



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.



Remember to set your clocks back Sunday, November 3rd, at 2:00 am. We don't want it to cause you to be late to worship! It's also recommended to change the batteries in your smoke detectors!

A Message from the Pastor

"What do you think? Which of the three became a neighbor to the man attacked by robbers?"
(Luke 10:36).

Hello friends,

While every day is a great day to give thanks¹, November is a particularly awesome month to express thanksgiving for our neighbors next door, down the street, across town, and beyond. We can learn a lot about being a good neighbor from Jesus' life, and also from our connections with the Pilgrims!



Being a good neighbor was very important to Jesus who "moved into our neighborhood"² as the Way, the Truth, and the Life³. From the Gospel of Luke (in the verse above), Jesus had just told them a parable praising the kindness of a Samaritan and asked, "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" They rightly answered him, "The one who had mercy on him," so Jesus told them, "Go and do likewise." Being interested in others in a great way to be neighborly. By paying attention to neighbors and the community around you show that you care. Investing time is the next level of neighborliness. Just noticing is not enough. Engaging with others in conversation or assisting in a meaningful way can help build relationships. If you have found places and activities that have added a lot of value to your life, you will likely want to invite others to share those positive experiences, too. You then can invite a neighbor to join you for activities at home or at Cold Spring Church. These are three great ways to be a good neighbor. (See box ->)



Sat., Nov. 2. 10-2 for arts and crafts, gifts, fantastic food, and much more!



Sat., Nov 16. 10-2. Enjoy vendor Crafts, gifts and food!

Tips for a Neighborly November

- 1. Show interest**
- 2. Invest time**
- 3. Invite others**

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Mary Circle

Mary Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 19 at 7:00 pm in Price Hall. All women are invited to join us for Bible study and fellowship.

Ruth Traber and Roseann Paulits will host, Roseann Paulits and Nancy Reed will lead the Bible Study, and Ruth Traber will read the Mission book.

Gingerbread House Event

The 3rd annual Gingerbread House Event is coming up, on December 7th at 11:00 am. This event is free for children ages 6

to 12, accompanied by an adult, and seating is limited to the first 40 registered children. Registration forms can be found and filled out in the church. Come join us for a fun-filled event that may even have a surprise visit from Santa Claus himself! [Register online here.](#)



Angelus Chorus

The public is warmly invited to enjoy a beautiful Christmas Program in the historic Red Brick Church on Sunday, December 15, 2019, starting at 3:00 PM. A reception in the newly remodeled Price Hall follows. This musical performance is provided at no charge and freewill donations are welcomed. [More information is online.](#)



305th Anniversary Friends and Family Dinner Dec. 21, 2019

We invite you to help celebrate 305 years of mission and ministry at Cold Spring Presbyterian Church.

Our Anniversary Family & Friends Christmas Dinner is Saturday, December 21, at 5 PM in our newly renovated Price Hall, at the corner of Seashore and Academy Roads. Last year's enthusiastic, sold-out response suggests that you purchase your tickets soon. Limited seating!



You may purchase tickets online, following worship, or at the church office beginning in November. Consider purchasing a few extra tickets for unexpected guests and invite your neighbors to join you! Anniversary Dinner tickets make a perfect gift, too! [For more information, click here.](#)

Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Service

Join us for our 6:00 PM (later time this year!) Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Service! This annual Greater Cape May tradition will energize your spirit and transform your life! We offer many Christmas events for entire family that begins on the First Sunday of Advent, all held in our beautiful, historic, red brick church Worship Center. [More information here.](#)



Wreaths Across America

Our annual Wreaths Across America event is a nationwide ceremonial tribute to military veterans to be held on Saturday, December 14, 2019, at 12:00. The ceremony is free

to the public and located at the beautiful Veterans Memorial along Academy Road. You can purchase wreaths online at coldspringchurch.com, or complete a form by visiting the church office, or pick up in upcoming church bulletins. Refreshments will follow the ceremony inside Price Hall.

Transformation Pastor On Campus

Pastor Kevin is on campus most Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays from 9-1. Stop by or, make an appointment for a conversation by calling the office, or emailing Pastor Kevin at pastor@coldspringchurch.com.



Cold Spring Presbyterian Church's Vision:
 We believe that everyone deserves to experience God's love in relevant and authentic ways. Our thriving faith

community puts God's love into action to help make greater Cape May a better place. We joyfully love and serve God and our neighbors in the name of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Cold Spring Presbyterian Church's Mission:
 We believe that everyone deserves to Cold Spring Presbyterian Church delivers spiritual resources and transformational experiences that are rooted in the Good News of God's love through its worship, programs, events, website, and other ministries.

