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Communities, and
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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.



The Presbyterian Women's Annual Strawberry Festival will be held Saturday, June 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please come out and support this major mission fundraising event. There will be arts and crafts, white elephant tables, linen, jewelry, baked goods, strawberry shortcake and a hot dog barbeque. Come out and bring your family and friends.

Updating Our Directory

In this newsletter we are including a contact information form for you to complete if you wish to be included in our new *Directory of the Cold Spring Presbyterian Church Community*

The directory will include not only members of the congregation but our friends and frequent visitors to worship, activities and events. If you wish to have a photo included, get that to us, too! Visit the church office to drop off your form or e-mail hello@coldspringchurch.com as soon as possible.

Make connections. Return the form today!

A Message from the Pastor

Memories for the Imagination

“Now when all the nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the Lord spoke to Joshua, saying, “Take up for yourselves twelve stones from here out of the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the priests’ feet are standing firm, and carry them over with you and lay them down in the lodging place”... Let this be a sign among you, that when your children ask later, ‘What do these stones mean?’ then you shall say to them, ‘Because the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord’... So these stones shall become a memorial to Israel forever” (Joshua 4:1-7, NASB).

What do you remember? We recall lots of facts, but many important events and experiences are often forgotten. When the nation of Israel was freed from slavery

and led to the promised land about 3,400 years ago (*circa* 1451-1260 BCE), God wanted them to remember how the waters of the Jordan River were held back allowing the people to cross to safety on dry ground! He instructed that 12 large stones carried from the other side be placed along the Canaan river bank as a memorial. “When the children ask, ‘What do these stones mean to you?’” They will tell the amazing story of safe passage. God knows we need help remembering from time to time and memorial stones become an object lesson with a story.



Historic Ancestors Walk— A Guided Walking Tour of Cold Spring Church and Cemetery-

One way Cold Spring Presbyterian Church remembers God's activity in our lives spanning three centuries is through the thousands of markers and memorial stones placed across our cemetery campus.

Our cemetery staff continue the tradition of dignified and personalized service to families. In all shapes and sizes, stones not only mark where the remains of loved ones were

safely laid, but they also represent individual and community stories worth retelling. Later this month our **Historic Ancestors Walk— A Guided Walking Tour of Cold Spring Church and Cemetery** will invite the Cape May community to enjoy its new season. Our history-loving team of costumed docents and storytellers will recount heartfelt struggles, sadness, and grief along with inspiring stories of success, triumph, and hope of those who have been buried here. The tour continues inside our historic red brick church where history comes alive with inspiring stories of ministry and notable U.S. presidential visits. Our 2018 Historic Ancestors Walk schedule will be posted online soon. If you enjoy history and would like to join the team, please contact Elaine Jordan or email hello@coldspringchurch.com for more information.



How We Remember- There are three main memory functions in our brains: Sensory, Short-term, and Long-term. Sensory memory fills up with what's happening now. Short-term memory processes information for a few minutes longer. If we attribute importance to it and repeatedly access it, it becomes a short-term working memory. Information that has great value to us is kept indefinitely as Long-term memory. This is the "remembering" part of the brain that is encoded with meaning, smells, colors, and other sensory attributes. These memories can deeply affect our future behaviors and attitudes. Being aware of what we remember informs our future.

Memorial Day each year represents personal (and national) awareness and reverence, honoring those Americans who died while defending our Nation and its values. Our national "Remembering Day" emerged before the end of the Civil War when women who lost family and friends annually gathered to place flowers on the graves of those who had fallen in the service of their country. A hymn published in 1867, "Kneel Where Our Loves are Sleeping" by Nella L. Sweet carried the dedication "To The Ladies of the South who are Decorating the Graves of the Confederate Dead" (Source: [Duke University's Historic American Sheet Music, 1850-1920](#)).

In what part of *your* brain's memory is Memorial Day remembered? Many visited our cemetery last weekend. The Veterans' graves were honored with flowers. Memorial Day can be a gratitude-driven day of remembering.

