



## KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – August 2024

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### NEITHER ADDING NOR TAKING AWAY

#### Deuteronomy 4:1-2

1 And now hearken, O Israel, to the statutes and to the judgments, which I teach you to do, so that you may live, and go in and possess the land which Jehovah God of your fathers gives you.

2 You shall not add to the word which I command you, and you shall not diminish from it, that you may keep the commandments of Jehovah your God which I command you.

#### Revelation 22:18-19

18 For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book, if anyone shall add to these things, God shall add on him the plagues that are written in this book.

19 And if anyone shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the book of life, and out of the holy city, and out of the things written in this book.

#### Doctrine of the Sacred Scripture 13.4

Be it known that in the spiritual sense all things hang together in a continuous connection, which is fitted together in such a manner by the force and meaning of all the words in the literal or natural sense, that if even a little word were taken out of it, the connection would be broken and the coherence would perish. In order to prevent this, it is added at the end of this prophetic book, That not a word shall be taken away (Rev. 22:19).

### PASTOR'S NOTES

The Lord knows exactly what needs to be revealed and when. Keeping this in mind can help us understand how what the Lord said in *Deuteronomy* and *Revelation* about not adding or taking away is true.

Much more was written from Him both after *Deuteronomy* in the Old and New Testaments and after *Revelation* in the Heavenly Doctrine. But the Lord was not so much adding as He was revealing

more detail about what was already there at just the right time. Of course, only the Lord can do this.

In His Second Coming He teaches that “After the end of the Israelitish Church interior Divine truths were revealed by the Lord for the Christian Church, and now still more interior truths for the church that is to come. These interior truths are such as are in the internal or spiritual sense of the Word” (AE 948.2).

So when we think about the Lord explaining that the Word should not be added to or taken away from, we can now see that each revelation is the Lord speaking to us in more and more interior truths.

**HOLY SUPPER** will be offered this month Friday evening, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

*Happy is he who shall eat bread  
in the kingdom of God.*

Luke 14:15

**SUMMER “SUNDAY SCHOOL” SERVICES:** Parents, please take careful note about these services, which happen three times during the summer. During the summer the children’s talk is not followed by a Sunday School class. Instead, parents are expected to supervise their children in the barn or outside during the sermon (making sure people outside are not within the view of worshippers inside).

It is important that all children actually be supervised in order to protect them from hurting others or having to endure the bad behavior of others. Thank you to parents, individually and collectively, for pulling together to make sure our kids are protected.

In the case of rain, certain indoor spaces may be used in addition to the barn, but it’s imperative that an adult be in any room in which there are children, whatever their age. Close supervision matters in these spaces that are developed, used, and cared for

by those who work in the school, to whom we need to show respect. All places should of course be left as clean and tidy as you will undoubtedly find them. Available in bad weather (only): the 7th-8th classrooms, and the Commons.

As on every Sunday, please supervise your children when church is over, whether in the Society Room or outside.

**WOODS / OUTDOOR SERVICES:** On the last Sunday of each summer month (August 25, and September 29), there will be an indoor 9:00 a.m. Family Service and a 10:00 a.m. Family Service in the woods. If it rains, the 10:00 a.m. Woods Service will be held indoors, and the 9:00 a.m. indoor service will happen as well.

How to get to the woods: Park at the church, cross the street, and walk down the lane, following the signs. There is also parking in a field at the end of the lane, on the right, for those who prefer not to walk. Please stay on church property (toward the left as you travel the lane), and avoid driving onto our neighbor's property toward the right.

**SUMMER DOCTRINAL CLASS:** The last class on the book "Disease, Disaster and Divine Providence" by Rev. Arne Bau-Madsen will be offered at the Old School Village Lounge on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

**This year's Winter Study** will be on the inheritances of the 12 tribes of Israel in the land of Canaan. We will specifically focus on the inheritances of the tribes as they are described in the Book of Joshua.

"By the 'land of Canaan' was represented the kingdom of the Lord; its celestial by 'Zion,' and its spiritual by 'Jerusalem,' where was the dwelling place of Jehovah or the Lord. The country 'round about,' even to the borders, represented the celestial and spiritual things flowing forth in their order and derived therefrom." AC 2973

I look forward to studying this series together!