Established in 1714, Cold Spring Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and a member of the Presbytery of West Jersey. We invite you to connect with us in our mission to energize spirits and transform lives, loving and serving our neighbors as followers of Christ Jesus.

Session Notes:



These are the highlights of our most recent session meeting. For further details, please refer to the complete Session

Minutes available in the church narthex, or the Price Hall church bulletin board.

Our Session agenda items on October 1, 2019:

- Minutes of the Stated Session Meeting of September 10, 2019;

- Handyman/Maintenance Manager salary adjusted;
- Pastor presented an updated Mission Statement and strategic plan for ministry, and requested Sunday off on October 13, 2019;
- Cemetery Team report received and approved.

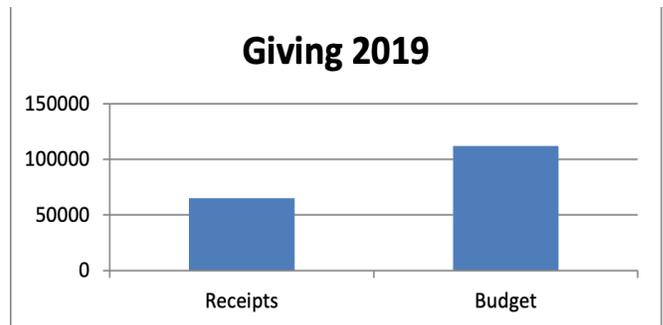
The Session also discussed the following agenda items in progress:

- Seeking quotations for external security plan for facilities;
- Sunday dates for election and installation of Elders and Deacons;
- Offer to construct a small pond near cemetery area;
- Coordinating specific events with Cold Spring Village.

Copies of our approved Session Minutes If you have any questions, suggestions, compliments, or concerns about the session's work, kindly contact the pastor, a session member, or myself for clarification.

- Rob Riehl, Clerk of Session

An update from the Finance Team.



We are grateful for your generous giving this year- thank you! Our budgeted income through 12/31 is \$112,000. Our giving received through 9/30 (shown in the graph) is \$64,960, 58% of our goal for this year. If we all stretch just a little, we can have incredible results as we strive to meet our budget goals by year end. Thank you for your generosity. Together, we can do this!



When you can't be with us in person, be with us online!

Catch up with special music, messages, and children's messages, too! [Click here to hear a sermon you missed or to share with a friend.](#) Visit our website for connections, news, even purchase event tickets online! [Visit today!](#) Here are a few quick clicks to: [Calendar](#) | [Intersections: \(news, updates, blog posts\)](#) | [Newsletters: \(monthly Brickette is now available online\)](#) | [Cemetery: \(news, services provided\)](#) | [Photo Gallery.](#)



Food Cupboard News for November 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 need the most. In addition, almost any non-perishable food and personal items are accepted. Please check expiration dates.

"For the Lord loves a person who gives cheerfully" (2 Corinthians 9:7 NLT).

"Remember the Words of Jesus "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).



Deacon Collection for November

•November 3
Instant rice,

- canned soups, Ramen Noodles, crackers
- November 10 Toothpaste & brushes, soap (bars), toilet paper, pasta and sauce
- November 17 Peanut butter and grape jelly, fruit cups, canned vegetables

- November 24 Hot and cold tea, hot & cold cereals, powdered milk, canned meat

Your donations may 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



Family Promise

We are excited about a new collaboration with

Family Promise who will be using our manse for temporary housing for families in transition. Leading our manse team is Vickie Banks and Jonna Meyers. More information will be available soon.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Men's Study Group

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

Science has come a long way since Darwin made his claims in the 1800's. Several remarkable discoveries shed new light on the earth's origin. In addition, much of the data Darwin presented for his idea no longer seem like clear evidence for evolution. Dr.Nathaniel Jeanson effectively and authoritatively documents the newest scientific discoveries, refutes Darwin's claims, and presents evidences that support a compelling alternate explanation for the origin of species. Join us for a two-part dvd presentation of "Replacing

Darwin --the New Origin of Species" by Dr. Nathaniel Jeanson. We meet at 10:15am for coffee and fellowship on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Everyone is welcome !

Clerk's Corner – "Oasis"

Oasis: a place of refuge in a desert, where under the shade of date palms and the natural springs of water, one can mingle with other fellow travelers --finding rest, refreshment, and restoration before continuing on a long journey.

Pressing a button to release a stream of clear cold water into a small translucent cup allows me to refresh myself after a series of exercise sets in my physical therapy session. After six weeks, it has become my custom to stop by this place of refuge in the reception area to drink the restorative liquid of this refreshing water dispenser before I depart the premises to continue on my way home. As medical personnel will often advise: drinking a glass of water several times each day will keep one's body hydrated! Guess what happens if I stopped drinking water?