Communities Have Memories- Listening to each other's "memories" and honoring the values attributed to them is a great way to build a sense of neighborliness, solidarity, and a spirit of humble gratitude in the community at large.

Not only do individuals have memory, but so do communities, groups, institutions, and companies. Kensington, a northeast Philadelphia community, suffered from traumatic and troubled neighborhood memories. These memories were reinforced by racism, classism, and sexism which later stigmatized not only the people, but the place, as well. The neighborhood's quality of life and associated economies promoted historical and persistent injustice and the abuse fragmented families and communities. Instead of ignoring the community's stigma, we embraced the community through personal and direct engagement which empowered the neighborhood to imagine a new future.

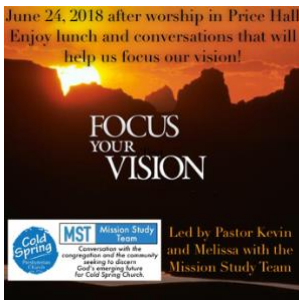
Our love for the entire community and an empathetic recognition of those painful memories created positive connections. Leaders accepted and reframed painful memories to empowering stories during individual and small group exercises. Resolution and hopefulness emerged using simple tools. For example, the children shared their stories and imagined new narratives using crayons. Adults explored their ethnography's on a room-sized timeline to better understand their long-term memories. An entire community was transformed and you may want to read about their story in my new book, [*Crayons for the City, Re neighboring Communities of Faith to Rebuild Neighborhoods of Hope.*](#))

Memories shape our life-narrative, and are affected by our biases. All of us have biases that change the way we evaluate information and form ideas, whether ideas about our past, or when considering the future. When we are aware of our biases, we can honestly reflect on them, be more thoughtful, and our behaviors become more intentional. But when we are less aware of our biases, attitudes, moods, and predispositions, our understanding is clouded. Distorted memories can prevent us from being open to new ideas and cause us to feel stuck in the past, unable to move forward.

Deeply felt memories can be seductive. Like a familiar pair of comfy slippers, memories can lock us into debilitating sentimentality, or fear, anxiety, and pettiness. People gathering as congregations or teams can devolve into a Memory Organization (stuck in the past story) instead of growing into being an Imaginative Organization (co-creating a new future story).

Memories alone and without a shared context can provide marginal benefit and few positive outcomes. But memories can inform new, creative, learning that results in fresh ways of authentic, intentional, and active engagement and outcomes.

Many of our memories can imaginatively enrich the lives of those around us as we embrace a better, hopeful future.



Get Ready To Focus Your Vision! After worship in Price Hall on **Sunday, June 24**, you're invited to enjoy a special luncheon that will be followed by an exciting and interactive learning experience for the entire congregation. We will build on our memories as we focus on our future vision. Pastor Kevin and Melissa will lead this special event. Will we discover how to grow from being only a *Church with memories?* to becoming a Spirit-led community of mission imagination! Plan to attend. All are welcomed!

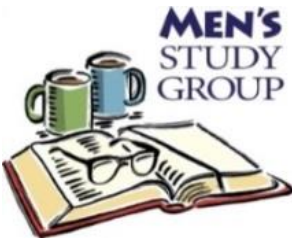
Memorial Day was a great time to recall stories of those who sacrificed their lives in service to their country. Let's honor them by using our memories to unlock our imaginations in God's emerging future.

"Memories are not keys to the past, but to the future." Corrie ten Boom

Gratefully,

Pastor Kevin

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Men's Group Ministry:

"If your dream doesn't scare you, it's too small." *New York Times* best-selling author Mark Batterson delivers a bold message to everyone with a big dream. His new book **Chase the Lion** proposes a radically different approach to life. Our dreams should scare us! They should be so big that without God they would be impossible to achieve. It's only when we stop fearing failure that we can fully seize the opportunity for God to show up and show His power! Join us for the reading and discussion of this life-changing book on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. All men are welcome!



Christian Living:

An unfulfilled life is no way to exist. In his new book and DVD series "***A Life Beyond Amazing***", Dr. David Jeremiah uncovers God's strategy for change and challenges you to make nine important decisions that will transform your heart, your life, and your world. Each of us has just one life to live. Our lives should matter and have purpose. Dr. Jeremiah

urges us to reach out and grasp a life beyond our dreams. "A life beyond amazing can be lived right here on earth!" Our inter-denominational small group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Everyone is welcome!

