



Transforming Lives,
Communities, and
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300 Years

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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.



Two Special Events!

Click the [links](#) below for more information and to reserve your seat!

Fri. Feb. 8, 5 PM **Winter Dinner,** **Homemade Meat** **Loaf, Mac & Cheese** **– \$15**



“Chef” Kevin Beare has prepared a menu of your seasonal favorites: Homemade Meat Loaf; Macaroni & Cheese; Stewed Tomatoes, Salad
Dessert: Red Velvet Cupcake; Beverage (and, BYOB).
Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased online, or email:

dinners@coldspringchurch.com

Sun. Feb. 10, 12 PM **Luncheon Presentation-** **Victorian Courtship and** **Marriage – RSVP**

Please join us for lunch followed by a program presented by MAC's

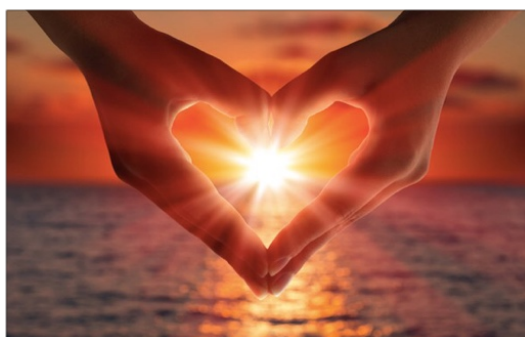


Mary Stewart and featuring a special appearance by Dr. Physick. It is not necessary for you to bring anything, but please let us know you are coming.

Please RSVP by February 3rd.
More info: Contact Lenore Bowne at 609-898-6159, or Marge Wetherill at 609-884-7464.

A Message from the Pastor

We Have A Heart



Happy
Valentine's Day!

Whether you *enjoy* or *avoid* Valentine's Day, we all have one inescapable need: to feel loved. Love is a core value of

Cold Spring Church. God loves us more than we can possibly imagine.

“For God loved the world that he gave his one and only Son...” (John 3:16-17). We seek to, "love one another with mutual affection..." and to "outdo one another in showing honor" (Romans 12:10). We want to belong to something meaningful and feel cared for. Each of us can fulfill our life's mission of love that God has given us to do (Ephesians 2:8-10). God wants us to show that love to others every day of the year.

For many, special days like Valentine's Day only reinforces that we either feel loved, or it reminds us that we feel unloved. While all of us are unlovable from time to time, all of us can count on God "lavishing his love on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" (1 John 3:1).

*“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart”
(That is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if*

you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:8b-13).

You are loved! All of us (and I mean all of us, including me!) struggle to consistently and authentically have a heart for everyone. Always listen and show respect to others. Jesus' love for the world shows us that we will have heart-to-heart contact with neighbors we might not agree with, with people we may not like, or even fear. Our neighbors, young and old, deserve to experience the love of God. And Cold Spring Church continues to deliver spiritual resources to our neighbors. As Presbyterians, we are positively influenced by the great 16th Century Reformers like John Calvin. Our faith affects our entire being. Our Transformation Journey engages both our mind and heart.

To "have a heart" as a follower of Jesus, however, is not easy. It is not automatic. On our *Transformation Journey*, we want to thoughtfully reflect on our ministry as we move forward. How do we do that? One way is to remind each other to test all we do by asking ourselves:

*"Does **my** idea show I have a heart?, "*

*"How does **our** project/ministry show the love of God?, "*

*"In what ways did **our** service/event/activity show God's love?, "*

*"How could **I** improve and better show God's love next time?"*

The Apostle Paul reminded the community of faith in Rome:

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim)."

As we embrace a ***We Have a Heart*** spirit this year, we will better reflect and demonstrate the love of God in greater Cape May because... (say it with me!):

I have a heart!

We have a heart!

Yes, we do, and we will!

And thank you for all you do!