**The Board of Trustees** met on Tuesday, July 16. We reviewed the budget for the past fiscal year. Last year's budget ended up with a surplus which we decided to put toward the West End Renovation project and into unrestricted endowment. We also decided to go forward with a proposal for taking on

payroll and benefits. And lastly the board voted to sponsor Kempton's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

**Pastor's Council** met on Tuesday, July 23. We discussed the various kinds of church services offered and whether there are any ways we can better serve families with young children. We also discussed whether a building use policy would be helpful and how the 19<sup>th</sup> of June Service went. Finally, we spent some more time on a very rough draft of a possible process for addressing the sanctuary. This last topic continued from the last two meetings and will continue to be the subject of several future Pastor's Council meetings so please feel free to let us know your thoughts about a good process. I have heard from some of you already and it really helps!

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The election of trustees and school council members will take place at the society meeting on October 10, 2024.

The trustees whose terms expire this year are Thos Powell, Doug Robertson and John Cole. Terms are for three years. There are no term limits in the Bylaws, so they can be re-nominated indefinitely. The other members of the Board are Brandon Junge, Mark Hendricks (2025), Bracken Brown and Cedric Lumsden (2026).

The members of the School Council whose terms are expiring are Kathy Schrock and Dandridge Cole. Terms for the School Council are also for three years and like the terms for board members there are no term limits. The other members of the School Council are Vera Cole, Sheila Heiter (2025) and Matt Saltzer.

The members of the Nominating Committee are Cedric Lumsden, chair, Seth King and Wade Buick. Please speak to one of them if you have suggestions. A slate will be published in the September and October Newsletters.

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### WORSHIP

- 10:00 AM services live streamed: kemptonnewchurch.org.
- Services can be heard in the library. Parents with babies or little ones are always welcome to be in there, where a basket of board books (not library books, please) is available. Please leave the room in orderly shape. Thanks!

*Sunday, August 4, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service. Usher/Setup: Laban Genzlinger*

*Sunday, August 11, 10:00 a.m. Family Service. Usher/Setup: Laif Judson*

*Friday, August 16, 6:30 p.m. Holy Supper Service. Usher: Cedric Lumsden*

*Sunday, August 18  
9:00 a.m. Young Children's Service.  
Setup: Dale and Tovah Smith  
10:00 a.m. Sermon Service. Usher/Setup:  
Hayden King*

*Sunday, August 25  
9:00 a.m. Family Service, indoors. Usher/Setup:  
Gavin Stewart  
10:00 a.m. Woods Service. Setup: Dandridge  
Cole, Shane Glenn*

### **CLASSES**

Please contact the minister leading the class if you would like to attend virtually. He will share a Zoom link with you (if the location has internet connection), which will let you join by phone or video.

*Wednesday, August 7, 7:30 p.m. Men's Divine Providence Class at OSV.*

*Thursday, August 8, 10:00 a.m. Heaven and Hell class at OSV. Read numbers 346-353.*

*Wednesday, August 14, 7:30 p.m. Men's Divine Providence Class at OSV.*

*Wednesday, August 21, 7:30 p.m. Men's Divine Providence Class at OSV.*

*Monday, August 26, 7:30 p.m. Summer Doctrinal Class at OSV.*

*Wednesday, August 28, 7:30 p.m. Men's Divine Providence Class at OSV.*

*Thursday, August 29, 10:00 a.m. Heaven and Hell class at OSV. Read numbers 354-356*

### **EVENTS**

**Ladies Handwork:** Every Wednesday, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., at Old School Village (no handwork on June 19<sup>th</sup>).

**Weeding at the KNC:** Every Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Family Soccer** will be held every Sunday from 3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Contact Jordan Cooper with questions.

### **NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Our condolences:** On Saturday, July 20, 2024, *Kevin Henriques* passed into the spiritual world. A Resurrection Service will be held at the Kempton New Church on Thursday, August 1, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. Our thoughts are with Susan, and the entire Henriques family.

*Peace has in it confidence in the Lord, that He governs all things, and provides all things, and that He leads to a good end. Arcana Coelestia 8455*

(If you would like to help with refreshments for after the service, please contact Brittany Childs 570-242-0603).

### **Weddings:**

*Carl Asplundh and Savanna Smith* were married on June 7, 2024, in New Hope, PA.

*Joshua Taylor and Tess Brown* were married on July 7, 2024, in Bryn Athyn, PA.

### **Baptisms:**

*Sasha Charity Saltzer* was baptized on June 23, 2024, in Kempton, PA.

*Lachlan Reidar Buick* was baptized on July 7, 2024, in Kempton, PA.

