



Cold Spring Presbyterian Church
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THE BRICKETTE

A community congregation of worship and mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). A National Historic Landmark Site.



Annual Open Air Flea and Craft Market

Sellers, Crafters and Vendors welcomed.

Cold Spring Church,
780 Seashore Road,
(Corner of Academy & Seashore),

Saturday Aug. 19th
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Register your \$15 space today by calling the church office 609-884-4065, or e-mail

hello@coldspringchurch.com

Additional Planned Flea and Craft Market will be on September 16th.

A Message from the Pastor

Hello Cold Spring Church Friends,

“Here’s another way to put it: You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill... Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:14-16 MSG).

Making Hope Visible and Accessible

A few weeks ago on Sunday morning about 10:40 AM someone left a message on our church office answering machine. We listened to the message the next day. Here’s the gist of what the unidentified caller said in a decidedly perturbed tone:

“Hello. Well, the electronic sign says church starts at 10:30 AM and I am here at Price Hall, but I knocked on the door and don’t see any church service. I’m in Cape May for vacation, and I decided to attend, but unfortunately, you’re not here. Maybe you should fix your sign. Goodbye.”

I am sure you think like I did that that was a strange message. Someone shows up for worship at 10:30 AM on Sunday and can’t find any activity? Why didn’t the caller notice the cars and people just ahead on Seashore Road at the red brick building, our worship center? We were there. Every week we have visitors and guests who seem to find us O.K. While it’s easy to be bewildered and even critical of the caller’s ignorance, let’s try to understand better what was going on that the caller couldn’t find us. Here are a few observations (I’m, sure you’ll think of others, too.)

First of all, we have multiple buildings. This caller was not as familiar with our area as most of us are. He simply noticed the electronic digital sign at the corner of Academy and Seashore Roads that says,

“Energizing worship 10:30 a.m. Sundays”.

Price Hall is right there, though. Wasn't it understandable for the caller to think Price Hall was the place of worship? Many churches worship in similarly looking “school or hall” low profile buildings. The nearness of the sign he noticed to the Price Hall was an obvious connection and mistake to make.

Second, we have a huge campus. We enjoy a huge property that includes a cemetery field office, mausoleum, manse, Price Hall, and of course, our red brick worship center. It's hard to see the red brick building standing at the corner or in the parking lot of Price Hall. Our worship center takes up less than 1% of our total area and sits near the north corner. It is a distance of three football fields away from Price Hall! I wonder how many others have not made the connection that the cemetery, Price Hall, and the red brick building are all Cold Spring Church?

Third, we have a unique look. We know our red brick building is a place of worship, a church building, and has been for three centuries. It may not seem like a “church” to some who may be used to stone or granite walls and topped by a steeple and cross. Most of us attending on Sunday naturally enter our campus and park close to that building. But no matter how long we have been here, to a person unfamiliar with our history or location, it can be hard to notice.

While it's disappointing to have missed this opportunity to meet the caller and those who may have been with him, we can see this experience as a messaging opportunity. How can we do a better job at being visible?

We offer a lot to the community, and we are responsible in making it visible! We have plans to improve our on-campus messaging. Sure, you know where to go, but because we have multiple buildings, a huge campus, and a unique look, the session has already allocated initial funding to improve our signs for others to find where to go.

We will enhance our online messaging, too. Our website, www.coldspringchurch.com will re-launch in August, designed to be even more useful. Worship, events, and news about our session, deacons, and the many teams and groups who serve will be easy to notice. You can sign-up and even purchase tickets or donate online if you wish. Listen to sermons and access the Brickette. Cemetery services will also be featured.

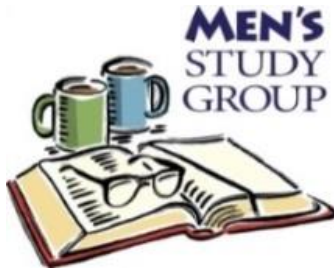
For the first time, we will accept major credit cards.