Sincerely,

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



Food Pantry Donations Needed

FOOD CUPBOARD NEWS FOR FEBRUARY 2019

As the winter season is upon us more people are experiencing real hardship. We hear every day about the homeless among us. The food banks are begging for supplies to fill their shelves. We have been blessed here at Cold Spring Presbyterian Church with many generous people who donate to our weekly food drive. Unfortunately many in our community head south for the winter, which makes a big difference in the donations to our food cupboard. ***Last month we collected over 300 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. With God's help, may we finish out the year by opening our hearts to others in need. The list below is 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."

Deacon Collection for January

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| Feb. 3 | Instant rice, canned soups, Ramen Noodles, crackers |
| Feb. 10 | Toothpaste & brushes, soap (bars), toilet paper, pasta and sauce |
| Feb. 17 | Peanut butter and grape jelly, fruit cups, canned vegetables |
| Feb. 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 January 8, 2019:

1. Minutes of Stated Session Meeting of Dec. 4, and of Special Session Meeting of Dec. 9, 2018;
2. Moment for Mission: "Sanctity of Life" for Sunday, January 20, 2019;
3. Purchase of "QuickBooks Essentials" software subscription for Finance Team;
4. To increase salary for cemetery superintendent instead of family health care coverage;
5. Presbyterian Women: calendar of events for 2019.

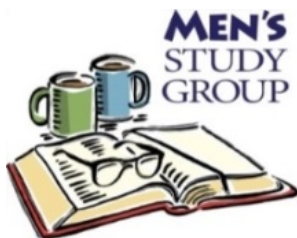
The Session also discussed the following agenda items in progress:

1. Revise, improve, and enlarge our session team structures;
2. Formation of a team to explore the best use of our Manse;
3. Explore new connections to the community;
4. To target a group in the community as a focus mission;
5. Elder training in Time, Energy, and Attention (TEA).

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

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:

What would you say if someone were to ask you, "Do you know that God loves you?" Do you *really* believe it? Are you *living* like you know and believe it? In this dvd series, "***Know and Believe The Love***", Kenneth Copeland will help you grow from mental agreement with the fact that God loves you, to *knowing* in your heart and living in the truth of His love every day. Live in *the blessing* as God always intended for you, and step into a whole new level of love for your family, your friends, and your world! Join us for the viewing and discussion of this "love ministry" on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Everyone is welcome! All classes meet in the Taylor Room of Price Hall.



God Is On The Move! Volunteers With A Car Needed! Are you looking for a way serve others in a very practical way, have room in your car and enjoy company? Consider volunteering to be on our ***God Is on the Move!*** Riding team. "Holiness is best demonstrated by generosity" (Lk 11:41, LB). **Need a Ride?!** If you know of someone who would appreciate a ride to worship, or to our other events, please let us know. We want to put them in touch with volunteers who can assist with that! Cold Spring Presbyterian Church, where God Is On the Move!



The February meeting of the Mary Circle will be at 7 p.m. on February. Vickie Banks and Ruth Traber will be co-hostesses. Nancy Reed will do the Bible reading and Barbara Cain will read from the Mission Book. We will be meeting as usual in Price Hall.

"Outside the Walls"

Walls (and fences) are "in the news"! Of these reports, some are asserted to be "truth" while others are declared to be "fake"! Is there a truth about walls, fences, and gates? Why are there innumerable walls, fences, and gates in the world? (Just *wondering*: do such fortifications exist in Heaven or Hell?) Where is the truth? How can we discern "the truth" amidst the confusing narratives constantly proffered by the media? This is the outcome when man determines "the truth" expedient for the moment -- completely unhinged from absolute truth. As Christian believers, we know where absolute truth is to be found. It is not to be found in some political ideology, philosophical pronouncement, or the voice of a celebrity or media pundit; rather truth itself is found in a person --and that person is divine, the Son of God, Jesus Christ. "I am the way, **the truth**, and the life." (John 14:6) How can we, as followers of Christ, get His truth "out *there*" --beyond our walls? How can we present Jesus to those unchurched who live in our community?

