



KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – December 2025

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THIS IS THE DAY THAT JEHOVAH HAS MADE

Psalm 118:23-29

23 From Jehovah this has been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

24 This is the day that Jehovah has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 I pray Thee, Jehovah, save, I pray Thee; I pray Thee, Jehovah, make it prosper, I pray Thee.

26 Blessed be He who comes in the name of Jehovah; we bless you out of the house of Jehovah.

27 God is Jehovah, and He enlightens us; bind ye the festival offering with the ropes even to the horns of the altar.

28 Thou art my God, and I will confess Thee; my God, I will exalt Thee.

29 Confess Jehovah; for He is good; for His mercy is to eternity.

Apocalypse Explained 660:4

Exultation [or rejoicing] is . . . mentioned [in the Word], because exultation, like joy, is predicated of good, because it relates to love, to the heart, and to the will; as in [Psalm 118:24]...."Rejoicing" signifies delight from love and from the affection of good, and "gladness" signifies pleasure from the love and affection of truth.

Pastor's Notes

In *Psalm* 118:24 it says, "This is the day that Jehovah has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." And when we look at the Psalm we find a very good reason to rejoice and be glad—the Lord's mercy is to eternity! It says "His mercy is to eternity" five different times (verses 1,2,3,4, 29). The Psalm starts this way and ends this way.

If we reflect on the Lord's mercy and how we have received it, we may be able to recognize the joy and gladness within us that come from the Lord's mercy. So, this Thanksgiving, with Psalm 118 in mind, we can include the Lord's mercy as something we are thankful for this year.

HOLY SUPPER will be offered this month on Friday, December 19th, 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 birth of the Lord from the Gospels and from the Heavenly Doctrine.

And when the hour had come, He reclined, and the twelve apostles with Him. And He said to them, With longing I have longed to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.

Luke 22:14-15

The Winter Study Topic will be on a portion of the Sermon on the Mount where the Lord says six times in succession, "You have heard that it was declared by the ancients...but I say to you..." (Matthew 5:21-48).

You might like to think about arranging to be part of a group before the holidays get busy, since the winter study starts soon after the New Year begins.

If you would like to host a group and have seats to offer, or if you want to join a class, please let me or Jen McQueen know so we can help people get connected if needed.

The Board of Trustees met Tuesday, November 11. We heard a report on status of the West End Renovation Project, the General Church Treasurers' Meetings and the status of the budget for the current fiscal year.



Thanksgiving: You are welcome to bring offerings of fresh or canned produce to church as an expression of gratitude to the Lord. We will later take them to a food pantry, as an expression of love toward the neighbor as well. There will be a procession when you can bring your gift to the chancel.

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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, December 7, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service. Usher/Setup: Ted LaMastra

Sunday, December 14
 9:00 a.m. Young Children's Marionette Service.
Setup: Dale and Tovah Smith
 10:00 a.m. Sermon Service. *Usher/Setup: George Cauffman*

Friday, December 19, 6:30 p.m. Usher: Roger Schrock

Sunday, December 21, 10:00 a.m. Sermon Service. Usher/Setup: Luke Glenn

Sunday, December 21, 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Tableaux Services, in the Society Room. Ushers/Setup: Brandon Jungé and James King

Wednesday, December 24th, 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service. Ushers/Setup: Cedric Lumsden, Seth Wyncoll

Sunday, December 28, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service. Usher/Setup: Jonah Heiter

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, December 3rd, 9:30 a.m. Mom's Morning class at OSV.

Wednesday, December 3rd, 7:30 p.m. Men's DP class at OSV.

Thursday, December 4th, 10:00 a.m. Heaven and Hell class at OSV. The topic will be the Christmas stories and Heaven and Hell.

Wednesday, December 10th, 9:30 a.m. Mom's Scripture Study at Heather King's

Wednesday, December 10th, 7:30 p.m. Men's DP class at OSV.

Friday, December 12th, 7:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Youth Group CL class at Nathan and Vera Cole's

Wednesday, December 17th, 9:30 a.m. Mom's Scripture Study at Heather King's

Wednesday, December 17th, 7:30 p.m. Men's DP class at OSV.

Thursday, December 18th, 10:00 a.m. Heaven and Hell class at OSV. The topic will be on the readings in the Christmas booklet

CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

Expressing Gratitude to Our Pastors:
 The offertory on Christmas Eve is offered to our pastors in recognition of and appreciation for their service to our society. We thank them for their care.

