



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.



Let's Make Summer Music!

You're invited to share your musical talents with us this Summer! Members or guests are welcomed, vocal or instrumental. We would enjoy hearing you sing or play; solo, in a duet, or in a group, during a service! Please see Jayne after worship, or email music@coldspringchurch.com. Thank you, Jayne McDonough, music director.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Our 2019 Pentecost Offering received **\$452**. Largest Special Offering ever! This gift to the Pentecost Offering helps our church encourage, develop, and show God's love to young people, especially at-risk children.

Thank you for your generosity!

A Message from the Pastor

"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline" (2 Timothy 1:7).

IDEAS

+ ACTION

= CHANGE

Hi friend,

What are you thinking about? Got a few great ideas? Whatever it is, pay attention to it because what we think about affects our actions. Thinking, while important, is just well, thinking, unless those good thoughts are put into positive action.

Our Time, Energy, and Attention represent what we believe. Our attention is not only *influenced by* our **faith** in Jesus, but our thinking including our experiences, biases, fears, hopes, and dreams, also *influence our thinking!*

Psychologists, pastors, and educators all know that our thinking is influenced by our actions and attitudes. Visualization coaches and trainers recognize that realizing high achievement requires mastery over our thoughts. Take a minute and consider your thinking habits.

Getting control over our thinking begins by changing unhelpful thinking habits into more productive ones. Once you can identify your unhelpful thinking styles, you may become aware they often occur just before and during distressing situations. If this is your experience, you can try different techniques to refocus your mental frame of reference and choose alternate thoughts empowering yourself to see the situation in a different and more helpful way.

The Mental Filter- Some thought habits can function like filters allowing us to notice only what the filter allows or wants us to notice, and we dismiss anything that doesn't. Like looking through dark lenses or paying attention to only the negative stuff, anything

more positive or realistic is dismissed. Ask yourself, Do I only notice the bad stuff? Am I filtering out the positives? Am I wearing those dark glasses that cloud my thinking? What would be more productive and realistic?

"Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse" Philippians 4:8 (MSG).

What thoughts help you grow and change? Remember, "...the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline." Let's make July a month of great thoughts that are transformed into action by God's Spirit. Thank you for all you think about... and then do! Great **Ideas** + Spirit Led **Action** = Transforming **Change**!

Sincerely

Pastor Kevin



A Note From the Session:

To further advance our mission of community ministry and worship, the Session has invited a team from Princeton Strategic Communications (PSC) to support our congregation and community communications, outreach, and fundraising programs starting this July. PSC will be carrying forward all

the work accomplished by our office administrator, Judy Lambert, who concludes her many years of service at Cold Spring Presbyterian Church on July 12. PSC will help us to "let our light shine" even more brightly! Learn more about their work at www.princetonpsc.com.

The PSC team includes Managing Partner Norris Clark, and his associates Carolinn Pocher Woody, and our new in-office communications coordinator Connor Burke. Locally, PSC also supports Historic Cold Spring Village, the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts, Cape Resorts Group, and Cape Sea Excursions. We can look forward to even more welcoming and improved church communications and building new community collaborations.

We realize that staff transitions and managing change is tough, and we appreciate your prayerful support as we continue our transformational initiatives to achieve our mission, growing and serving together in the name of Jesus Christ.

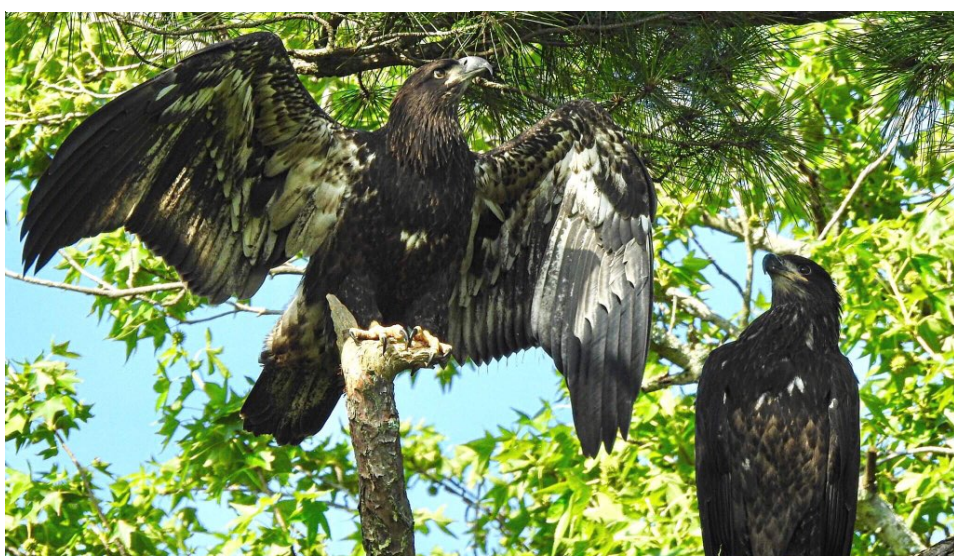
The Session and Pastor Kevin



Pastor Kevin shares a story with the kids about Jesus and Revolution! 1714 (our church) and 1776 our nation!