Have you considered that who you are and what you do both *inside* and *outside* our "church walls" can be *attractive* and *contagious* to others? How can you, as an individual and ordinary person of the world transform yourself into an extraordinary *person of the Spirit*? How can a small group of such *Spirit-led persons* transform your church, the local "Body of Christ", into an attractive and contagious place to belong?

Our role model to emulate is Jesus Christ, who invited twelve individual and ordinary men to follow Him in his mission and ministry. In their continuing fellowship, this "band of brothers" learned how to do outreach ministry by observing how Jesus interacted with others: what He said, what He did, and how He connected with them. Jesus addressed their life problems and their life questions. He gave them hope in a new way of living: "I am the way, the truth, and the life"... "Follow Me"! These first apostles were transformed by imitating Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and were sent out into their known world to inspire and encourage others to live likewise. Then as now, unchurched seekers become attracted to Christ's new way of living; then as now, Jesus' ministry becomes contagious! Are you now emulating Jesus Christ in your life? Are you now in fellowship with other Spirit-led persons? Have you shared with someone the transformative power of Christ in your life? Are you ready to be sent into the world *outside our church walls* as an emissary of Jesus Christ?

How do we treat our fellow men and women? As the world does or as Christ would have us do? The world of man celebrates power and control, wealth and status --a self-centered and "me first" attitude. In stark contrast, the world of God celebrates humility and service, integrity and righteousness --a self-sacrificial and altruistic attitude. They will know that we are Christians by our love! We demonstrate this love by giving of our time, energy, and attention to those within "our sphere of influence" --manifesting compassion, generosity, kindness, patience, and prayer for everyone we encounter. Through our example, we strive to inspire and encourage others to do the same. This inspiration is attractive and contagious!

Outside the walls of our church is our local "mission field"; let us "plant seeds" of Christ's Truth in the minds and hearts of those who are searching for answers to their life problems. People are hungry and searching for truth to their life questions: who am I? what is the meaning of life? what is my purpose? what is my destiny? The atheist-secular world is found empty --intellectually and morally bankrupt; it cannot provide the soul-satisfying answers to these deep-seated essential life questions. The opposition would have us stay in our sandbox --"walled in" as it were, so that the voice of Truth cannot be heard outside our walls. But we, the church --working together as the Body of Christ-- can breach these "politically incorrect" walls, influence and transform the lives of those who would otherwise be lost looking for the answers in all the wrong places.

This is how the early church overcame "the walls, fences, and gates" of the Roman Empire transforming their barbaric pagan culture into a Christian civilized world. We, in the twenty-first century, now face the same challenge of penetrating "the walls" of our atheist-secular culture; what an opportunity! Let us not remain

still and silent, to be found "conforming to the world" thus rendering God's Word to be weak and ineffective; rather let us assume the pro-active role of Jesus Christ "making a difference in the world"! Let this be our everlasting legacy: that we made a difference in people's lives --giving them a fixed hope in Christ's way, truth, and life! - Rob Riehl

[ARE YOU READY TO GROW IN 2019? \(click for more info\)](#)



Explore the possibilities at Cold Spring Church!

We have a special place for you, too!

Our next informative Explorer Membership Orientation will be led by Pastor Kevin and starts **Sunday, February 10.**

We will gather for three consecutive Sundays in February: 2/10, 2/17, and 2/24. Our 45-minute sessions are led by Pastor Kevin and will begin at 9:15 AM on the 2nd floor of our Red Brick Church Worship Center!

Bring your questions, doubts, and stories as we get to know one another and the unique benefits and responsibilities afforded to members, as we consider the foundations of the Christian faith and how 2019 can be the year of possibilities for you! RSVP today! Call [609-884-4065](tel:609-884-4065), or email hello@coldspringchurch.com. We hope to see you at 9:15 for our first class on Sunday, February 10!

JOIN OUR CARING TEAM!



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