



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 Decorate!

Join us at the church on Sat., Nov. 30th, 10 AM to decorate the inside and outside (weather permitting).

Advent Begins Sunday, Dec. 1



Gingerbread House Event

The 3rd annual Gingerbread House Event is

Dec. 7th at 11 AM. This event is free for children ages 6 to 12, with an adult. Limited seating. A fun-filled event for the entire family. [Register online here.](#)



Anniversary Friends and Family Dinner

At 5 PM on Dec. 21, help

to celebrate 305 years of ministry at Cold Spring Church. You may purchase tickets online, at worship, or in the church office. Anniversary Dinner tickets make a perfect gift, too! [For more information, click here.](#)

A Message from the Pastor

Live Here. Grow Here. Give Here. #GivingTuesday 2019

In the United States, we are overwhelmed by advertising promotions, deals, and special offers in the weeks before Black Friday. Seeming even to overshadow Thanksgiving, our gratitude gets diverted to spending. While a wise consumer can take advantage of valid discounts, we must be careful because the "savings" enjoyed corresponds to increased spending. This year, the amount spent on Black Friday is estimated to be around \$500 per person, only to be followed by Cyber Monday that could double that amount! Being good stewards is all about ethical decision-making, but our stewardship is not just about "saving" money. It's about "investing" our resources in meaningful endeavors and organizations, too.

In response to this excessive spending, a global movement called #GivingTuesday began in 2012 as one important day of giving back to the community and promoting awareness and opportunities to invest in charitable organizations both with our time and finances. On the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving, December 3, let's kick-off the holiday season by giving back to our community! Because we live here, and grow here, let's give here, too!

Your Financial Gifts Help Us Energize Spirits and Transform Lives

As the Advent and Christmas season begin, make Cold Spring Presbyterian Church a recipient of your on-going and special end-of-year giving. Only through your regular and generous financial support can we achieve our mission as we energize spirits and transform lives through inspiring worship of Jesus Christ, practical teaching from God's word, innovative programs, and community-focused events and ministry. Whether you prefer to give weekly, monthly, or annually, in person or online, every gift is deeply appreciated. So much has been accomplished in 2019, and we count on your continued and generous support to achieve even more in 2020, our 306th year!

10 Ways to Give to Without Money

There's other ways to give that matter just as much! Give by volunteering, too. Contact the office or speak with the pastor to explore an amazing assortment of opportunities to help you make a difference! **Here are 10 Ways to Give Without Money:**

1. Offer Your Hospitality and Friendship

Consider offering your friendly smile greeting people as they arrive at worship or our other events. Or participate with our Congregation and

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Celebrating the 2019 Holiday Gift & Craft Fair

The recent Gift and Craft Fair on November 16th was a great success, with

a net profit of \$990.55. Thank you very much to everyone who volunteered, attended, and especially our vendors. Everyone enjoyed the wide variety of items to purchase and the wonderful lunch. Thank you again!



Celebrating the Soup and Sandwich Luncheon, Christmas Bazaar, and Bake Sale

Presbyterian Women's

annual event was a great success, and we thank all of you who volunteered, contributed, and attended, making it such a great day. We couldn't have done it without you. We made over \$1600, with all of the proceeds going to Missions, benefitting many people. Thank you!



Mary Circle

Mary Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 17th at 7:00 pm in Price Hall. All women are invited to join us for our Christmas Meeting. Elaine

Jordan and Roseann Paulits will host. We will have Christmas stories, poems, and remembrances. Barbara Gain will lead us in Christmas Carols. Please join us for an evening of fellowship.



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. 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.

pastor@coldspringchurch.com.



Angelus Chorus

Enjoy a beautiful Christmas

Program in our sanctuary on Sunday, December 15, 2019, at 3:00 PM. A reception in the newly remodeled Price Hall follows. Invite your friends! [More information is online.](#)



Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Service

[More information here.](#)

Experience Christmas with Cold Spring Church

Start a new family tradition at our "Come as you are"

Candlelight Christmas Eve Celebration at 6:00 PM



Energize your Christmas experience with Cold Spring Church... Transforming lives for 305 years, and we're just getting started!

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Cold Spring Presbyterian Church's Vision:

We believe that everyone deserves to experience God's love in relevant and authentic ways, 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:

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.



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 approved the following agenda items on November 5, 2019:

1. Minutes of Stated Session Meeting of October 1, 2019;
2. Agreement with Family Promise with Addendum;
3. Church Vision and Mission Statements;
4. Congregational Meeting dates (2) .

The Session also discussed the following agenda items in progress:

1. Strategic Plan for 2020: Mission and Stewardship
2. Revision of Church By-laws;
3. Planning for upcoming events in November - December;
4. Details of worship services for Advent through Christmas.

