



KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – June 2025

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A Bride Adorned for Her Husband

Revelation 21:1, 2, 9, 10

1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and the sea is no more.

2 And I, John, saw the holy city New Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

9 And there came to me one of the seven angels, having the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues, and he spoke with me, saying, Come, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

10 And he carried me away in the spirit on a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.

Conjugal Love 81

I looked again towards the eastern heaven and a light shone forth on the right, and this light entered the southern expanse. And I heard a sweet sound, and asked the angel, "What of the Lord are they glorifying there?"

He said, "These words in the Apocalypse: I saw a new heaven and a new earth, and I saw the holy city, the New Jerusalem, descending from God out of heaven prepared as a bride for her husband. And the angel spake with me and said, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit upon a mountain, great and high, and showed me the city, the holy Jerusalem (Rev. xxi. 1, 2, 9, 10).

And with these words:

I Jesus am the bright and morning Star. And the Spirit and the Bride say, Come. He said, Yes I come quickly, Amen. Yes, come, Lord Jesus (xxii. 16, 17, 20)"....

On hearing and understanding these glorifications my heart exulted, and in joy I went home. And there, from the state of the spirit I returned into that of the body; in which state I wrote down the things that were seen and heard. To which I now add this: That conjugal love will be raised up anew by the

Lord after His advent, such as it was with the ancients. For that love is of the Lord alone, and is with those who are made spiritual by Him through the Word.

Pastor's Notes

The Lord used the imagery of marriage to describe the Holy City New Jerusalem in the end of the Book of Revelation (Rev. 21:2,9). And in *Conjugal Love* 81 we learn that the very verses comparing the Holy City to a bride and wife in Revelation were heard in heaven as a sweet sound glorifying the Lord and celebrating His advent. The passage in *Conjugal Love* explains further that while these words from Scripture describing the Holy City in the context of marriage were spoken by angels, the sky in the eastern heaven shone with a brilliant light (CL 81). In response to this joyful heavenly event, the Lord gave this to Swedenborg to write:

That conjugal love will be raised up anew by the Lord after His advent, such as it was with the ancients. For that love is of the Lord alone, and is with those who are made spiritual by Him through the Word. (CL 81)

What a tremendously merciful promise! The Second Coming of the Lord will result in marriage being raised up anew in its most innocent form. And the Lord wants us to know about it so that the church and therefore the special love from Him in marriage, called conjugal love, can be established in each of us!

HOLY SUPPER will be offered this month in church on Wednesday, June 18th, at 7:30 p.m. at the church. This service will be similar to the one we do before Easter. There will be extended readings about the establishment of the New Church from the *Book of Revelation* and *Apocalypse Revealed*.

Happy are they who have been called to the wedding supper of the Lamb.

Revelation 19:9

WE WILL CELEBRATE NEW CHURCH DAY on Thursday, June 19th, at 5:00 p.m. See “June Worship” for details.

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 (June 29, July 27, August 31, and September 28), 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: This summer Andy, Derrick, Lawson, and I are offering a four-class series on a book titled *Authority in the New Church*, by Rev. R. L. Tafel. The book was published in 1877 and seeks to answer this question posed on page five of the book: “Where, and what, is that ultimate authority to which all the members of the Lord’s Church at large, and especially the members of the Lord’s New Church, should look, and by which they ought to be willing to be judged?”

We hope you will enjoy the classes. We will be looking at the first four chapters this summer. In future summers we will look at the last six chapters as well as the appendices. Copies of the book can be printed on demand so please let me know if you would like one so we can have them printed in time for the first class. A sign-up sheet will be available after church on Sunday and at Jen’s desk. The cost is \$10. Printouts of individual chapters will be available if you prefer not to buy the book.

Location: Old School Village Lounge

Dates (Mondays): June 16, June 30, July 14 and July 28

Time: 7:30 p.m.

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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 there, where a basket of board books (not library books, please) is available. Please leave the room in orderly shape. Thanks!

*Sunday, June 1, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service.
Usher/Setup: Shane Glenn*

*Sunday, June 8, 10:00 a.m. Family Service
Usher/Setup: Bengt Boyesen*

*Sunday, June 15
9:00 a.m. Young Children’s Marionette Service.
Setup: Jamen and Briana Schrock
10:00 a.m. Sermon Service. Usher/Setup:
Theo Judson*

*Wednesday, June 18, 7:30 p.m. Holy Supper
Service. Usher: Roger Schrock*

Thursday, June 19, 5:00 p.m. New Church Day
Pageant. *Ushers: Doug Robertson, Gavin Stewart*
Pageant followed by picnic and potluck dessert.

