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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.



### from the Pastor



### Annual Open Air Flea and Craft Market

Sellers, Crafters and Vendors welcome.

Cold Spring Church Field,  
780 Seashore Road,  
(Corner of Academy &  
Seashore Roads),  
Saturday Sept. 16th  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Register your \$15 space  
today online, calling the  
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Connect to the Community at  
Cold Spring Church!

### September Is the Perfect Time To Increase Your Joy!



*"Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us go back and visit the people in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing." Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, but*

*Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work. They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the church to the grace of the Lord. He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches"(Acts 15:36-41).*

September begins with our national Labor Day celebration, a movement in the United States that started in Oregon and later spread to New Jersey and three others states in 1887. Designated by the federal government to be the first Monday in September, it is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers.

Cold Spring Church recognizes and expresses gratitude for our staff, and the myriad of current and retired workers both in the congregation and our community at large. Workers have contributed to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our congregation, and our country. The holiday is well-deserved. We should take joy in our work, and enjoy rest from our labor, too.

In the passage above from Acts, the ministry team that included Paul, Barnabas, Silas, and John Mark decided to re-calibrate the good things they did by paying attention to what was bringing joy, and what wasn't. They knew that God not only cared about *what we accomplish*, but *how we are feeling*. Our wellness of mind, body, and spirit applies to faith communities, too.

I am delighted and humbled to accept the session's invitation to continue another year in my interim part-time role as the transformation pastor. West Jersey Presbytery's Committee on Ministry last month approved the contract for another term and celebrated the progress we have experienced. There is a hope-filled future for Cold Spring Presbyterian Church as we continue to listen to the Spirit and move forward together. Thank you your support.

More individuals have volunteered to take on new responsibilities and many others have increased their participation in worship, activities, events, and ministries. There is a flip-side to positive *engagement*, it is called *fatigue*. As we continue to grow and learn, we need to monitor ourselves so that we do not become fatigued in doing good (see Galatians 5:6-7). How are you feeling? Do you feel fatigued? Are you over- or under- utilized? Are you ready for something new? Or, do you need a well-deserved break, or do something different?

While we can feel energized, from time to time we may feel a bit overwhelmed. If you do, that's O.K., and please let me know. We care about how you are feeling! We don't want to sacrifice our own sense of joy in serving. One of the early mottos of the Labor Day movement was "8 Hours Work, 8 Hours Recreation, 8 Hours Rest." There is a natural rhythm to the cycles of life in our work, in our volunteer service, and in our retirement, too!

For example, the rhythms of engaging a new vision, preparing, and maintaining high engagement, and then enjoying accomplishments should naturally be followed by rest, learning, reflection, and the option for re-engagement. These cycles vary for each person and can span days, weeks, or months, depending on our circumstances. It's all good. We might have been energized by serving for years as a liturgist or on a church team, for example, but we now may want to try something different. That's great! Try something different! There are new ministries developing that might be the perfect fit for you right now, or suggest a new ministry yourself.

Do you volunteer with a community organization, not for profit, or service group? Thank you for your service! But remember to pay attention to your own wellness to be sure you are getting the resources you need to offer your best. You can count on the Cold Spring Church community to deliver refreshment of the spirit and to support you as you serve.

We tend to overlook our own needs. But to experience more satisfaction and joy in your service to others, the first week of September is the perfect time to recalibrate, and be open for what God may invite you to do next. The Apostle Paul's mission team decided to uniquely invest their resources to visit all the towns where they had served to see how they were doing (Acts 15:36), which resulted in strengthening the churches (Acts 15:41). We need to be strengthened, too.

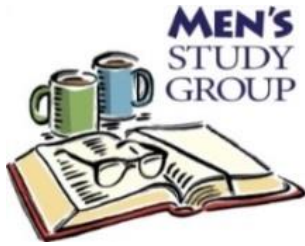
No matter what availability or particular gifts you have to offer, they are welcomed at Cold Spring Church. You can make a difference. Thank you for your *labor* (1 Thessalonians 1:2-5). Thank you for the opportunity you have offered me to *labor another year with you* in this ministry! Enjoy your Labor Day. Let's make time to pause, rest, and then consider how to creatively re-engage to experience joy in the ministry opportunities ahead!