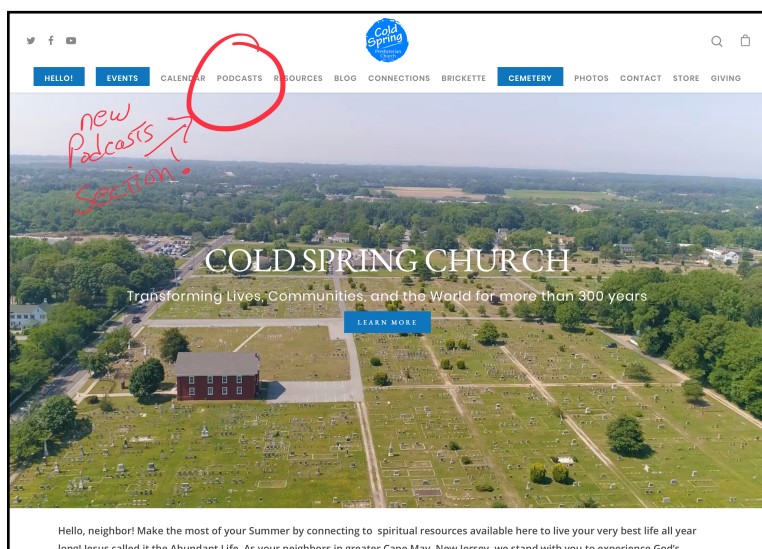
Cape May photographer Marian McSherry shared photos of our bald eagles named George & Adele who live on our campus. Their fledglings hatched on April 1, 2019. Photo: Taken on Day 6: Adele feeds Elliot.



Day 86: Now ready to leave home, Elliot and Ellioise go off to build their own families, hopefully among our trees!



A grand piano graces our worship. Judy Ann and John Curtis of Musikhaus Studio loaned it to us for the 2020 concert season!



Visit www.coldspringchurch.com for the latest news, events, and more! Our new **Podcast** page includes inspiring messages, music and videos to enjoy and share.

Cold Spring Presbyterian Church is Transforming Lives and Showing God's Love Through You!



COMMUNITY UPDATES

New Address:

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Warminster, PA 18974
George's cell: 267-810-2014

New Email Address:

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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 June 4, 2019:

1. Minutes of Stated Session Meeting of May 16, 2019;
2. Minutes of Special Session Meeting of May 19, 2019;

The Session also discussed the following agenda items in progress:

1. Migration of Merrill-Lynch account to Wells Fargo account;
2. Manse Committee: assessing legal aspects of options;
3. Examining the benefits of integration of Presbytery "Vital Congregations" initiative into our transformation process;
4. Exploring available resources to construct a "Safe Church" policy.

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



Food Pantry Donations Needed

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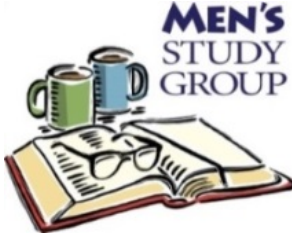
II Corinthians 9:7 NLT "For the Lord loves a person who gives cheerfully"
Acts 20:35 Remember the Words of Jesus "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Deacon Collection for July

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| July 7 | Instant rice, canned soups, Ramen Noodles, crackers |
| July 14 | Toothpaste & brushes, soap (bars), toilet paper, pasta and sauce |
| July 21 | Peanut butter and grape jelly, fruit cups, canned vegetables |
| July 28 | 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

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Having honored *Memorial Day* and about to celebrate *Independence Day*, we are called upon to remember our foundations, observing these national holidays as a time for reflection and remembrance for "who we *were* that we might know who we *ought to be* today!" We are presently engaged in a great civil war --not with bullets and bayonets, but a moral and spiritual war; it has become a war for the very soul of America! In this dvd series, Dr. D. James Kennedy explains why we must be part of the solution and engage in this foundational cultural conflict.

We meet at 10:15 a.m. for coffee and fellowship 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"!

We meet at 10:15 a.m. for coffee and fellowship on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Everyone is welcome!

Affirmation of Faith:



Our "Fifth Wednesday" program (July 31) honors God's role in America's founding. This is the one hero who is most often forgotten, increasingly overlooked, and almost never mentioned in our history books. However, He did more to establish our nation than any other, and if it were not for His guiding hand, our nation would not have been established as a Christian nation treasuring religious liberty. Join us for a viewing and discussion of

the DVD "America's **Greatest Hero**" a presentation by Dr. D. James Kennedy that *affirms our faith* in biblical truth.