As always thank you all for all the ways our donors and volunteers support the work of the church in Kempton!

Thank you, and Happy Christmas to all.

RECURRING EVENTS**Choir Practice:**

Join us in singing every Monday evening from 6:45 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. in the society room. *There will be no choir practice Dec. 8th or 29th.* Call, text or email Anni with any questions 215-892-5825 annipowellmusic@protonmail.com

Ladies Handwork: Wednesday, December 3rd, 10th, and 17th 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., at Old School Village.

There will be only one Christmas Storybook handwork day, Dec 3rd. We will be reading Holly and Ivy, and there will be hot chocolate from scratch. Other snacks welcome.

Regular handwork will hopefully continue the 10th and 17th, but since Ayisha will be away, she needs to be sure someone is willing to take responsibility

for the lounge and bathrooms being left tidy. If you're willing to step up either of those days to help close, please text Ayisha 215-407-4001.

There will be no handwork on Christmas or on New Year's Eve.

Moms and Tots: Friday, December 5th and 19th, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the OSV gym. Feel free to come for some or all of it. Some toys will be provided but feel free to bring your own riding toys like bikes or scooters. Hope to see you there!

YOUTH GROUP:

Friday, December 12th, 7:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Youth Group Conjugal Love class at Nathan and Vera Cole's.

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come to a Society Christmas Sing on December 5th! We want this to be a fun-filled community event for all ages and abilities. Come for the cookie break and kid's craft even if you are a nervous singer! We will follow the tradition of years' past by singing our favorite Christmas carols beginning at 6:30. At 7:30 we will take a break for snacks and time to celebrate the season together while giving families time to take small children home, if needed. We will begin singing again at 8:00. Drinks will be provided but please bring a favorite Christmas snack or dessert to share. Any questions please contact Becky or Heather.

The One Room Bookstore Christmas Open House – Saturday, December 13th 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. This event will be highlighting Christmas and Winter books with a special read aloud for young children at 10:00 a.m. With over 650 titles, this is a great opportunity to find gifts for your loved ones. Also, for the first time, there will be a selection of hand-picked toys for sale, featuring adorable Zuru mini babies with hand crocheted outfits, among others. Come enjoy drinks, snacks and visiting while browsing delightful books and toys! Coloring pages, a polar bear and toys will be available to entertain little ones.

Located above the garage at my house. -Genta Hendricks

Spiral Garden

On Sunday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m. you are warmly invited to participate in a Spiral Garden at the Kempton New Church. This beautiful tradition is a way to participate in a symbolic experience of moving from darkness to light with candles and beautiful music as we prepare to celebrate the Lord's coming into the world on Christmas. Please come quietly through the school entrance and leave your coats there, in time to be seated in the Society Room by 6:30. We will signal an early leaving time for families with young children. Teens and adults are welcome to stay on.

Just a quick note for parents: We leave it up to you to decide if your child is old enough to carry a candle or whether they would enjoy that part of the event. The experience can be just as lovely whether or not the child places a candle of their own.

Please contact Genta (267-981-8833) or Sheila (484-661-8999) with any questions and/or if you would like to help.

Christmas House in the manse is coming soon...but we need crafters! If you are high school or up and considering selling your crafts at the store, we would love to hear from you! Even if you only have a few things, we enjoy having the variety of many of crafts, so please call or text Vivienne or Roxanne!

The store will open the second week in December. (cash or check only, pay at the cafe) The dates are:

Thursday, Dec. 11th, 7:30-1:30

Friday, Dec. 12th, 7:30-1:30

Saturday, Dec. 13th, 8:00-2:00

Thursday, Dec. 18th, 7:30-1:30

Friday, Dec. 19th, 7:30-1:30

Saturday, Dec. 20th, 8:00-2:00

Mom's Scripture Study Class at Heather King's: Wednesday mornings Dec. 10th and 17th at 9:30 a.m. We will be reading the book of Genesis. Study is geared towards moms and ladies with a desire to learn or remember the first stories in the Word. Brett will be there to keep us on track! Children are welcome and snacks and coffee/tea will be provided. Bring a copy of the Word or Bible. Please call Heather or Brett with questions.

Caleb's Cafe will be open after Thanksgiving ONLY on Saturday, Nov. 29th 8:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. Come enjoy a holiday latte with friends and family!