As the transformation pastor, one part of my role is to equip the leadership team and the worshipping community to be more visible, accessible, and achieve even greater impact in the name of Jesus Christ. We have a fantastic opportunity to make God's love known. Thank you for adding your light and pointing the way so that next time someone is looking for hope, they will easily find it here.

All the best,

Pastor Kevin

Adult Christian Education



On **August 2:** From the DVD "Does America Have a Prayer?" Dr. D. James Kennedy delivers his fourth sermon of this set entitled "*Hot, Cold, Lukewarm*". In this continuing series, Dr. Kennedy addresses the church's need for revival and explains what it is, why we need it, and how we can invoke God for it. If there is a prayer for America today, it must come from those who are called by His name!

On **August 16:** Every persecuted Christian has a name... a face... a story. From the fifth episode of the DVD series "I am N", the focus is upon the theme of **forgiveness**. It is not an easy thing for any one of us to turn around and love a person who has caused pain and suffering. How can we love our enemies as Christ has commanded? What can we learn from this video about God's love and forgiveness from our persecuted family in Jesus? Come and see! This inter-denominational men's group ministry meets at 10:15 a.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month. All men are welcome!



Christian Living:

Our reading and discussion of the book "The 9 Arts of Spiritual Conversations" is soon coming to a close. If you are interested in gaining a summary of this life-changing book, sit in with us for our meeting on **August 9th**.

We will begin a new series of classes on **August 23rd** with a book yet to be decided (*among several to choose from!*). This will be a great opportunity for you to connect with us --beginning a new topic of interest together!

This inter-denominational group of men and women meets at 10:15 a.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Everyone is most welcome!



Affirmation of Faith: Our "Fifth Wednesday Special" features selections from the new DVD "*Mysteries of the Dead Sea Scrolls*" the greatest archeological discovery of all time! Learn the background of the 19,000 pieces of what has become known as the Dead Sea Scrolls. Learn how the entire Biblical Hebrew language is composed of fascinating word pictures that beautifully illustrate the truths found in Scripture. This special program will be presented on August 30th at 10:15 a.m. for anyone interested in gaining a deeper appreciation and understanding of a biblical truth that, in turn, affirms our faith. Everyone is welcome!

All classes meet in the Taylor Room of Price Hall.



Join Our Caring Team!

The mission of our board of Deacons is to show love, care, and compassion in the name of Jesus Christ. That's why we refer to it as our Caring Team! We are looking for a few more loving humanitarians to serve as deacons at Cold Spring Church. We are exhorted in God's word to have Faith, Hope, and Love. Of these three, love is the greatest. All of us can demonstrate a love of God and love for others. But if God is calling you to become a deacon, you will have an amazing opportunity to serve and to help others in our community of faith and the community at large. So, if you are interested in joining the Caring Team as a deacon, please let the pastor or one of the deacons know. *Thank you! Neil Oberlin,*



The Deacons are collecting donations of Book Bags and School Supplies for Local Elementary School Students

Each bag will contain:

Pencils and crayons;

Safety scissors

Note books/paper

Rulers

Glue Sticks

Your donations can be dropped off at Price Hall - Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or in the box in the narthex of the church.

Book bags will be distributed through the area food banks. (Church of the Nazarene and St. Barnabas. We would like to distribute the Book Bags around the middle of August. For more information please contact Neil Oberlin or the church office at 884-4065.



Join the "*Hospitality Team*" of volunteers who are willing to provide occasional help with preparing, serving, and/or cleaning up with the several church breakfasts, luncheons, and/or dinners that are being planned to create more opportunities for "food and fellowship" gatherings. If interested, contact Rob Riehl or the church office.



FOR OPEN AIR FLEA AND CRAFT MARKET ON AUG. 19TH.

(See sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or call the office, 609-884-4065)

Food Preparers 2 people to work in our kitchen.