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pastor Kevin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



## Adult Christian Education

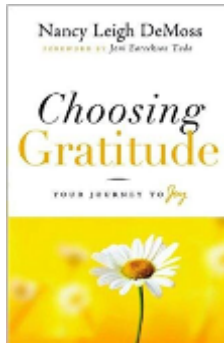


### Men's Group Ministry:

On **September 6:** From the DVD "Does America Have a Prayer?" Dr. D. James Kennedy delivers his fifth sermon of this set entitled "*Purity in an Impure World*". 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 **September 20:** Every persecuted Christian has a name... a face... a story. From the sixth episode of the DVD series "I am N", the focus is upon the theme of **faithfulness**. It is not easy to be faithful when teaching our family, friends, and neighbors about Jesus can cost us our lives. What can we learn from this video about choosing to trust and rely on God's steadfast faithfulness despite challenging circumstances? 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:



On **September 13th:** The world tells us annoyances and afflictions cause discouragement and doubt --and that we are right to demand our way. Given what Christ has done for us, our lives should overflow with gratitude. Sadly, too often they don't. Nancy Leigh DeMoss's book *Choosing Gratitude* speaks powerfully to one of our most important issues as individuals, families, and churches. Journey closer to the Heart of God --choose gratitude! Begin reading and discussing this inspirational book with us on September 13. Together we will learn the key to a peaceful, joy-filled heart in every circumstance of life. (Note: the book is not required to participate as we will provide an audio CD for the learning experience.) **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!**



### Q Place: "Explore God"

Beginning on September 27, a weekly series of "Q and A" discussions will focus upon the sermon topic of the previous Sunday worship service. There will be at least six such "open meetings" available to anyone who would like to participate. This sermon discussion series will be held in the Taylor Room of Price Hall at 10:15 a.m. This series continues on October

4, 11, 18, 25, and concludes on November 1st. Invite someone to come with you.

**Everyone is welcome!**



### 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, Moderator of the Deacons*



**The Deacons wish to thank everyone who participated in our Backpack program. The Church of the Nazarene and St. Barnabas Church in the Villas are assisting us in distributing the supplies we received. We were happy to be able to donate over a dozen backpacks containing pencils, crayons, safety scissors, note books, paper, rulers and glue sticks. I know the children receiving these supplies will appreciate them because there is nothing more embarrassing than to start the new school year and not have the things the other kids have. Once again thank you for your generosity.**

*Neil Oberlin, Moderator, Deacons*



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. Contact Rob Riehl or the church office.



### **FOR OPEN AIR FLEA AND CRAFT MARKET ON SEPT. 16TH**

(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 greet people at our Cold Spring Welcome Table.

### **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 Sept. 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](mailto:hello@coldspringchurch.com), or visit us on the web at [www.coldspringchurch.com](http://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 August 2, 2017:

1. Pastor's renewed one-year contract;
2. Requested use of Price Hall by community groups (2);
3. Date for "Communion Sunday" changed to August 13;
4. Report of Pastor-Moderator for month of July 2017;
5. "Mystery Dinner" event to be a fund-raiser for chandelier restoration;
6. Pastor vacation request for Sunday 9/10/17, and for pulpit supply request;

The Session also discussed the following agenda items in progress:

1. Status of PCUSA Mission support and WJP apportionment;
2. Cemetery Team: additional members (2) and chairperson;
3. Determination of credit card fees of church and cemetery;
4. Exploration of forming a church choir.

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.

**Announcement:** The Session is pleased to announce that Rev. Dr. Kevin Yoho will remain our "Transformation Pastor" for another year to continue leading us into our preparation to fulfill our mission: the search for a permanent pastor.

The request of the Session to renew Dr. Yoho's contract has been approved by the Commission on Ministry on behalf of the West Jersey Presbytery. There is a complete job description for this position which has been approved by the Commission on Ministry. The terms of his reappointment are consistent with the Compensation Policy of the Presbytery. The details of this one-year contract can be made available to any interested member of our congregation. Contact the church office to access this information or ask a member of Session (or Clerk to Session, Rob Riehl).



