cards to accessible stores such as Old Navy, Target, and Modell’s are always a big hit and give the Deacons flexibility to ensure we have the right gifts for each individual. Gifts purchased for kids can include toys (action figures, cars, arts and crafts sets of all types, legos), puzzles, games, books, sporting goods (basketballs footballs, Soccer balls), school supplies (backpacks, pencil sets etc.) and clothes (hoodies, sweatshirts, gloves, hats). Gifts can be dropped off (unwrapped) at the Deacons’ Christmas Party box in the Garden Room of the Parish House from **Friday, Nov. 15** until the eve of the event, **Dec. 13**.

We also have a Wish List set up on Amazon.com for ease of those who want to shop from home. Please visit www.amazon.com, then search “Wish List” > Find a List and enter “Brick Church Deacon’s Christmas Party” and have your donation sent right to The Brick Church (to arrive before **Dec. 7**).

We will also need many volunteers to help make this event happen. We will need help for the set up and decorating of Watson Hall on **Friday, Dec. 13** and/or for the party on **Saturday, Dec. 14**. On Saturday, we will need your help to run the kitchen, assist with arts and crafts, sports activities and help the families as they “shop” at the shopping malls.

For questions about the party, to volunteer for set up and/or for the day of the party, for donation information or questions about the Amazon list, please contact Kate Hrobsky at khrobsky@me.com or Paige Cali at paigecali@msn.com. Thank you very much for your consideration. Your participation would be helpful in making this a joyous holiday event and helping those in need! Visit us on the web at www.brickchurch.org/deaconschristmas to volunteer.

NYCP TURKEY DRIVE NOV. 3 - 17

The Brick Presbyterian Church is pleased to take part in New York Common Pantry’s annual Turkey Drive to provide families in need with a Thanksgiving meal. Your \$40 donation can be made in cash or by check made payable to “Brick Church” with a memo line of “NYCP Turkey Drive 2019.” Beginning **Nov. 3**, envelopes will be available in the pew racks and at the front desk. Donations can also be given electronically. If you are interested in electronic giving, please email Renée D. Alston at ralston@brickchurch.org for details.

DAY OF DISCIPLESHIP: SAVE THE DATE MARCH 7, 2020, 8:30 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

Mark your calendar for this year’s church-wide day of service on **Saturday, March 7**. Sign up with your friends and family to spend a Saturday helping others at Brick Church or at any of our six partner sites on the east side of Manhattan. Adults and children of all ages are welcome! Service activities range from crafts, sandwich making to putting up drywall, covering a wide range of abilities and age groups. More information will be made available as we move into the New Year. If you have questions, please e-mail Renée D. Alston at ralston@brickchurch.org.

THE RECORD

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PRAYER QUOTES OF THE MONTH (NOV./DEC.)

November: “I do not pray for success, I ask for faithfulness.” - Mother Teresa

December: “Lord, thou madest us for thyself, and we can find no rest till we find rest in thee.” - Augustine

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



75TH ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING AND CAROL SING ON DEC. 8

Join us on **Sunday, Dec. 8, at 6:30 p.m.** for the 75th Annual Tree Lighting and Carol Sing! The whole community is invited to gather in front of the church steps on Park Avenue at 91st Street where Rev. Kim Clayton will share words of remembrance and celebration and all will join in a rousing Carol Sing.

ABOUT THE TREE LIGHTING

Trees on Park Avenue have been illuminated every year since 1945 as a memorial to Americans who have sacrificed their lives in times of war, and in celebration of New York's holiday season. Cherry trees planted in the median, as well as evergreen trees placed for the occasion, are strung with lights. This illumination is organized and paid for by the Fund for Park Avenue. The Brick Church has partnered with the Fund to present a lighting ceremony to which all are invited. This ceremony, held for more than 60 years, is interfaith in nature and sensitive to the religious diversity of our neighborhood. It has been customary to close off both lanes of Park Avenue, roughly between 89th and 93rd, from the late afternoon until the conclusion of the ceremony and dispersal of the attendees at about **7:15 p.m.** The gathering has been both a somber and joyous New York tradition for more than half a century.

CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE SUNDAY, DEC. 15 AT 4 P.M.