Sunday, June 22, 10:00 a.m. Family Service.
Usher/Setup: Gerald van Zyverden

Sunday, June 29

9:00 a.m. Family Service Indoors. *Usher:*
Brandon Jungé
10:00 a.m. Woods Service: *Setup: Curtis*
McQueen, Laban Genzlinger

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 an internet connection), which will let you join by phone or video.

Wednesday, June 4th, 7:30 p.m. Men's Class on
Divine Providence at OSV

Wednesday, June 11th, 7:30 p.m. Men's Class on
Divine Providence at OSV

Monday, June 16th, 7:30 p.m. Summer Doctrinal
class at OSV

Monday, June 30th, 7:30 p.m. Summer Doctrinal
class at OSV

CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

If you missed the Society Meeting in May, please reach out to a Contributions Committee member or Board of Trustees member about our Long-term and Short-term fundraising goals. And major congrats are due to the donors who helped us reach our Regular Contributions goal already...with 40 days left in our fiscal year. I am grateful for all the support from both near and far for the uses of the Kempton New Church. Mark W. for the Committee

MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 10th, **Pastor's Council** at 7:30 p.m.
in the library.

RECURRING EVENTS

Weeding at the church and school every Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Ladies Handwork: Every Wednesday, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., at Old School Village.

Moms and Tots: Moms and Tots will be changing during the summer months. Instead of meeting at OSV twice a month, we will be meeting at the Kempton Community Center playground once a month during the months of May, June, July, and August. Our first playground meeting day will be **Friday, May 30th. In June, we will meet on the 27th.** We will be meeting at 9:30 a.m. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Sarah at 267-750-9670.

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism: Congratulations to Nathan and Vera Cole on the baptism of their son, *Peregrine Benaiah*, on Sunday, May 11th.

Jesus said, Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them, for of such is the kingdom of the heavens.
Matthew 19:14

Congratulations to the following graduates:

From the Kempton New Church School: Charlie Boyesen, Aven Buick, Malachi Cole, Cecily Fritch, Shane Glenn, Hannah Heiter, Pearse Judson

Delia Fritch graduated from Bloomsburg University with a BS in Medical Imaging.

Kaspar Fritch graduated from Northampton College with a degree in Pre-funeral Services. He will continue his education in the fall, to be a Funeral Director.

Laban Genzlinger is graduating with honors from Bryn Athyn College of the New Church this year, with an Interdisciplinary Major in Religion and Business and a minor in Mathematics

Shannah McQueen is graduating from Bryn Athyn College of the New Church with an AA in Business.

Desiree Worthington is graduating from Kutztown Area High School at the end of May and will be moving to Philadelphia to attend Temple University.

From the Building Committee, a heads up: The West End Project will begin in earnest by late June with the church landing, stairs and pathways starting sooner. Be prepared to use other entrances to the buildings for a few weeks. Once the demolition of the kitchen and bathrooms begin, those areas will be closed off until completion ...October? November? This will obviously impact those uses. Temporary inconveniences, permanent improvements! The BC will work hard to ensure your safety and ability to enter and exit the building safely. And find coffee after church.

June 19th is coming! There are several ways you can help:

1. Join the gift labeling for June 19th at 10:00 a.m. on *Monday, June 16th*, in the HS North Room.
2. Kempton gives June 19th gifts to all our children but also any visitors coming for the day. Please let me know if any visitors are coming as soon as possible so I have a gift labeled and prepared for them.
3. Donations are a valuable part of the June 19th gift program. Many of the gifts are handmade by the talented folk of Kempton but some must be purchased, and often material costs are reimbursed to our crafters. Any donation goes directly to June 19th uses and is greatly appreciated. Checks can be made out to Heart and Hand and sent to Judy Synnestvedt at 72 Mountain Road, Kempton, PA 19529
4. Every child associated with the Kempton New Church receives a gift but PLEASE let me know if your child will not be at the 5:00 June 19th service so I can hold their gift separately for later delivery. Please call or text Heather King 484-860-0973 with any questions.

New Church Day Pageant: We are starting preparations for the pageant featuring the story of the Woman Clothed with the Sun and are looking for volunteers. We need: actors of all ages, costume ironing help, and set up help the day of. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please let

Jordan or Becky know. We'd love to have you be a part of the celebration!

New Church Craft Sale: There will be a New Church Day Craft sale in the Society Room on Saturday, June 14th, 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. It seems like a good time of year to encourage creative types to make beautiful and useful things that reflect the doctrines of the New Church to share with others.

Some ideas: household items that incorporate quotes or religious imagery; Games or toys related to scripture; Household decorations; Personal adornments; Artistic baked goods; Items to enhance a worship center or for use in one's daily devotionals; Items that illustrate some New Church theme like eternal marriage, innocence and care of children, fighting the dragon, repentance; Items that remind us of favorite memorable relations, or depict scenes from Revelation, or evoke any part of scripture more broadly.

