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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



Limestone Praise Chimes

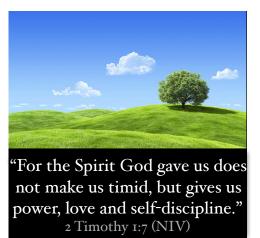
On Sunday August 11th our worship will be ringing with the music of the Limestone Praise Chimes. The Handbell Choir from the Limestone Presbyterian Church in Delaware Under the direction of Linda Wardell. This is the Handbell Choir's 10th annual retreat to Cape May.



Experience our Historic Ancestors Walk and create a new future of possibilities for you and your family at 10:00 AM on scheduled Saturdays, meeting at the Red Brick Church Tour dates:

- August 3, 17, 31
- September 7, 21, 28

A Message from the Pastor



Its Time To Charge Your Batteries: Spiritual Power

In 1800, Alessandro Volta created the first true battery. While it was large and weak compared to today's standards it was the real beginning of stored electrical energy. Nowadays batteries are everywhere from mobile devices to vehicles and medical devices like

pacemakers and prosthetics. So much of our lives are battery-powered.

Many homes around us, perhaps yours, along with Price Hall, collect solar energy to provide for our electrical needs. Our solar panels generate so much power that we earn energy credits back that can be converted into cash back. But most of the solar power collected is either used or lost. What if you could take the one area of your life where you consume the greatest amount of electricity, your home, and run it off a battery? Or if you could run your neighborhood with batteries? All of Cape May? Wow. That would be a lot of power.

Elon Musk, of Space-X, Tesla, and PayPal fame, has a new company called Tesla Energy. This new endeavor offers a suite of batteries for homes, businesses, and utilities fostering a clean energy ecosystem and helping wean the world off fossil fuels. It's very interesting. You can learn more at: www.teslamotors.com/powerwall.

God cares about the energy we produce, and consume! "Storehouse villages, and villages for chariots and horses. Solomon built widely and extravagantly in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and wherever he fancied" (1Kings 9:19).

Churches are storehouses. Cold Spring Church is a storehouse, and even more, a distribution point for spiritual energy on God's spiritual network through Jesus Christ.

Notice the use of the word power in what the Apostle Paul wrote to his friends: "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great **power** for us who believe. That **power** is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, **power** and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come" (Ephesians 1:18-21).

How To Replenish Spiritual Power:

Here are a few suggestions if you want to supercharge your life this August:

- 1. **Know you are loved!** Remember that God in Jesus Christ loves you, forgives you, and has given you the Holy Spirit to give your life purpose and power. (John 1:14, 3:16-17)
- 2. **Read the Greatest Story ever told.** The Bible may be the most widely published book, but is likely the least applied! God's love letter is the Bible, and its written just for you! This month, pick a Gospel (Matthew, Mark, Luke or John) and make a commitment to not only read it, but let it read you! Let those words touch your mind, heart, and soul. Keep a journal to capture what you discover. Share what you learn. Practice what what you see in Jesus' life. Ask God to help the Jesus Story transform your life and see what happens!
- 3. **Get connected with others.** The early disciples knew that getting together was a powerful experience (Acts 2:42-27). Attending worship is not a command, and its much more than an obligation. It's an opportunity to hang out with neighbors like you wanting that abundant life Jesus promised. Experience God's word read and preached. Pray together. Give together. We are all seekers. We all struggle. We all want to experience God's grace in our life. Make August a month for gratitude. Think of worship as a spiritual locker room to receive resources and training you need to fulfill your life's mission out in the community. Watch and wonder at what God does through you!
- 4. **Receive, then give.** When Jesus called you to follow him, whether thirty years ago or 3 months ago, you are on a journey with Christ that never ends. Consider the many shops and restaurants within three miles of Cold Spring Presbyterian Church. everyone of them receives and a gives something of value. What if the raw ingredients went into the restaurant, were prepared, but only the chef and staff enjoyed a meal? What if a store owner the store shelves stocked to the ceiling, but never sold anything to customers? Or what if a person studied to be a great lifeguard, but never went out on the beach to rescue people? Likewise, God has invested in you. God believes in you. You have resources, not just to store up for yourselves, but to give away, to invest in others, to serve and provide so others may be blessed. This month, for every gift, insight, blessing you receive, pass it on. After all, if your storehouse is always full, there will be no room for what's to come!

All these activities will recharge your spiritual batteries. Consider what kind of energy you are storing? With whom do you share? Who can access it? What does it cost? And most importantly, how is is being replenished?

Cold Spring Presbyterian Church is in the spiritual energy business and all of us have time, energy, and attention (TEA) energy to share. This August, let's figure out how to replenish our individual and

congregational energy and improve the ways we deliver that energy so that everyone in our community is supercharged with God's Spirit and experiences the abundant life!

Thank you for the positive, powerful, energy you share!

Sincerely,

Pastor Keun

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 July 2, 2019:

- 1. Minutes of Stated Session Meeting of June 4, 2019;
- 2. New Liturgist and Communion Server candidates (2);
- 3. Finance and Personnel Team Report motions (3).

The Session also discussed the following agenda items in progress:

- 1. Transformation Pastor contract renewal;
- 2. Cemetery equipment: mower deck replacement;
- 3. Price Hall: update on office changes, storage and security improvements.

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

FOOD CUPBOARD NEWS FOR AUGUST 2019

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. Last month we collected over 300 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. Please check expiration dates.

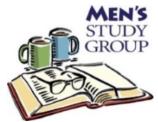
II Corinthians 9:7 NLT "For the Lord loves a person who gives cheerfully" Acts 20:35 Remember the Words of Jesus "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Deacon Collection for August

- August 4 Instant rice, canned soups, Ramen Noodles, crackers
- August 11 Toothpaste & brushes, soap (bars), toilet paper, pasta and sauce
- August 18 Peanut butter and grape jelly, fruit cups, canned vegetables
- August 25 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*

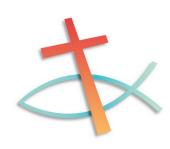
ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Let the Spirit of God rest upon you! Discover how *you* can be a person who hosts the presence of God -- bringing his Spirit into *your* world.

In this eight-session dvd presentation "*Hosting the Presence*", author and pastor Bill Johnson takes us on an unforgettable and life-changing journey using Scripture to show us what it looks like to host the Spirit of God's presence in our everyday lives. Prepare to encounter God like never before and transform the world around you by

hosting his presence! Gather with us for coffee and fellowship at 10:15am on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Every man is welcome; just "come and see"!



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 <u>living in the truth</u> 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 10:15am for coffee and fellowship on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Everyone is welcome!





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 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.

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