Standing before the water dispenser, I noticed the small backlit logo front and center: the image of an oasis with the letter "I" in the form of a palm tree. My thoughts brought back the experience of passing through a *real* oasis in Israel known as En Gedi. This oasis is located on the main highway about midway through the desert (or "wilderness" as the locals call it) between Jerusalem and Masada near the Dead Sea. In biblical times, it was several days journey from the Holy City to the southern end of Judea; now traveling by bus (and with bottled water), it was just a few hours trip. Guess what happens if I ran out of water?

Watching the steady stream of water falling into my cup, I noticed that the blue LED light set above the nestled cup illuminated the shimmering stream of water producing a radiant iridescent attractive glow to its appearance, thus creating the appearance of a special "living" water! This optical illusion brought to mind the parable of the woman at

the well (John 4: 4-14). Jesus broke custom by asking this Samaritan woman for a cup of water; in return Jesus offered her "living water". To drink from a natural well satisfies human thirst for a short while; to drink from the well of Jesus Christ satisfies the thirst of the soul for eternity. Which leads me to this: every one of us seeks *and needs* water to live; how many of us seek and *thirst for* the "Living Water" of Jesus Christ? We travel through the wilderness (or desert) of our lives in this fallen world --seeking refuge; Jesus Christ is the oasis of our lives in this fallen world --refreshing us from our sin and restoring us to new life. Do I reflect the "Light" of Christ to others in an attractive way --as the blue light enhanced the natural water?

Just as we travel from one place to another, or go to church from Sunday to Sunday, what is there to sustain us from one point to the other? Is there "an oasis" in your journey? Do enough highway driving, you will soon need to stop *someplace* to rest, refresh, and restore yourself *to continue* on your road trip. Between Sundays, you may consider stopping *someplace* in mid-week to rest, refresh and restore your mind, heart, and soul with the "Living Water of Jesus Christ" --*to continue* on your life journey being aligned with the Will of your Creator God, abiding in the love of Jesus Christ, and sustained by the power of the Holy Spirit Who dwells within you! Guess what happens if I do *not* accept His gift of "Living Water"? Guess what happens if I do!

Now I pose the question: Is there a "spiritual oasis" in your life? There are several ministries and study groups *within* our church (and *outside* our church) who would welcome you to participate in their fellowship gatherings; these gatherings can become your "personal spiritual oasis" as you *continue to pursue* the transformational process of becoming more Christ-like. "Seek and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you."(Mt.7:7) Guess what happens when you find your "Oasis" --and enter?

-- Rob Riehl

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Neighborly November

We meet wonderful neighbors at worship, at our dinners, concerts, and special events like the Christmas Bazaar, November 2, and our Craft Fair, November 16, . We even have a national holiday this month for Thanksgiving which originated in 1621 as a Pilgrim festival after their first harvest in the New World with their new, First Nation, Indian neighbors. Neighbors and Thanksgiving go together. Cold Spring Presbyterian Church has a direct connection to those Pilgrims and their Neighborly November gratitude.

The Pilgrims were passengers on board the Mayflower who settled Plymouth Colony in 1620. The group were some of the first puritans to settle in North America during the Great Puritan Migration in the 17th century. The oldest graves in *our* cemetery are in the north and south yards, and the resting place of more descendants of the passengers on the Mayflower than any cemetery outside Massachusetts. While the whaling industry brought the New England emigrants here, they were welcomed to the neighborhood. They found a welcoming faith community here at Cold Spring Church, and other congregations like Church of the Advent. We are a congregation of neighbors, and for neighbors.

Cold Spring Presbyterian Church, for more than 305 years, has shown interest, invested time, and invited others as needs were met and we responded in Christ's love out of God's abundance. For example, our Deacons collect food items and contributions that provide thanksgiving meals that are delivered to families in need. Many of us invite friends and family to enjoy worship and events, and from those encounters, we have added more new members to our faith community. Each of us bring our voices, experiences, histories, gifts, vision, and energy. We volunteer in community

groups and meet new people. We serve as elders and deacons, join teams, and share in the work. We give in so many ways that are unique to us, and we connect with our neighbors in ways that fit our interests. Let's welcome these incredible gifts with a spirit of neighborly gratitude and grace as we move into God's emerging future together.

Let's make *Neighborly November* a special month we show God's love, welcome, and hospitality, like Jesus did, and like those Pilgrims! I appreciate your commitment to new thinking and building a culture of thanksgiving and generosity. God's grace is abundant and we are up to the task!

Thank you for being a good neighbor!

Pastor Keim

¹ 1 Thessalonians 5:18

² John 1:14

³ John 14:6



See you Sundays at 10:30 AM in our historic red brick church for an energizing worship experience for the entire family!