



Transforming Lives,
Communities, and
the World for
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.



A Message from the Pastor

“Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father” (John 14:12).

On a sunny day in March, just before Easter, a new church was starting. Energy and anticipation were running high. Over two hundred people signed the charter documents and publicly pledged their resources of mind, body, and spirit to achieve the mission of the new congregation.

Neighbors got together and agreed that God has challenged them to make a positive difference in their community. They were committed to each other and their town. Denominational leaders, community leaders, supporters, and neighbors crowded the site as ceremonial shovels were placed into the soil. The founding pastor read scripture and preached the first sermon. Afterward, the celebration continued in songs and stories of faith. For years to come, the community was blessed because of the great things God did in their midst!

The beginning of Cold Spring Presbyterian Church was a bit like the church, above. For 305 years, we *still* are: *In the community. With the community. For the community.* As we continue our transformational journey, we are re-doubling our commitment to deliver needed spiritual resources in the name of Jesus Christ, in new and effective ways, right **here** in greater Cape May. What an exciting journey! And, what’s more, you have an important and unique part to play adding your gifts, time, energy, attention and wonderful songs and stories of faith!

March is a great month to be moved by the winds of the *Spirit* ! There are many ways to participate as a faith community this month. I am sure you will want to invite friends and family, too! I have included a few very special events, below:

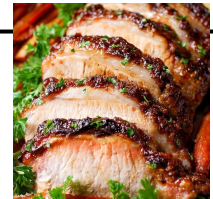
Sunday, March 3, after our 10:30 AM worship celebration in the red brick church, join us for [Lunch and Conversations at the Back Bay Bistro](#). (RSVP to Lenore Bowne.)



Wednesday, March 6, we gather in Price Hall for our third annual [Ash Wednesday Service](#). This year we have invited our friends from First Presbyterian in Cape May to join us. After a meaningful service, stay for a complimentary lunch. It's the perfect start to your Lenten Journey!



Friday, March 29 at 5:00 PM, you will enjoy our **Spring Fling Roast Pork Dinner**. Details are in this issue of the Brickette, or online. Visit bit.ly/CSPCSpringFling for details and to make your reservations.



Sunday, March 31 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, we are invited to join with the entire West Jersey Presbytery in this year's **Congregational Life Sunday** at the Hammonton Presbyterian Church. Rides are provided. It's a great afternoon to learn and grow with others who want to make a difference in their community, too! (See details and RSVP online at coldspringchurch.com.)



Palm Sunday is April 14! You will want to join in this important worship celebration as we enjoy special music and experience the Gospel recalling Jesus' ride into Jerusalem at our 10:30 AM service in the red brick church.



Maundy Thursday is 6:00 PM, April 18 Plan to attend this meaningful communion service in the red brick church at 6:00 PM. All are invited. Invite your neighbors to gather at the Table with Jesus as we remember the Last Supper.



Easter Sunrise at Sunset Beach begins at 6:15 AM The third annual Easter service on the beach promises to be another energizing event! Details online. Complimentary coffee, tea, and breakfast treats. Come as you are and enjoy great music and an inspiring telling of the Good News that He Is Risen! Listen with neighbors and friends to the Cape May Point beach sounds of waves and seagulls as the sun rises!



Easter Worship Celebration, 10:30 AM A beautifully decorated sanctuary, special music, interactive message for kids, and inspiring message from God's word await you as we retell the Greatest Story Ever Told. You and your family will want to arrive ready for what could be a life-transforming experience of hope!



The Spirit of God with us; HERE! is the core motivation for our church's mission. The motives of nonprofit and charitable organizations are fundamentally different from their for-profit counterparts. Charities, foundations, fraternal and affinity groups, and faith communities such as churches, are all driven by their motivations to benefit the community at large. Nonprofits are established to serve a socially valuable purpose for the public good. But, in addition, our church is established to serve a *spiritually* valuable purpose, too, for the the public good. Though the interests of the public change over time based on shifting contexts and community needs, the motives of a worshipping and witnessing community should be clear even during tumultuous and disruptive change, and transformational journeys. Can a congregation fall in love with its neighborhood? Oh, absolutely! We have, and that's our continuing job to do.

Our faith community is deeply rooted in the places and the people that call it home. How will they know God's love and the forgiveness and hope Jesus provides if they don't experience it here? How will those who struggle with the challenges of daily life find the resources they need if they don't find those resources here? Are you looking for hope? Find it here! Do you want to live your very best life, the abundant life? Meet the God who loves you, here!

Show God's abundant and unconditional love to neighbors, friends, family, strangers, and visitors this month because we are:

In the community.

With the community.

For the community.

Thank you for sharing and choosing to be an important part of our future. Jesus said, "Greater things you will do!" And we are!

Sincerely,

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



2019 MARCH DINNER



COLD SPRING PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH 5PM

PRICE HALL @ the corner of Academy Rd. &
Seashore Rd.

EAT-IN - 5pm OR PICK UP TAKE-OUT 5:30pm

ROAST PORK DINNER
\$15.00 PP

**SALAD, ROAST PORK & APPLE
SAUCE, HONEY GLAZED
CARROTS, BAKED SWEET
POTATO, ROLL, DESSERT,
BEVERAGE, BYOB**

Have questions or want to place an order?