Join us in the candlelit elegance of The Brick Church's sanctuary for our Service of Nine Lessons and Carols featuring the professional voices of The Brick Church Choir under the direction of Keith S. Tóth. Organists Meg Cutting and Daniel Kirk-Foster will accompany the choir on our acclaimed Coignet-Casavant Frères pipe organ. This service of traditional Advent and Christmas sacred music is a cherished Brick Church tradition and one that will bring beauty, peace and joy to you amidst the busy holiday season.

Admission is free. Due to the meditative nature of the service, parents are requested to avail themselves of the childcare provided during this service. To request childcare, email Renée Alston at ralston@brickchurch.org, and include the names and ages of your children. For further information, contact Minister of Music Keith S. Tóth at 212-289-4400, ext. 231 or email ktoth@brickchurch.org.



TREE LIGHTING SOCIAL IN WATSON HALL DEC. 8, 5 TO 6 P.M.

Come one, come all. Enjoy fellowship and goodies to warm the heart on a cool night. Please plan to join us in Watson Hall for an hour of hot cocoa, cookies and festive nibbles before heading out to the Tree Lighting Ceremony. **We need elves** so if you would like to lead crafts, serve cocoa or help in another capacity, we can use your help and we need you! Enter through the 92nd Street Parish House.

ADVENT OPEN HOUSE IN THE SANCTUARY DEC. 8, 7:15 TO 8:30 P.M.

Following the Tree Lighting and Carol Sing, the New Member and Evangelism Committee will invite visitors from the neighborhood to visit our sanctuary and learn more about The Brick Church. Volunteers will be stationed in the sanctuary and narthex to welcome visitors, provide information about the church and our Christmas worship services, and to pray with any who would like. Please invite your friends to visit us following the Carol Sing to experience the beauty and warmth of The Brick Church Sanctuary.

STEWARDSHIP 2020: CELEBRATING DIVINE CONNECTIONS

With Pledge Dedication Sunday on **November 24**, this month marks the official launch of our 2020 stewardship campaign: *Celebrating Divine Connections*. Following the success of our two stewardship committee-sponsored progressive dinners in October, anticipation is running high for this year's campaign.

As you have likely already heard from your stewardship team leader, this year's campaign is going to have a fun new format that should encourage a little friendly competition. The congregation has been divided into 12 teams of roughly 40 families each. The teams, which are named after former senior pastors of The Brick Church, have been formed so that each team in aggregate pledged approximately the same amount for last year's 2019 stewardship campaign. The list of team names, and their leaders from the Stewardship Committee, is below:

Team Name	Stewardship Rep
John Rodgers	Cooper Westendarp
Gardiner Spring	Jane Lowry
James Murray	Chris Lanning
Llewelyn Bevan	Kevin Greene
Henry van Dyke	Susan Webb-Dreyfus
William Richards	Patrick Blott
William Merrill	Conor Tochilin
Paul Wolfe	James Doswell
Reginald Thomas	David Barrett
James Stewart	David Blais
Herbert Anderson	Bret Barasch
Michael Lindvall	Kathy Vosters

Following pledge dedication Sunday, each week we will post the progress of each team toward its collective fundraising goal, and its participation rate. Like the congregation as a whole, each team has members who have historically given at different levels of support for The Brick Church. Regardless of your historical level of support, the most important thing for the 2020 campaign is to participate – we are aiming for 100% participation across all teams.

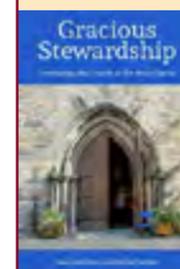
In addition, we encourage you to consider a modest increase to your pledge from this most recent year. As a reminder, much of Brick's annual budget covers fixed costs which increase each year at or above the level of inflation – so increasing pledges are necessary just to keep pace with the increase in our cost base.

Giving at all levels is critically important to support the worship, education, fellowship, and outreach activities at Brick. The graphic below provides an overview of the contribution to our overall stewardship fundraising from pledges at different levels. As you can see, all gifts matter and make a meaningful difference, so please prayerfully consider your pledge this year.

Finally, we would note that pledging in November—before or around the time of Pledge Dedication Sunday—is also important, because it helps the church plan its budget in



SPECIAL LECTURE EVENT - NOV. 24, 9:45 A.M.



In celebration of **Pledge Sunday, Nov. 24**, the Adult Education and Stewardship Committees announce a Special Lecture by Sean Mitchell, Chief Advancement Officer at United World Mission/ Founder of Generosity Development/ Co-author of *Gracious Stewardship*. **See page 8 for more information.**

advance of the coming 2020 year. As a reminder, 2020 pledges do not actually need to be paid until during the 2020 year – the pledge is a promise that you can fulfill later in the new year.