All classes meet in the Taylor Room of Price Hall.

JOIN OUR CARING TEAM!



Deacon Ministries
Caring for All

The mission of the 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. This is an amazing opportunity to serve and to help others in our community. If you are interested becoming a Deacon, please let the pastor or one of the deacons know.

Thank you! Neil Oberlin, Moderator of the Deacons



SINGING TEAM NOW SINGING!

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 join please let music director Jayne McDonough know of your interest, or call the church office.



"Gift of the Heart

The Presbyterian Women will be collecting the following items for Health Kits for Church World Service to give to victims of natural disasters. Donations may be left in boxes in Price Hall or the Church marked Health Kits. Each kit will contain the following items.

(1) Hand towel (approx. 16 x 28) no bath or fingertip towels;
(1) wash cloth; (1) wide-tooth comb; (1) nail clipper (no metal files or

emery boards), (1) bar of soap (bath size in paper wrapper); (1) toothbrush (in original pkg.); (6) Band-Aids or other adhesive bandage strips. Please do not add toothpaste.

Toothpaste, which has an extended expiration date, will be added just prior to shipment.

Items should be sealed in a one gallon plastic bag with zipper closure. If you wish to donate any of the items listed above separately they will be most welcome. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Summer Ham Dinner! Our community family and friends are invited to our annual Summer Dinner, Saturday, June 9, 5 PM in Price Hall!

Our Kitchen Team is preparing a great menu to delight your taste buds— ham with pineapple, veggie, sweet potato, coleslaw, and dessert. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. (BYOB - wine glasses will be provided)

Food allergies? We will try to accommodate your food preferences and provide options. Please let us know of any allergies on your ticket.

The dinner tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$8 for children. Proceeds for the dinner will support our ministry, especially the Price Hall

renovations that are being planned. (Details on the Price Hall improvement projects will follow.)

Sign up by purchasing your tickets online. Or, complete a Reservation Form provided in our worship bulletin and return it to Judy Beare along with your payment.

Come to our table! June 9, 2018, 5 PM, at Cold Spring Church's Price Hall, at the corner of Seashore and Academy Roads next to our large parking lot. Expect to be delighted!

If you'd like more information, contact our Chef, Kevin Beare by email: campus@coldspringchurch.com.



Volunteers With Wheels Wanted!

Are you looking for a way serve others in a very practical way? Do you have room in your car and enjoy company! Consider volunteering to be on our *God Is On The Move!* riding team. Let us know you want to help people get connected! "Holiness is best demonstrated by generosity" (Lk 11:41, LB).



Food Pantry Donations Needed

FOOD CUPBOARD NEWS FOR JUNE 2018

SPRING HAS SPRUNG! Warmer weather and sunny days are always welcomed. Many thanks go out to our wonderful Cold Spring Presbyterian Church people who participate in weekly food drive. The food cupboard is an area we can and are making a difference in our community. *Last month we collected over 331 items for our two food banks (St. Barnabas and 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 2018 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.

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 June will be:

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| June 3 | Instant rice, canned soups, Ramen Noodles, crackers |
| June 10 | Toothpaste & brushes, soap (bars), toilet paper, pasta and sauce |
| June 17 | Peanut butter and grape jelly, fruit cups, canned vegetables |
| June 24 | 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

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 May 2, 2018:

1. Minutes of Session Meeting of April 4, 2018;
2. Report of Moderator for April 2018;
3. New church members (4) interviewed and accepted;
4. "Focus Your Vision" congregational event: June 24 in Price Hall;
5. Year-to-Date Financial Report (January-April 2018)

The Session also discussed the following agenda items in progress:

1. Status of various repair / replacement projects in Price Hall;
2. Update on Membership Pastoral Care proceedings;
3. Status of Church irrigation system restoration;
4. Replace missing pieces of cemetery cast-iron fencing.