## **FROM THE CLERK'S CORNER "We All Have Questions"**

We all have questions about God, faith, religion, and more. Where can we find the answers? Where --and with whom-- can we discuss our personal perspectives and experiences about these questions? The "Explore God" series is designed to provide opportunities for people

to explore these important questions through hearing sermons and participating in follow-up discussion groups. Six area Christian churches have collaborated to invite their surrounding communities in Cape May County to explore the many common and important questions about God. This community outreach initiative calls everyone who is seeking satisfying answers to these questions ---both those affiliated with a church and those who do not belong to a church. Why is having and sharing this knowledge important? What is the objective --the mission-- of this initiative? Through this process, participants can both strengthen their own faith beliefs and be able to engage in healthy spiritual conversations with others. This is a way for everyone who hears the Word of God to fulfill the command of the Great Commission: to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to his/her world ---their "*sphere of influence*".  
You are invited to explore God!



The "**Explore God**" Sunday sermon series schedule:

*September 24 "Does Life have a purpose?"*

*October 1 "Why does a good God allow pain and suffering?"*

*October 8 "How bad is 'too bad'? / How good is 'good enough'?"*

*October 15 "Jesus: lunatic, moral example, or God?"*

*October 22 "Is Christianity too narrow?"*

*October 29 "Is the Bible reliable?"*



**"Q Place"** means a safe place where you can ask questions about the topic under discussion.

Everyone has the opportunity to explore the question more deeply --some by asking questions or sharing their own perspective and experience; others may prefer to just "listen in" and learn from what others have to say. Whether you are an active or a passive learner does not matter; the shared questions, perspectives, and experiences provide an interesting learning opportunity for everyone in the group. A short DVD introduction of the scheduled question will be viewed, followed by comments from the group. These comments are often the catalyst that ignites stimulating discussion! Recommended readings would be presented for those who wish to further explore the topic on their own.

For anyone interested in discussing these Sunday sermon questions within a small group setting, simply show up for the designated class. No registration is needed to participate in this open-meeting format. You may participate in any one or more of these weekly sessions.

Coffee and fellowship begin at 10:15 a.m. with the discussion led by a facilitator beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The "Q Place" discussion group schedule:

Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. in the Taylor Room of Price Hall September 27;  
October 4, 11, 18, 25; and November 1.

In the course of the next few weeks, you will notice a banner proclaiming "We all have Questions! --Explore God" posted on Seashore Road as you approach our worship center. There will also be several "lawn signs" positioned by our several property driveways and facility entrances. This is just one of the several ways that our church is announcing to our surrounding community (and the out-of-town drive-by vehicles) that we at Cold Spring are a participating church in this mission! Help us by "spreading the word" and by your personal prayers for its success. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

--Rob Riehl



### **SINGING TEAM FORMING**

Music is an integral part of our worship experience every week at Cold Spring Church. We enjoy a range of music from traditional to contemporary and we want to do more. If you'd like to share your voice or other musical talent with others in a singing team that is just beginning to explore the possibilities, please let music director Jayne McDonough know of your interest, or call the church office.

*Let's make some music together!*

### **FOOD CUPBOARD NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER 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 362 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 September will be:**

<b>Sept. 3</b>	<b>Instant rice, canned soups, Ramen Noodles, crackers</b>
<b>Sept. 10</b>	<b>Toothpaste &amp; brushes, soap (bars), toilet paper, pasta and sauce</b>
<b>Sept. 17</b>	<b>Peanut butter and grape jelly, fruit cups, canned vegetables</b>
<b>Sept. 24</b>	<b>Hot and cold tea, hot &amp; cold cereals, powdered milk, canned meat</b>

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



**Thank you** to all who attended and contributed to our first Murder Mystery Dinner. We served over 94 Dinners and Cleared \$2,864.37. To date we have collected \$4,055.00 towards our goal of \$9,500.00 with our two fundraising events. Thank you for your support!



***"Save the Date" for another of our fabulous dinners. October 21st - Chicken Pot Pie in Puff Pastry - 5 p.m. in Price Hall.***



Our Annual Soup and Sandwich Luncheon, Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, November 4th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Price Hall. All donations of Christmas crafts and Christmas items and baked goods will be appreciated as well as volunteers to help on that day. We will also accept "White Elephant items" as we do at the Strawberry Festival.

If anyone would like to make soup or sandwiches, please call Roseann Paulits (886-8220) for recipes or with any questions. All proceeds benefit Presbyterian Women Missions. Thank you all for your help.