You should be receiving pledge cards in the mail shortly. In addition, if you prefer pledging online, feel free to email your 2020 pledge to stewardship@brickchurch.org, or pledge at www.brickchurch.org/pledge. As always, feel free to call Linda Thompson at (212) 289-4400 with any questions at all. Thank you all for your continued generous support, and we wish all twelve of our teams the best of luck as we embark on the 2020 stewardship campaign!

Family Ministries - Children

CRÈCHE LIGHTING & ADVENT FESTIVAL SUNDAY, DEC. 8 AT 10:45 A.M.

On the same day as the Park Avenue Tree Lighting, we teach our children about the season of Advent. At **10:45 a.m.** in the Garden, we light the crèche to commemorate the beginning of the Advent season. During worship, children in the four-year-old class through fifth grade will gather in Watson Hall for Advent-themed games, crafts, and activities. The infants, toddlers, three-year-olds, and sixth and seventh grade will have regular SCS on this Sunday with Advent activities provided.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REGISTRATION BEGINS (PAGEANT - DEC. 24 AT 4 P.M.)

Children four years old (by 11-30-19) through seventh grade are invited to celebrate Advent and Christmas by participating in the 2019 Brick Church Christmas Pageant. The pageant is an opportunity for children, in a variety of roles, to offer worship leadership and be our Christmas storytellers. This year, we are holding the pageant in the afternoon. Register and sign up to participate in one of the many roles offered; we welcome older youth to help with lighting and staging. Information and registration forms are available online and due **Monday, Dec. 2.** Casting is decided on a first come basis (whomever sends in their registration first) with older children receiving preference. For more information contact Jeff Shayne at jshayne@brickchurch.org.

ST. NICHOLAS PARTY

THURSDAY, DEC. 5, FROM 4 TO 5:30 P.M.



We hold this yearly event, especially for children up to 5 years old, in order to learn about the origin of St. Nicholas, hear the story of Jesus' birth, and get a special visit from St. Nicholas himself! It's a great afternoon of storytelling and crafts for younger children.

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULES

NOV.	SPECIAL NOTES	2s/5K	1st-7th
3	Family Sunday #2	Sunday School Class 7	Remain in Worship
10		Sunday School Class 8	Sunday School Class 6
17		Sunday School Class 9	Sunday School Class 7
24		Sunday School Class 10	Sunday School Class 8

DEC.	SPECIAL NOTES	2s/5K	1st-7th
1	Thanksgiving Weekend 1st Sunday in Advent	No Class; Childcare Only	No Class
8	2nd Sunday in Advent	Advent Festival*	Advent Festival*
15	3rd Sunday in Advent	Sunday School Class 11	Sunday School Class 9
22	4th Sunday in Advent	No Class; Childcare Only	No Class
29	Holiday Break	No Class; Childcare Only	No Class

*2s, 3s, 6th & 7th Grade will hold SCS in their regular classrooms.

Family Ministries - Youth



HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS: SING AT THE BRICK CHURCH OVER THE HOLIDAY BREAK!

Students in 8th through 12th Grade and college students are invited to join Amanda Smith, Director of Children's Music, for the Young Adult Christmas Choir! The schedule is especially designed for students away at boarding school and college who will be home for the holidays. Local students are very welcome as well! There are two rehearsals – come to one or both – then sing in a festive Advent service in church. Please R.S.V.P. to asmith@brickchurch.org.

YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS CHOIR SCHEDULE:

Rehearsal #1:

Wednesday, Dec 18, 6–7 p.m.

Rehearsal #2:

Saturday, Dec 21, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Performance:

Sunday, Dec 22, 9:30 a.m. arrival, 11 a.m.–12:15 p.m. service

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

The Brick Church has an outstanding high school youth program that we invite all 9th through 12th graders to attend. On Sunday afternoons following worship, we gather in the Anderson Library, for fun, eat delicious food, and have a discussion together. We will catch up on life, learn about God and play anything from cards to Frisbee to Bocce Ball. Be sure to look at the calendar in *The Record* each month, or the postcard that went out at the beginning of the church year, to view the Youth Group schedule. We will meet on **Nov. 10, 17 and 24; and Dec. 8 & 15, from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m.** Also, if you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Jeff Shayne at jshayne@brickchurch.org.