Christmas Cookie Exchange:

Women, college age and older, are invited to a Christmas Cookie Exchange on Monday, Dec. 22nd, in the *High School Commons*, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Cookie Swapping begins at 7:00 p.m. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre or a bottle of wine to share.

COOKIE EXCHANGE RULES

1. All cookies should be homemade and of the same variety.
2. Make 3 dozen cookies.
3. Make little packages of 3 cookies each. (You should have a total of 12 packages that have 3 cookies in each)

Any questions, please call or text Suzanne King (484-793-1451) or Leona Fritch (570-449-8221).

The KNC Craft Sale Is Just Around the Corner!

Hi everyone! Our annual Kempton New Church Craft Sale is coming up soon on Saturday, December 6th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Kempton Community Center — and we'd love to have more crafters join in!

If you've been thinking about signing up for a table, this is a wonderful time to do so! Whether you knit, sew, bake, bead, carve, draw, or make something completely unique, we'd be thrilled to have you share your creations. You don't need to be a professional — just someone who enjoys making things and wants to be part of a fun, supportive day for our society and church. We'd love crafters of all ages and items!

We have tables available (and extras on hand if you don't want to bring your own), and sellers can begin setting up at 8:00 a.m. ET. To reserve a spot, please reach out to Kit at klrose85@gmail.com or 215-531-0534 (cell) — we'd love to add more names to the list! As a reminder, we are asking adult sellers (those not sharing a table with kids), to donate a small \$10 to help cover the cost of renting the new space. If this is a burden, please let Kit know. We don't want this to be something that stops you from joining.

Also, we are still looking for donations for the bake sale and raffle for this year. We are interested in all

kinds of items, as it really makes the day fun and engaging, and is a great way to raise money for the church.

Even if you're not selling this year, we hope you'll come by to browse, encourage our crafters, and enjoy the spirit of the day. Your presence and support really do make a difference. Can't wait to see what everyone brings to the tables this year!

Beautiful property for sale in Shoemakersville (Maidencreek Township, Fleetwood SD).

30 minutes from Kempton, convenient to Hamburg and Rt 61.

18+ acres (15 tillable). Great for hobbyist or potential land rental income.

2006, 3400 sq. ft home with many upgrades. 4 bedroom (main floor suite), 2/2 bath, large 4+ attached garage, standing seam steel roof, Generac generator, propane heat (tank owned), large unfinished basement, in-law quarters potential. \$875,000

Full listing

at: <https://lindsayadam.remax.com/property/382-PABK2065658-130-troxel-road-shoemakersville-PA-19555>

-Sarah & Luke Heiter

Society Christmas Mail Boxes are installed at the KNC every December to facilitate the "mailing" of any Christmas cards we might want to send to others in the congregation. The boxes (with individual name labels) will be set up at some point in the near future, in the hallway between the Society Room and school.

Do You Enjoy Seeing the Church Decorated at Christmas? Would you be willing to coordinate a decorating effort this year? Or be willing to help with one? You needn't think you aren't "creative" enough; organization will win the day, and though you wouldn't have to repeat what's been done in the past, you also wouldn't have to reinvent the wheel. Simple is good. Please call Jen McQueen if interested.

Thank you everyone who donated toys and other items to my 4H Club's donation collection! We assembled the boxes at our meeting last week, and everyone had fun picking out gifts and cards to put

in their boxes. In total, we raised enough supplies to make thirteen shoeboxes! It's an amazing thing that these boxes will go all over the world to brighten the lives of so many children. Thank you again, everyone, for your generous donations. Sincerely, Emma Olmstead.



Kempton New Church School information:

Friday, December 19th at 11:00 a.m. Kempton New Church School Christmas Program. All are welcome to attend! Christmas Break begins after the program.

Busing: There will be no buses after the Christmas program, since the dismissal is usually earlier than the regular bus pick-up time. There will be busing that morning (Friday, Dec. 19th).

ANNIVERSARIES

Love truly conjugal is from heaven, and its first being is from the marriage of good and truth there. *Arcana Coelestia* 10168

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

Richard and Louise Gardam

on the 22nd – 52 years

Kevin and Susan Henriques

on the 22nd – 40 years

Cedric and Janice Lumsden

on the 27th – 45 years

Christopher and Heather Smith

on the 30th – 31 years

Brett and Karla Buick

on the 31st – 29 years