We will meet at 10:15 a.m. for coffee and fellowship with our program beginning at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

All classes are held in the Taylor Room of Price Hall.

Stephen Ministers are members of local church congregations who receive special training to



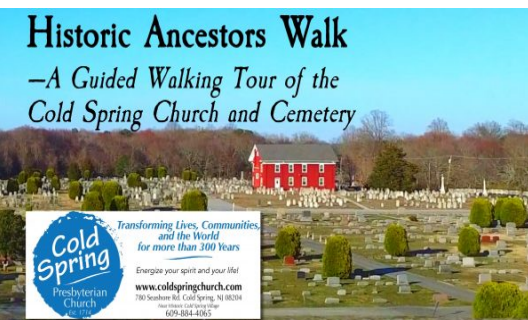
provide one-on-one Christian care to people experiencing challenges in life - grief, loneliness, divorce, hospitalization, disability, job loss, and many other life difficulties. Add a "higher-calling" purpose to your life: provide confidential Christian care to someone in need of your help! To learn how to become a Stephen Minister or to receive care from one, contact Rob Riehl (609-889-3538; robriehl@verizon.net) for a confidential conversation.



Interested in performing a *hands-on* active ministry on behalf of our church within our local community? Deliver meals to home-bound persons in the North Cape May and Villas area on a weekday morning. You can set your own schedule, even if only one day a month! Volunteers for **Mobile Meals** are needed for this worthy cause. Fulfill the message of "feeding the hungry and giving drink to the thirsty"! (Matt. 25:35) Contact Rob Riehl (609-889-3538; robriehl@verizon.net) for

additional information.

Step into history by experiencing our informative and engaging walking tours of the historic church and surrounding cemetery. Like all our events, this is a "Come as you are" activity for the entire family. No reservations are required. For more information, visit: www.coldspringchurch.com. **Meet** at 10:00 AM on scheduled Saturdays at the Red Brick Church (Tour dates are listed below.)



- July 6,
- July 20
- August 3,
- August 17,
- August 31
- September 7,
- September 21,
- September 28

"Pentecostal Power"

Is there such a thing as "Pentecostal Power"? In the book of Acts (Acts 2:1-4), we read about the arrival of the Holy Spirit entering the upper room, hovering above the gathered apostles in the form of "tongues of fire", and transforming this small group of fearful desperate men hiding *inside* into bold "proclaimers of the Word" to a hostile world *outside*. What power could bring about this sudden and astonishing transformation? Was this a "one-and-done" moment? Can we in the twenty-first century tap into this awesome source of power? Have you ever considered this possibility?

How does one enter into relationship with the mysterious third person of the Trinity? We can configure images of our heavenly Father, our Creator God, based upon descriptive passages in the Old Testament. We can relate to the first person of the Trinity as a father-figure: the One who had us "in mind" from all eternity, in the fullness of time formed us, breathed into us the gift of life, and provided us with our earthly home. Moreover, the Father gave us His mandate for our existence, and the basic "rules for living". At critical moments, He intervened in human affairs to protect and save the remnant of His chosen people. From the New Testament, we can picture the image of the Son, the promised Messiah Jesus Christ, for He dwelt among us in the form of a man. We can identify with the second person of the Trinity because of His human attributes. We can have a *personal relationship* with Jesus because He calls us to follow, align and abide with Him. We observe Jesus' interactions with ordinary people: He demonstrated compassion for them, miraculously healing them into restoration, teaching them His way, truth, and life, and sacrificing Himself to redeem mankind. By His words and actions, Jesus set the example for us to imitate; living a Christ-like life! And what about identifying with the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit? How do we relate to someone who hasn't been presented in human form? We know that the Holy Spirit has been manifested as a momentary some thing (a dove, the wind, and fire), but not as a personified some one! We know the Holy Spirit exists, is real, and acts from both the revelation of sacred scripture and from the very words of Christ himself: "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever--the Spirit of truth... you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you." (John 14:16-17)... the Holy Spirit will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. (John 14:26)...the Spirit of truth will testify about me. And *you also must testify*. (John 15:26-27)... the Spirit of truth will guide you into all truth." (John 16:13) These are *powerful and precious promises*!

The Holy Spirit is ever-eternal, all-knowing, and ever-present (among many other attributes of the Godhead), equal in every aspect and depth to the Father and the Son. The Trinity is a mystery that cannot be fully comprehended by any created being and not to be revealed to us until we experience the beatific vision in eternity. But in the meantime, are we to sit back and wait until then? I think not. By asking the Holy Spirit to enter our minds and hearts, we can tap into this spiritual power promised and given at Pentecost and made available to us in our time. Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do *even greater* things than these... and I will do *whatever* you ask in my name..." (John 14:12-13). In the Trinity, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one. Entering into such a relationship with the Spirit of God, think about what you might do for Jesus Christ and his church with such available awesome power -- *even greater* things than what we have done.

---- Rob Riehl