PIONEERS YOUTH GROUP

All fifth through seventh graders are invited to stay after church for food and fun on **Sunday, Nov. 17, from 12:30 to 2 p.m.** Our time will be filled with games, laughter, a service project and more. This is an opportunity you do not want your child to miss. Please R.S.V.P. to Jeff Shayne at jshayne@brickchurch.org, or if you have any questions, speak with Rev. Gorman. Friends are welcome and encouraged to come too.

PIONEERS SLEEPUNDER: JAN. 10

On **Jan. 10, from 5 to 10 p.m.**, all 5th, 6th and 7th graders are invited to a Sleep Under at The Brick Church. We'll begin the evening by walking up to New York Common Pantry. After serving a meal to people there we will come back to the church for a night of dinner, sundaes, games, maybe a movie, snacks and more. For more information, contact Jeff Shayne at jshayne@brickchurch.org.

COMMUNION CLASS FOR CHILDREN & PARENTS RESCHEDULED TO SUNDAY, FEB. 2

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, Feb. 2.** 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER PROGRAM

Serve people, serve God, serve food! Wednesday Night Dinner Program (W NDP) is for 5th through 12th graders and their families. We would love for you and your children to join us. This is a time when youth come together in Watson Hall and cook, serve and, most importantly, sit and enjoy a meal with the formerly homeless residents of the 81st Street residence of the Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter. For more information and to sign up please contact Rev. Adam Gorman at agorman@brickchurch.org.

Parish Register

Baptisms

James Christian Corl
Raymond Alexander Fraser

Marriages

Reilly Nicole Fritts and
Bradley Lawson Forest

Deaths

John Spencer Ward Dawson

ALL-YOUTH SKI TRIP: FEB. 22

Attention youth in 5th through 12th grade! Mark your calendars for our annual all-youth ski trip on **Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020.** Youth in 5th grade and above are invited to join us for a day trip to Mountain Creek. This is one of the best events of the year, so grab your warm clothes and come join us!

We meet at 7 a.m. at The Brick Church and take a bus to Mountain Creek. There will be movies and snacks on the bus. Upon arrival we'll check in and get our equipment to ski or snowboard or just hang out and play games. We'll have lunch in the lodge, warm up with hot chocolate afterwards and return to the church by 6 p.m. Registration forms will be available online in early December in the youth section of the website. Check your email for more detailed information. Friends are welcome to join and scholarships are available. For more information, contact Jeff Shayne at jshayne@brickchurch.org or 212-289-4400, x295. Hope to see you there!

The Brick Church Lecture Series:

JEWISH/CHRISTIAN INTERFAITH DIALOG NOV. 3 AT 9:45 A.M. IN THE LIVING ROOM

Join Tehilah Eisenstadt to learn how someone raised as an Orthodox Jew began to reclaim her spiritual connections when her love for Jewish text and ritual was strong but prayer felt fruitless. It was in meeting Christian and Muslim siblings in faith prayer that text study came alive in new ways.

Come join the journey, as we explore, post-Jewish Holiday month the notion of forgiveness. Jews focus on forgiveness around Yom Kippur, Christians talk about forgiveness year-round. What can we learn from each other? Bring your wisdom and experience and questions. Tehilah will bring some Jewish texts on the topic and we will provide New Testament verses.

NOVEMBER LECTURE SERIES: NOV. 10, 17 & 24

As we are in the process of searching for a new senior pastor, it seems worthwhile to reflect on what leadership in the church is and should be. Leaders in a church context—both clergy and lay—are called to follow an approach to leadership that differs in some important ways from the models we often encounter in other arenas, such as politics and business. The Bible is filled with striking examples of leaders who challenged people's assumptions about what a leader should and could be.

In this November series, we will have the opportunity to reflect more on the concept of leadership in the church. The series will begin on **Nov. 10 at 9:45 a.m.** in the Living Room with a presentation by **Rev. Mark Ramsey**, the Executive Director of Macedonian Ministry. Macedonian Ministry forms cohorts of pastors around the country for a three-year experience of peer learning on leadership, emerging ministry needs, strengthening congregations, and helping congregations engage their communities. Rev. Ramsey will speak on *Leadership and Ministry and Playing Away Games*, and will invite us to reflect on the unprecedented complexity facing Protestant church leaders today. He will discuss the challenges and the opportunities, along with implications for church leadership and how congregations discern what is essential going forward and what is no longer essential.