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



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 December 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).



Family Promise

Our first family is expected to move in to our former manse on December 1. Thank you for your prayers and warm welcome.

Deacon Collection for December

- December 1 Instant rice, canned soups, Ramen Noodles, crackers
- December 8 Toothpaste & brushes, soap (bars), toilet paper, pasta and sauce
- December 15 Peanut butter and grape jelly, fruit cups, canned vegetables
- December 22 Hot and cold tea, hot & cold cereals, powdered milk, canned meat
- December 29 Baby food, diapers, pet food.

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

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Men's Group Ministry

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!

Christmas Special

Wednesday, December 18

"Why do we celebrate Christmas on December 25?" "How did Saint Nicholas become Santa Claus?" "Why do we have Christmas trees?" The dvd presentation "**Charting Christmas**" provides answers to these questions and many more as it explores the history of Christmas.



Thank you to our Price Hall Christmas Tree Decorating crew (above, L-R): Neil Oberlin, Barbara Keister, Don and Vivianne Rogers, and Mary and Tom Imperato.



Thank you to our kitchen crew (above, L-R): Mary Imperato, Judy Beare, Don Rogers, and Paula Spence.



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Community Life Team planning dinners and gatherings. If you drive to church every Sunday with vacant seats in your vehicle, its a great and relatively easy

opportunity to help others who need transportation. Assist the Deacons in emailing, calling, or visiting the elderly who need a friend.

2. Show Kids You Care

Consider joining our Sunday kids team helping our growing group experience God's love in fun, memorable ways. Assist with the Gingerbread House event, volunteer to help kids with their homework, or be a mentor.

3. Put Your Tech Skills To Work

If you are good with tech, computers, or sound and video, or photography, you may want to join our Tech Team as we develop new ways to share our story online, video live-streaming, podcast, and in our communications. Maybe teach a tech-assist class for seniors to help get the most from their iPads and smartphones, or volunteer to be our videographer or photographer at our events.

4. Bring Your Love Of History Into the Future

Our Historic Ancestors Walk church and cemetery tour team is open to lovers of history who want to become a tour guide. We want to expand the tours to include community and school groups, too. Or, maybe you'd like to help campus visitors locate graves of departed loved ones. Our community partnerships are growing, too. Consider volunteering at Historic Cold Spring Village, MAC, or the Cape May County Historical Society.

5. Teach and Share What You Care About

You have valuable skills or hobbies to share with others like woodworking, crafts, painting, birdwatching, flowers and gardening, or making improvements inside or outside. Maybe you'd like to start a support or educational group. Whatever activity you enjoy, consider teaching a class for an hour on a weeknight or weekend, get involved in starting something new. Turn your hobby into a project that serves others. Check our calendar to learn what other community groups meet here. Our Presbyterian Women, Busy Bees, and Wednesday groups are great places to start!

6. Share Your Voice, Music, and Love of the Arts

Are you musical? Offer your gifts as a soloist, instrumentalist, or join our Higher Praise singing team to enliven our worship experience. Learn how

to become a liturgist reading Scripture and help lead worship. Participate on the Worship and Music team, or volunteer to visit assisted living or retirement facilities with the Good News.

7. Turn Your Love Of Making Places Delightful Into A Reality

Your knack of caring for, managing, or beautifying our sanctuary, property, and grounds may be a perfect fit on our Cemetery and Church Property Team, or our Cemetery Team, if you'd like to care for our campus and promote our cemetery services. Perhaps you could volunteer for a seasonal team such as helping prepare for holidays, events, repair and improvement teams, or help with Fall and Spring clean-ups.

8. Your Resource Management Skills Are Welcomed Here

Being a good steward is more than tracking budgets and finances, but if managing money is something you love, consider helping seniors with their income taxes. You may want to occasionally serve as a counter after worship or helping the Finance Team in other ways.

9. Miss the Office? Have We Got A Job For You!

Our Church and Cemetery Office offers many opportunities to volunteer and assist our staff with special projects, data entry, filing, meeting and event prep, and assistance with periodic mailings and publications. Stop in and find out how you can help.

10. Share Your Experience. Invite a friend.

We saved the most important way you can volunteer for last! Ask someone to join you! Inviting a friend and sharing your enthusiasm for what you are experiencing here makes a huge difference in other's lives. It shows you care. And it is a way to show your gratitude to God for the blessings you have received!

On December 3, 2019, #GivingTuesday, remember to give at Cold Spring Church, and other civic and community organizations. Thank you for making greater Cape May a better place as we put our faith into action!

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