**Confirmation:** *Bethany Buick* was confirmed on July 12, 2024, in Kempton, PA.

**Going Away Baskets:** There are 4 students leaving Kempton for school this fall, and moving into dormitories (3 boys and 1 girl), and we'd like to send them off with some useful items and our best

wishes. Please leave items in the labeled bags in the kitchen (at the church). We will give them to the students at church on **Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Autumn Weekends:**

Hello everyone! I know it's summertime, but it's never too early to start thinking about Autumn Weekends. This year Schuyler and I will be organizing the event. If you have helped with Autumn Weekends in the past and would like to volunteer this year, please feel free to reach out to me. The dates for Autumn Weekends this year are: Saturday October 12th, Sunday October 13th, Saturday October 19th, and Sunday October 20th. Thank you so much and we look forward to helping put on this lovely event!  
-Sarah Heinrichs (267-750-9670)

### **Kempton Sesquicentennial Celebration:**

Mark your calendars for this upcoming event! Please go to <https://www.kemptoncommunitycenter.org/sesquicentennial> for more information. There will be a dedication of a memorial to Albany and Kempton servicemembers. The organizing committee is asking for names of both active military and veterans to be included in the program at the dedication. Follow the link above for information on who to contact if you'd like to be included in the program.

**Caleb's Café:** We will be closed this weekend, July 26th and 27th. We will re-open next week, August 2nd with a slight change in our Friday hours. Going forward our hours will be: Fridays 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Any questions call Roxanne (610)662-3902- thank you for your continued support of our cafe!

**For Sale - Folding Bike:** Well-maintained folding bike with 26" wheels (a rarity in folding bikes). Adjusts for rider's height. Grip shifts, speedometer/odometer, mirror. Put it behind car seat for traveling or for storing in an apartment. \$150 OBO. Thos Powell 610-463-7171. Leave message.

**Looking to return:** DVD: "The Martian". I wrongly thought I knew who loaned this to me long ago. Was it you? Would like to return. Carla Kerr (610-756-4376)

**Bryn Athyn College** is seeking applicants for the position of President. Please see the attachment sent with this newsletter.

### **Homes for Sale in the area:**

[https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/244-Stony-Run-Valley-Rd-Kempton-PA-19529/8851834\\_zpid/](https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/244-Stony-Run-Valley-Rd-Kempton-PA-19529/8851834_zpid/)

[https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/9657-Ponderosa-Ct-Kempton-PA-19529/9639322\\_zpid/](https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/9657-Ponderosa-Ct-Kempton-PA-19529/9639322_zpid/)

### **SCHOOL NEWS**

**Reminder to parents of KNCS students:** Please hand in your bus forms ASAP (if you haven't already). The health forms are due *August 9*. They can be left on my desk if you come by and I'm not here. Jen McQueen

*Saturday, August 24, 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*

**Work Party** at the Kempton New Church

### **From the Secretary:**

I'm currently updating the address list and the phone list for the society. Please let me know of any changes you'd like to make on either of these lists (for example, no more land line, or a new cell phone number). Thanks very much! I hope to publish the lists in September. If you'd like to see a current copy of either list, let me know. Jen

**ANNIVERSARIES**

That genuine conjugal love is heaven is represented in the kingdoms of nature; for there is nothing in all nature that does not in some way represent the Lord's kingdom in general, since the natural kingdom derives all its origin from the spiritual. *Arcana Caelestia* 2758

*Congratulations and Best Wishes to:*

**Matt and Sheila Heiter**

on the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 16 years

**Schuyler and Sarah Heinrichs**

on the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6 years

**Judah and Lydia Synnestvedt**

on the 9<sup>th</sup> – 14 years

**Dan and Erika Brown**

on the 10<sup>th</sup> – 28 years

**Bradley and Suzanne King**

on the 11<sup>th</sup> – 40 years

**Calvin and Maggie Odhner**

on the 14 – 42 years

**Dag and Shayne Boyesen**

on the 17<sup>th</sup> – 33 years

**Dale and Tovah Smith**

on the 17<sup>th</sup> – 11 years

**Mark and Wendy Wyncoll**

on the 17<sup>th</sup> – 39 years

**Rich and Suzanne Evans**

on the 18<sup>th</sup> – 36 years

**Luke and Brittany Price**

on the 19<sup>th</sup> – 18 years

**Andrew and Carrie Heilman**

on the 21<sup>st</sup> – 48 years

**Yorvar and Ruth Synnestvedt**

on the 28<sup>th</sup> – 70 years

**Gerald and Jenna van Zyverden**

on the 31<sup>st</sup> – 5 years