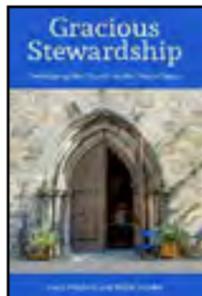
Ramsey

On **Nov. 17**, **Rev. Dr. Robert Dykstra** will speak on *Uses of the Self in Pastoral Leadership and Ministry*. Dr. Dykstra is the Charlotte W. Newcombe Professor of Pastoral Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary. An ordained Presbyterian minister, Dr. Dykstra has served as a minister, hospital chaplain, and pastoral counselor. His academic interests include pastoral care and counseling, psychoanalytic theory, developmental psychology, and the integration of biblical and theological precepts with research in the human sciences.



Dykstra

On **Nov. 24**, in celebration of Pledge Dedication Sunday, the Stewardship Committee will join the Adult Education Committee in hosting a special lecture by **Sean Mitchell**, Chief Advancement Officer at United World Mission and Founder of Generosity Development. Mr. Mitchell will build on our discussions of leadership by speaking about stewardship. In his book *Gracious Stewardship*, Mr. Mitchell and co-author Millie Snyder encourage us to view stewardship not as simply fundraising, but as an opportunity to experience and celebrate the transformative grace of Christ. Visit www.brickchurch.org/faithformation to learn more about our Lecture Series and Faith Formation at The Brick Church.



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.

November WBS Schedule

Nov. 5/7: *Marching to Zion*

Nov 12/14: *Establishing Justice*

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.

Nov./Dec. MBS Schedule

A Journey Through the Gospel of John

Nov. 7: *Feats of Footwashing*

Nov. 14: *A Place to Call Home*

Nov. 21: *The Ties that Bind*

Dec. 5: *What is Truth?*

Dec. 12: *Called by Name*

COED BIBLE STUDY

Members Johanna and Benjamin Collins-Wood invite you to join them on **Nov. 10** as they conclude the study of Paul's letter to the church in Rome. The Bible study will be held in the Anderson Library from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. and all are invited. To learn more about coed Bible study at The Brick Church, visit us online at www.brickchurch.org/coed.

THE 76TH ANNUAL BRICK CHURCH FAIR

Please join us at our annual Christmas Fair on **Tuesday, Nov. 12 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.**, and on **Wednesday, Nov. 13, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.** We will feature approximately 50 vendors ranging from women's apparel, jewelry, men's, children's & tweens, accessories and decorative items for the home. Gifts for everyone and perfect for the upcoming holiday season. A significant portion of sales from these vendors are issued as grants to the nine ministries that the Women's Association supports.

The Fair is full of fellowship and fun for all ages. Santa will be arriving on **Wednesday, Nov. 13** and pictures will be available from **2 to 5 p.m.** There is not an admission fee, but rather a suggested purchase of a Raffle ticket for \$10 a ticket. There are a number of ways to get involved with the Fair:

Decorating Watson Hall

Help turn Watson Hall into a festive Christmas winter wonderland on **Friday, Nov. 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** On **Saturday, Nov. 9**, we will be setting up vendor tables and tablecloths **from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Please contact Sara Lib Brown, one of our Fair Co-Chairs overseeing decorating at saralibbrown@gmail.com if you would like to help.

Soliciting Raffle Items and selling Raffle Tickets

We are looking for raffle donations from shops, restaurants, spa certificates, gyms etc. If you would like to help, please contact Michelle Auerbach one of our Fair Co-Chairs overseeing the Raffle at michelle.ane.auerbach@gmail.com.

Placing a Family Ad in the Program Guide

We are creating a special 76th Anniversary commemorative eGuide this year. To place a Family Ad, please go to www.brickchurch.org/fair.

To meet this year's Brick Church Fair Chairs, please go to page 16 of this month's Record.



Soliciting Business Ads for the Program Guide

If you have a business that you know would like to advertise during the 2-day Fair, please direct them to the online form and/or contact Beth Bell our Fair Co-Chair overseeing the Program Guide at bethannbell@gmail.com.

Opening Night Party – Nov. 12

Please consider donating a special hors d'oeuvres that the committee will serve that evening, or pass out beverages and hors d'oeuvres. There will be two shifts to sign up for: **4 to 6 p.m.**, or **6 to 8 p.m.** Please contact Brooke Fadale if interested.