For online reservations, click here! (www.bit.ly/CSPC.SpringFling)

FOOD CUPBOARD NEWS FOR MARCH 2019



Food Pantry Donations Needed

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 significantly less than the 300 items we collected the previous month for our two food banks (St. Barnabas and the Church of the Nazarene).*** I pray that we will continue to donate and increase our sharing each month. The list below is a guideline of the items the food banks have the most need of. 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 March

- March 3 Instant rice, canned soups, Ramen Noodles, crackers
- March 10 Toothpaste & brushes, soap (bars), toilet paper, pasta and sauce
- March 17 Peanut butter and grape jelly, fruit cups, canned vegetables
- March 24 Hot and cold tea, hot & cold cereals, powdered milk, canned meat
- March 31 Baby food and diapers and pet food

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



The March meeting of the Mary Circle will be at 7 p.m. on March 19th. Barbara Cain and Joanne Miller will be co-hostesses. Roseann Paulits will do the Bible reading and Elaine Jordan will read from the Mission Book. We will be meeting as usual in Price Hall.

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 February 5, 2019:

1. Minutes of Stated Session Meeting of January 8, 2019;
2. Transfer of funds to cemetery for payroll;
3. West Jersey Presbytery fee for "Congregational Life Sunday" (March 31).

The Session also discussed the following agenda items in progress:

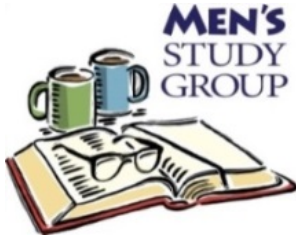
1. Debrief of Annual Congregational Meeting on January 27, 2019;
2. Mission Study Report: set timely goals toward final report to be affirmed by congregation;
3. Presbytery Mission Grant: report on details of grant use and steps to implementation;
4. Team Reports: presentations by Congregation and Community Life, Worship and Music, Finance and Personnel;

5. Elder Training: Introduction to Discipleship.

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!

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

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Thank you all for coming out to our special February luncheon and program. Without your support of food and attendance, we could not put on these programs. Your support is truly appreciated.

~ Marge Wetherill, Pam Barsby and Lenore Bowne.

Sunday, March 3, after worship, let's gather at the
Back Bay Bistro!



Hungry for some great conversation? Are you looking for another way to get to know others you meet at Cold Spring Church? Next Sunday, March 3, after worship, stop by the Back Bay Bistro, 1891 Bayshore Rd, Villas. Purchase the beverage or meal of your choice and share in the lunchtime conversation! Let's build a sense of community out in the community!

Lenore Bowne will be available after church today to make your reservation. You may also contact her at 609-898-6159 or at lenorec2@comcast.net.

"Pinball Connections"

Are you looking for something to do for Lent that is *energizing* and *different*? Play "Pinball Connections"!

There was a time when they seemed to be ubiquitous. Just about every town had a local "establishment" that housed one or more of these tabletop game machines commonly known as "pinball". An arcade filled with these game machines was "heaven on earth" to many of us youngsters who could, with enough coins, spend the day playing these fun-filled addictive games! One could delight in the propelling of marble-size steel balls into a slightly inclined field of play which was a maze of targets, bumpers, and flippers. As steel balls

ricocheted off targets and bumpers, lights would flash, "bing" sounds were heard, and points would be added to your illuminated score board; flippers were manipulated by the player to keep the steel balls "in play" thus racking up more points with the hope of winning the reward of a prize or free game. In due time, despite the best effort and skill of the player, all the steel balls would one-by-one roll down into a pit thus ending the game. But as most of us cannot eat just one potato chip, neither can a true gamer play just one round of pinball. So another coin is placed into the slot. The delight of being immersed in the lights, sounds, and play-action made for exciting and safe indoor entertainment!

So, you may ask, what is the connection between pinball and Lent? Well, there is no direct or logical link between the two; *however*, using the game of pinball as a metaphor for *what* you can do and *how* you can do it as an "outreach ministry" for the Lenten season does make a connection: allow the image of playing pinball mentally *challenge* and emotionally *energize* you to "play" your outreach ministry well! Your personal "outreach ministry game" starts with you as the player; the pinball game tabletop is your mission field (your community); the steel balls are the "what's" (the *thing* you want to send into the community); the targets are the people you want to reach; the bumpers can *bounce* the "what's" into another direction (and that could be good); the flippers are other persons who will help you *expand* the scope of your outreach (and that's *very good*). Keeping the image of the "pinball metaphor" in your mind will encourage you to play well --and to keep on playing-- throughout this season of Lent. Keep a 40-day journal (your "scoresheet") to track your performance. Journal entries will keep you focused and will serve as a wonderful memoir of what you have accomplished!

Now that you know "the game" and how to play it, what would you like *to do* in your mission field -- and who would be your "targets"? Here are a few ideas for you to consider: Give the gift of **prayer**. For forty days, pray for *someone different* each day --include the "difficult" ones too! Give the gift of **service**. For forty days, perform a specific and intentional act of service to *someone different* each day. If appropriate, do include your spouse! Give the gift of **food items**. For forty days, set aside a food item *each day* to donate to the local food bank (through our deacon ministry). Give the gift of **visitation**. For forty days, *visit or call someone* who is homebound, in a hospital, or rehabilitation center. Bring Christ into the conversation; pray together for healing, read an appropriate scripture reading. All of these are sacrificial acts by you --giving of your time, energy, and attention (TEA). The Lord will bless you --and those whom you have touched! Whatever you choose to do during the forty days of Lent, "bounce" your idea to a friend; invite him or her to consider joining with you in this mission endeavor. Perhaps you might form a team of three or more --"flipping" them into assisting you to "keep the ball in play". Think of the excitement that can *energize* and *transform* you, the "player" of this game. So, Pinball *anyone?*

--Rob Riehl