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 of Session

From the Clerk's Corner "Our Fathers"

Everyone has a father. Many fathers are well-known and beloved; they are connected to family, friends, and other people. Other fathers may be absent, disconnected, and hardly known. Some of us have fond memories of life with our fathers; others of us for whatever reason do not. Our earthly fathers are much like us in many ways and all fall short of the glory of God --it is the human condition! But as a Christian, I have hope to rise above that fallen condition *because* I have the benefit of having two fathers: my created earthly father and my eternal heavenly Father. I can embrace the commendable attributes of my earthly father and I can ask my heavenly Father for the spiritual gifts that no mere man can bestow.

Fatherhood is demeaned in our secular media culture while fatherlessness is rampant in particular segments in our society. Many men have abdicated their roles as fathers and leaders; too many younger men have tarried in a prolonged state of adolescence. Why do so many fathers feel lost -- helpless and hopeless? What is to become of fatherhood?

Where do we find the true role model for being a father? Jesus directs us to his Father, the author and giver of life itself. Jesus told the apostles that "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father"..."I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you."

Jesus said that he came to earth to do the will of the Father --even to suffering and death on the Cross! Moreover, Jesus taught his apostles to pray to the Father: "Our Father who art in heaven... your will be done on earth... and deliver us from evil." Jesus also said: "Whatever you ask in my name, the Father will give you." As a father loves his children, our heavenly Father loves each and every one of us; he wants to bless us and give us good things --all we need do is ask! We are called to be in alignment and unity with our heavenly Father by following his will and obeying his commands. We show our love by sacrificing and surrendering our self-centered short-sighted will to his all-knowing and perfect will. Jesus said: "The one who loves me will be loved by my Father." What a promise!

A reflective question one needs to ask: am I a blessing or a curse to my family, friends, and other people in my life? Have I perpetuated the *sins* of my forefathers or have I renounced them? Have I accepted, embraced, and demonstrated the *blessings* of my forefathers? Have I ever taken inventory of my ancestral fathers in this way? There are benefits to making this assessment --and there are consequences if we don't! We must repent and jettison our sinful attitudes and behaviors that we have inherited and learned from our earthly fathers and forefathers; we must renew our hearts and minds with Godly Christ-like attitudes and behaviors --and commit to this transformative process! We must change our worldview from a humanistic socialist perspective to God's biblical blueprint and principles for living the Truth, the Way, and the Life! We will become better fathers modeling divine direction and purpose.

In this month of June, the secular commercial world celebrates "Fathers' Day" --a token gesture for just one day. Would you not like to see fathers exalted and fatherhood truly honored in our culture throughout the year? We can effect change in our personal sphere of influence and collectively change the culture at large. Indeed, civilizations can rise or fall in just four generations! What will be your contribution and legacy in this matter? Our individual lives do matter and our fatherly roles matter --both now and for future generations.

Some of you reading this are fathers, grandfathers, great-grandfathers, or father-figures. Has anything presented here resonated with you? We are never too old to change our ways if we open our hearts to the One Who can effect our desired changes. Become a blessing to be emulated by others both now and for generations to come. What a legacy!

~ Rob Riehl

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM. Tear off, and return to the church office!

Building the Cold Spring Presbyterian Church Community

We are in the final stages of producing our Members and Friends Directory, and we'd like to include you! The Directory is intended to build our sense of community and promote conversation, contact, and prayerfulness. Your information and privacy is our primary concern. We will only include information you wish to be included in our printed Directory. The Directory will be distributed to everyone in the Directory, and will be available in the church office. No information will be published online, or shared with third parties. Please update your preferences below. Please print clearly!

Check each item you wish to include in this year's Directory and fill-in that information, below.

Please INCLUDE the items checked below:

(If a couple or Family, please fill in separate form for each individual.)

_____ My Name _____

_____ My Photo _____

_____ My Home Address _____

_____ My home phone number _____

_____ My mobile phone number _____

_____ My email address: _____

_____ My Seasonal Address _____

_____ My Birthday (Month/Day) _____

_____ My Anniversary (Month/Day) _____



After worship on the front lawn!