Food Servers 2 people to work at our food carts

Market Runners 3 people to assist in delivering food from the kitchen to the food carts, and assisting in the field as needed

Greeters 2 people to welcome people at our Cold Spring Welcome Table

FOOD CUPBOARD NEWS FOR AUGUST 2017



Enjoying the beautiful Cape May Summer! We surely live in a gorgeous area of the world, with the best summer weather.

The wonderful people who founded Cold Spring Presbyterian Church surely realized and knew what they were doing. Three hundred years later we continue to enjoy their founding spirit. In

that spirit our food cupboard continues to collect and distribute food to people in need in our area. This giving spirit demonstrates the heart of the Christian church. *Last month we collected over 349 items for our two food banks (St. Barnabas and The Church of the Nazarene).* Through prayer and giving hearts we are responding to the need. I pray that we continue to meet the need and increase our sharing each month. Let's with God's help, make 2017 the best year ever as we open our hearts to others. The list below are items the food banks have given to us as a guideline of need. In addition we take almost any non-perishable food and personal items (extra in your home).

II Corinthians 9:7 NLT "For the Lord loves a person who gives cheerfully"

Acts 20:35 Remember the Words of Jesus "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Our collection for August will be:

- Aug. 6** Instant rice, canned soups, Ramen Noodles, crackers
- Aug. 13** Toothpaste & brushes, soap (bars), toilet paper, pasta and sauce
- Aug. 20** Peanut butter and grape jelly, fruit cups, canned vegetables
- Aug. 27** Hot and cold tea, hot & cold cereals, powdered milk, canned meat

Your donations can be dropped off at Price Hall, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday in the sanctuary narthex. ~ Neil Oberlin, Coordinator



We are pleased to welcome **The Limestone Presbyterian Church Hand bell Choir** to Cold Spring Presbyterian Church on August 6, 2017 at our 10:30 a.m. service. The Hand bell Choir is celebrating its sixth year playing hymn arrangements, contemporary Christian music arrangements, and original hand bell compositions. This beginning to intermediate level multigenerational choir is geared to students who have been introduced to band, choir, or orchestra in

their schools or adults who are interested in learning hand bells. Please join us in welcoming them to our church.



Church and Cemetery Tours

Cold Spring Presbyterian Church is conducting a tour of the historic church & surrounding cemetery on Saturday mornings during the summer. The tours will begin at 10 a.m. on August 5 and 19; and September 2, 16, and 30th. Hear stories of inspiring and interesting individuals. Our oldest gravestone is dated 1742. Tours will begin at the red brick church building located at 780 Seashore Road in Cold Spring.

Each tour lasts about one hour. There is no fee but a good-will offering is appreciated. For information call 609-884-4065, email hello@coldspringchurch.com, or visit us on the web, www.coldspringchurch.com.



Session Notes

These are the summary notes --or highlights-- of our most recent session meeting. For further details of these notes and additional session discussion matters, please refer to the next set of complete Session Minutes (upon session approval and publication).

Our Session approved the following agenda items on July 5, 2017:

1. Minutes of the stated Session meeting of June 7, 2017;
2. Corporation Meeting: proceed with easement proposal;
3. Resignation of session member Marge MacVeigh.

The Session also discussed the following agenda items in progress:

1. Consideration of electronic security for facilities;
2. "Explore God" Project: program and schedule;
3. Possible gift of new hymnals;
4. Future distribution of Brickette newsletters;
5. New website launch (July);
6. Dinner events (2): update.

Complimentary copies of our approved Session Minutes are located on our information table in the church narthex; additional copies are available in the designated rack by the church office bulletin board in Price Hall.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of the current meeting agenda items, kindly contact the pastor, a session member, or myself for clarification.