If you have questions or have an idea you want to run by someone, I'm happy to chat after church, or you can email me, Ayisha.Synnestvedt@gmail.com. Let me know if you or your children would like a table.

Youth Group BBQ and Class at Buicks on Friday, May 30th, hosted by Brett and Karla Buick. Come any time, 5:00 p.m. or later, for outdoor games. We will grill out for dinner at 6:00 p.m. The class portion will start at 7:15 p.m. and will wrap up around 8:30 p.m. Come prepared to share a favorite, interesting, or useful passage from *Conjugal Love*. Incoming 9th graders (current 8th graders) are welcome to attend this event!

Caleb's Café will take a short summer break and will be closed the last week in May through the first week in June. We will re-open on Friday, June 13th with our summer hours: Fridays and Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Thank you - Caleb and Roxanne

Need any help? I can do pet care, house cleaning, gardening and farm work. Just call Elsa Brown at 484-697-0991

Kempton Lions Charity Golf Tournament:

All proceeds benefit the Kempton community and charities. Please let a Kempton Lion know if you would like to play in our June 1st, 1:15 p.m. annual golf tournament. Very low-key affordable fundraising golf event with beverages and dinner provided along with 18-hole scramble play all for \$85.00. It's a blast!

Men's Softball: The next get together will be on Friday, June 20th at 6:15 p.m. at the Kempton Community Center. I hope to see everyone there again and maybe some new faces too! ~Kenan

Summer Camp at Glencairn Museum:

We will be running two weeks of summer camp for 8-10 year olds:

Session 1 | Ages 8–10 | Monday, June 16–Friday, June 20 | 8:30am–1:00 pm

Session 2 | Ages 8–10 | Monday, June 23 – Friday, June 27 | 8:30am–1:00 pm

If you have visited Glencairn, you'll know just how awesome the castle can be for kids! Glencairn's summer camp is designed to spark creativity, build new connections, and invite campers to see art and culture in a new way. Led by experienced and passionate staff with background check compliance, CPR, first aid, and child abuse prevention training, each week includes:

- Storytelling in Glencairn's awe-inspiring Great Hall
- Arts and crafts in Glencairn's new, state-of-the-art Studio space
- Outdoor activities on Glencairn's expansive grounds inspired by history and focused on teamwork, skill building, and fun
- Daily outdoor time in Glencairn's Cloister garden for snacks and games
- Exclusive use of Glencairn's historic kitchen for hands-on cooking and baking activities
- Guided educational activities in all gallery spaces, including the Tower, allowing campers to interact with authentic ancient and medieval art and objects
- Community building games and ice breakers led by camp staff to help campers feel connected and build friendships

- Dedicated time every day for campers to take inspiration from all that they have learned and create something new that reflects their experience at summer camp

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SCHOOL NEWS

School Closing is on Friday, June 6th at 10:00 a.m. All are invited. Parents, please have your children in their classrooms between 9:45 and 9:55 a.m.

High school Graduation is on Friday, June 6th at 7:00 p.m., on the lawn outside the society room. All are invited!

Parents of KNCS students who use the bus: there will be **no busing on Friday, June 6th**. Also, since there is no afternoon school on June 4th or 5th, there will be no 2:45 p.m. bus on those days.

ANNIVERSARIES

There are two loves in a man [a male], one of which is the love of becoming wise, which comes first, and the second is the love of wisdom, which comes afterward. But if this second love remains in a man, it is an evil love, and is called conceit, or love of his own intelligence. To keep this love from destroying a man, it... was provided from creation that this love should be taken from him and be transcribed into woman, so that it may become conjugal love, which restores him to integrity. Conjugal Love 88

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

Jamen and Briana Schrock

on the 1st – 23 years

Bob and Marilyn Hunsaker

on the 7th – 67 years

Steve and Denise Hendricks

on the 7th - 50 years

Jordan and Becky Cooper

on the 9th – 18 years

Hugh and Margaret Heinrichs

on the 10th - 64 years

Josh and Shannon Weil

on the 11th - 9 years

Ian and Wellesley Keal

on the 12th – 49 years

Josh and Michele Brown

on the 13th - 27 years

Aaron and Anna Asplundh

on the 14th - 28 years

Jared and Natalie Eads

on the 17th – 2 years

Dale and Gray Glenn

on the 21st - 56 years

Gale and Emily Smith

on the 24th - 65 years

Alex and Janina Walbert

on the 24th – 2 years

Jesse and Leona Fritch

on the 27th - 27 years

Seth and Heather King

on the 29th - 29 years

Justin and Anndwyn Hendricks

on the 29th - 17 years

Cairn and Seni King

on the 30th - 18 years