The Women's Association thanks you in advance for all your support of the Fair. Please help us spread the word by telling all your friends and neighbors. We look forward to seeing our Brick Church community at the Fair!

THE DINNER DANCE ON FEB. 7, 2020 — SAVE THE DATE

Please save the date for a special evening on **Friday, Feb. 7, 2020** at The Pierre Hotel for our annual Dinner Dance. This elegant black tie affair wraps up the 2019 Fair and will kick-off the Women's Associations' annual programming. The evening will begin at **6:30 p.m.** with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and classical music, followed by dinner and a DJ. The Silent Auction is always filled with wonderful items and all the proceeds from the Auction will be issued as grants to the nine ministries the Women's Association supports annually. We will feature a special guest speaker from one of our ministries.

There are many ways to get involved whether its gathering a group of your friends to sit at your table and/or you can help by donating a silent auction item. We are always looking for special experiences, sporting events, trips, theatre tickets or restaurants, spa or shopping excursions. Watch for your invitation in early December as this event sells out every year. Please contact Shannon Froehlich, the Women's Association Coordinator, at: sfroehlich@brickchurch.org. See you **Feb. 7!**



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. 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 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**.

THE BRICK CHURCH SCHOOL CHILDREN'S FAIR

We'd like to send out a special thank you to everyone who came out to support the Brick Church School's Children's Fair this fall and for helping make it a big success!



WELCOME, KIAH BAXTER!

The Brick Church is pleased to welcome Kiah Baxter as the New Director of Children's Ministry. Kiah has great experience working with children and youth at Christian summer camps, both as a Program Director and Chaplain. She oversaw coordinating and training for large groups of leadership teams and volunteers, and guiding individualized programs and Bible studies for large groups of campers. Kiah has a Master of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary, and interned at St. Lydia's Dinner Church, working with children in their Waffle Church ministry. She is passionate about teaching children through play and prayer and is looking forward to serving as Director of Children's Ministry.



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PARENT'S MORNING OUT

Our Mom's Morning Out program is now Parent's Morning Out! We welcome moms or dads with children two years or younger Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. during the program year. Please contact Ashley Carlson or Courtney Dolan with any questions.

BRICK CHURCH BOOK CLUB

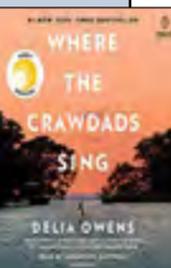
NOVEMBER In our **Monday, Nov. 4** meeting, starting at **7:30 p.m.**, we will be talking about *E Squared*, by Pam Grout. On the New York Times best-seller list for 20 weeks, and translated into over 30 languages, this book models "nine do-it-yourself energy experiments that prove your thoughts create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



DECEMBER On our **Monday, Dec. 2** meeting, we will discuss *Becoming* by Michelle Obama. With over 43 weeks on the NYT best seller list, this memoir "recounts with insight, candor, and wit" her personal journey (*The New York Times*). Our readers highly recommend this as an audiobook, as well, read by the author. Our host will be Nancy Baumann, and we ask that you RSVP to her at 314-239-7836 if you plan to attend.



JANUARY In our **Monday, Jan. 6** meeting, starting at 7:30 p.m., we will be discussing *Where the Crawdads Sing*, by Delia Owens, an American wildlife scientist. This book has been on the NYT bestseller list for over 55 weeks. The Times calls this "painfully beautiful...at once a murder mystery, a coming of age narrative, and a celebration of nature." Please contact Sandy Muller at 817-851-2093 if you plan to attend.



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

CHRISTMAS CHEER PARTY DEC. 10

As your calendar begins to fill during the busy holiday season, be sure to reserve **Tuesday, Dec. 10** for the Christmas Cheer Party. The Christmas Cheer Party is one of the warmest, most spirited fellowship events of the year. This season's party takes place from **6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** on the Third Floor of the Old Parish House. All members 21+ are invited. It's sure to be a great time! Please R.S.V.P. with Renée Alston at ralston@brickchurch.org.

OFFERINGS AND STOCK GIFTS

When giving your church offering this holiday season, The Brick Church asks that you follow some time-saving steps to ensure that your offering is correctly designated. When using pew envelopes for checks or cash, please write your name and the purpose of your offering (i.e. pledge, special offering, etc.) on either the face of the check or the envelope. The same applies to any mailed checks.