-- Rob Riehl, Clerk to Session

JESUS IS THE ANSWER

*Any
Questions?*

FROM THE CLERKS CORNER

"God Questions"

It was someone I hardly knew. A person who existed on the fringe of my life, not even to be considered an acquaintance. I made no effort to engage in any level of conversation with this person. I went my way, and this person went his way. We were aware of each other but did not really know each other. What we knew of each other was basically that we both existed, nothing more than that! And it was that way for many years. But one day an unanticipated personal crisis occurred. When those closest to me were unexpectedly "unavailable", I felt the shock of instant isolation rendering me feeling helpless and hopeless! My world was crashing around me and my life shattered. Did anyone care enough to reach out to me? Miraculously a "Good Samaritan" somehow found out about my situation, called me, and followed up with a visit. It was this stranger who I have kept at a distance. It was both unsettling and yet comforting to have someone seemingly come out of nowhere to be there for me! Over time, with several visits and meaningful conversations, we gradually came to know and appreciate each other more favorably. As these conversations evolved, we built a level of trust whereby we could share our deepest fears and concerns about life and our future. A personal relationship had been formed to the point that I can now say that this person is indeed a faithful, trusted and true friend. Who would have thought that my life could turn around so dramatically because of the lovingkindness of one goodhearted person who mysteriously entered my life and became my best friend!

Does this revelation resonate with you --or with someone you know? This disclosure is not uncommon; many of us have come to know God in this way. In the testimony above, God is the mysterious person who knows about us, cares about us, and loves us unconditionally. He can enter our world quite suddenly and change the direction of our life. If we truly seek Him, He will respond! He desires us to abide with him both now and into eternity. All we need do is to surrender to his loving call; he will be with us!

Though we can know God through his creation and his revelation, we can know him personally through Jesus Christ. When we have self-identified with Jesus, we can truly say "What a friend we have in Jesus"! And yet, because of who God is, we cannot on this side of Heaven comprehend the fullness of God or understand the seemingly paradoxical aspects of his being. Abundant mystery remains! And what is a mystery as it pertains to God? Theologically, a mystery is a religious truth incomprehensible to human reason and knowable only through divine revelation. Another definition: "Some mysteries are not questions to be answered, but is just a kind of opaque fact --a thing which exists to be not known." God has made sure that we know enough about him for the present; the rest shall remain mysterious until the afterlife.

There are many questions one could ask about God. Do you have any questions about God? Ask yourself these questions: Are you curious about God? Do you ever wonder about him? Have you sometimes doubted God? Do you know what he is like? Do you know what he does? Have you ever wondered why he created us? Do you know what he expects of us? Do you know what he has planned for us? Do you trust God? How is God present in your life? Why do you suppose God is invisible? Why is he so mysterious? Do you have some unanswered questions about God? Ponder this before you answer: "If you could ask God just **one question** -- and you knew he would answer -- what would you ask him?" ***

Have you considered praying to God for the answer to your question? Have you listened for his answer? In September, our church will be participating (with several area churches) in a six-week program entitled "The Explore God Project"; it is about knowing God --and hopefully answering your questions about him. Details to come!

~ Rob Riehl

*** Option: you may send your question to me at robriehl@verizon.net; I am curious to know!



**Chandelier Restoration Fundraiser for 303 year young
Cold Spring Presbyterian Church**

Murder Mystery Dinner

Price Hall (Seashore & Academy Rd.; Cold Spring, NJ)

August 26 promptly starting at 5 p.m.

The Roaring Funnies Theme will be performed
by Riddlesbrood Touring Theater Co.

To be part of the amazing evening contact – Judy Beare at 609-425-1776
to order pre-paid ticket. Donation \$45.00 pp

Dinner entrée Roast Beef or Chicken

Family and friends invited – Seating is limited

Name _____

Number of tickets _____

Beef _____ Chicken _____



PRAISE IN THE PARK 2017

FREE OUTDOOR CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday August 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

***at the Cape May County Park and Zoo, (707 Route 9 North,
Cape May Court House.)***

***Come join in the fun, in addition to the great Christian Artists
and Bands featured for the event we will have guest speakers,
Blow up Bouncers, Face painting, Sno-Cones and much more.***

So bring your family and friends and enjoy a great day.