If you are giving a gift of securities:

Please contact Don Nagle at 212-289-4400, ext. 283, when filling out the required Stock Gift Designation Form. It is important to provide your name (the donor), the name of the stock, the number of shares, and the designation (purpose) of the gift. If you have any questions about your gift, or would like information about a stock gift or matching gift from your company, please contact Linda Thompson at lthompson@brickchurch.org or 212-289-4400, ext. 230. We thank you for assisting us in the accurate accounting of your contributions.

November 2019 AT THE BRICK CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Locations will be listed on the monitor in the lobby</p> <p> = Sacrament of Baptism</p> <p> = Communion</p>					<p>Interfaith Mission Weekend</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Joint Finance Committee</p>	<p>Interfaith Mission Weekend</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Reagan Memorial Service</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Chiang Memorial Service</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Dia de Los Muertos Event (off-site)</p>
<p>9:00 a.m. Sunday Childcare</p> <p>9:45 a.m. Lecture Series</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Youth Choir</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Sunday Church School</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship - Communion & Family Sunday</p> <p>12:15 p.m. Healing Service</p> <p>12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour</p> <p></p> <p>3</p>	<p>6:00 p.m. Lay Pastoral Care Committee</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Women & Board Service Reception (off-site)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Prison Ministry Committee</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Cabrini Coalition - East Harlem Ministry</p> <p>4</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Parent's Morning Out</p> <p>2:45 p.m. Cherub Choir</p> <p>3:45 p.m. Carol Choir</p> <p>4:20 p.m. Junior Choir</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Jan Hus Family Night (off-site)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study</p> <p>5</p>	<p>7:30 a.m. PNC Meeting</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Buildings & Grounds Committee</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Archives Committee</p> <p>5:00 p.m. WNDP</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Holy Communion Service</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Congregational Fellowship Committee</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Worship and Music Committee</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Children's Ministries Committee</p> <p></p> <p>6</p>	<p>7:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Pioneers Committee Meeting</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Dawson Memorial Service</p> <p>7</p>	<p>8:00 a.m. Joint Finance Committee</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Pia Camil Reception - <i>Here Comes the Sun</i> Guggenheim Museum (off-site)</p> <p>8</p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Baptism Class</p> <p>9</p>
<p>9:00 a.m. Sunday Childcare</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class</p> <p>9:30 a.m. TakeOut</p> <p>9:45 a.m. Lecture Series</p> <p>10:00 a.m. SCS Teachers' Study</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Youth Choir</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Sunday Church School</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship - Baptisms and "Say Hello" Sunday</p> <p>12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour</p> <p>12:15 p.m. High School Youth Group</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Handbell Choir</p> <p></p> <p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Brick Church Fair</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Parent's Morning Out</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Fair Opening Night Party</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study</p> <p>12</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Brick Church Fair</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Archives Committee</p> <p>5:00 p.m. WNDP</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Holy Communion Service</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Grants Committee</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Adult Education Committee</p> <p>7:00 p.m. All-Youth Committee Meeting</p> <p></p> <p>13</p>	<p>7:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study</p> <p>14</p>	<p>8:00 a.m. Joint Finance Committee</p> <p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>9:00 a.m. Sunday Childcare</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class</p> <p>9:45 a.m. Lecture Series</p> <p>10:00 a.m. SCS Teachers' Study</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Youth Choir</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Sunday Church School</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour, Stewardship Celebration and meet Kiah Baxter</p> <p>12:15 p.m. High School Youth Group</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Prayer Matters</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Pioneers Youth Group</p> <p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>8:15 a.m. Communications Committee</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Parent's Morning Out</p> <p>2:45 p.m. Cherub Choir</p> <p>3:45 p.m. Carol Choir</p> <p>4:20 p.m. Junior Choir</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study</p> <p>19</p>	<p>7:30 a.m. PNC Meeting</p> <p>7:45 a.m. Personnel Committee</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Archives Committee</p> <p>3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts</p> <p>5:00 p.m. WNDP</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Holy Communion Service</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Session Meeting</p> <p></p> <p>20</p>	<p>7:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study</p> <p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>9:00 a.m. Sunday Childcare</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class</p> <p>9:45 a.m. Lecture Series</p> <p>10:00 a.m. SCS Teachers' Study</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Junior and Youth Choir</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Sunday Church School</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship - Christ the King & Pledge Dedication Sunday</p> <p>12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour</p> <p>12:15 p.m. High School Youth Group</p> <p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Parent's Morning Out</p> <p>2:45 p.m. Cherub Choir</p> <p>3:45 p.m. Carol Choir</p> <p>4:20 p.m. Junior Choir</p> <p>6:30 P.m. Worship & Music Committee</p> <p>26</p>	<p>7:30 a.m. PNC Meeting</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Archives Committee</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Holy Communion Service</p> <p></p> <p>27</p>	<p>Building Closed - Thanksgiving</p> <p>28</p>	<p>Building Closed - Thanksgiving</p> <p>29</p>	<p>30</p>

Meet the 2019 Fair Chairs



The 2019 Brick Church Fair Chairs (from L to R): Brooke Fadale, Michelle Auerbach, Beth Bell, and Sara Lib Brown

Michelle Auerbach, who is in her second year as Fair Co-Chair, has been a member of The Brick Church since 2014. She grew up in Palos Verdes, CA and earned a B.F.A. in Dance from The Juilliard School and a M.A. in Movement Therapy from UCLA. Upon graduation Michelle performed with a diverse group of companies including the Juilliard Dance Ensemble, The Dallas Opera, NBA Dallas Mavericks Dancers, and the Los Angeles Modern Dance & Ballet Company. While working as dancer, Michelle concurrently pursued a career in fashion with executive roles at Puma, PRADA and Jimmy Choo. Michelle's passion for movement and wellness also lead her to teach yoga and she has travelled internationally as a master trainer as well as serving as the founding Program Director at Pure Yoga NYC. She presently serves on the Council at The Juilliard School and on the Playground Partners Committee of the Central Park Conservancy. Michelle is married to Jonathan Auerbach whom she met in New York City. They have a son who attends the Brick Church School. Their family is rounded out with their standard dachshund, Mahogany.

Michelle has been active in the Brick Community as the WA Secretary, a Nursery Committee Co-Chair, the 2's and 3's SCS Team Leader and on the Adult Ed Committee. Her roles in the Fair have included Finance, Program Guide, and Kitchen. At the Brick Church School she has served as Class Rep, Library Co-Chair and on the Auction Committee. She loves

the Fair as a treasured tradition to kick off the Holiday season and for the sense of community that it generates both within the church and the neighborhood at large.

Brooke Fadale, who is in her second year as Fair Co-Chair, grew up in Plant City, Florida and has lived in New York for eight years. She attended college at the University of Florida and worked as an orthopedic sales representative in Florida and New York. Brooke and her husband Andrew met at a UF football game and were married in 2014 in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. They have a daughter who attends the Brick Church School. Brooke joined the church in 2013 and is a 3's Sunday School teacher, is on the New Member & Evangelism Committee, and served last year as a Fair Co-Chair and on the Fair decorating committee. Brooke enjoys that the fair brings together our members and friends in a joyful setting, getting us excited for the Christmas season with service to our community outreach partners.

Beth Bell, who is in her first year as Fair Co-Chair, has been a member of The Brick Church since 2014. Before moving to New York City in 2002, she attended Wake Forest University, where she met her husband, Quin Bell, of Lexington, KY. They have two daughters. In addition to Fair Co-Chair, Beth is in her second year as a Deacon, serving on the New York Common Pantry and New Member Outreach ministries, is

a member of the Grants Committee, teaches 4's Sunday Church School class, has been a Dinner Dance Silent Auction Co-chair as well as served on the Fair Decorating committee. Beth loves that the Fair remains a celebrated tradition within both Brick Church and the neighboring community and that at the heart of the Fair, we are able to encourage fellowship while raising important funds to help those most in need.

Sara Lib Brown, grew up in Tuscaloosa, Alabama and is serving in her first year as Fair Co-Chair. She moved to New York after graduating from Ole Miss, where she met her husband, Walker. They were married in 2012 and have two children, one of which attends the Brick Church School. They have been Brick Church members since 2014. Sara Lib is a Regional Sales Manager at Harry Winston and has worked for the company for 15 years. She has been active in the Brick Church community having served as a Nursery Committee Co-Chair, on the decorating and finance committees for the Fair and the Dinner Dance silent auction committee. When asked what she enjoys most about the Fair she replied: "I love that the Fair brings the church, school and community together for an amazing cause to give grants to our outreach programs. It is wonderful that so many families get involved and it is a great way to meet new people through all the volunteer opportunities. Taking my kids to see Santa is always a highlight."