



KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – February 2026

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LET YOUR WORD BE YES, YES

Matthew 5:33-37

Let your word be, Yes, yes; No, no; and whatever is beyond these is from evil.

Divine Providence 219:3

Let your speech be, Yes, yes; No, no; whatever is beyond these is from evil (Matt. 5:37).

Such is the speech of all in the third heaven; for they never reason about Divine things, discussing whether a thing is so or not so, but they see in themselves from the Lord whether it is so or not. Therefore, reasoning about Divine things whether they are so or not, is because the reasoner does not see them from the Lord, but desires to see them from himself; and what man sees from himself is evil. Still the Lord desires that man should not only think and speak about Divine things, but that he should also reason about them to the end that he may see that a thing is or is not so. And this thought, speech and reasoning, provided the end is to see the truth, may be said to be from the Lord in man, although it is from the man until he sees the truth and acknowledges it. Meanwhile it is only from the Lord that he can think, speak and reason; for he has this power from the two faculties, liberty and rationality, and these faculties man has from the Lord alone.

Pastor's Notes

Can we really begin to think like celestial angels? It seems the Lord is teaching us about it in the Sacred Scripture and Heavenly Doctrine to learn to do just that!

And based on the above passage from *Divine Providence*, the key is to learn to think from the Lord and not ourselves. So how do we make that fundamental change of first reasoning about things from ourselves to then seeing truth from the Lord?

First, we need to have the desire to know the truth. And then we need to look at the Sacred Scripture and the Heavenly Doctrine not from ourselves, but from their Author.

This truly humble approach will lead us to see the Sacred Scripture and the Heavenly Doctrine as true. It is an approach in which we work hard to put what we think aside and be open to what the Lord thinks.

Then, slowly over a lifetime, we may find ourselves saying “yes, yes” to the Lord more and more.

HOLY SUPPER will be offered on Friday, February 20th, at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

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

Winter Study

The readings are available in the society room and digital versions along with audio recordings are available on the website as well.

<https://www.kemptonnewchurch.org/Classes/StudyGroups/ButISayToYou/index.php>

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WORSHIP

- 10:00 a.m. 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, February 1, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service. Usher/Setup: Derrick Lumsden

Sunday, February 8, 10:00 a.m. Family Service. Usher/Setup: Gerald van Zyverden

Sunday, February 15

9:00 a.m. Young Children's Service.

Setup: Jamen and Briana Schrock

10:00 a.m. Sermon Service. *Usher/Setup:*

Mike Heiter

Friday, February 20, 6:30 p.m. Holy Supper.

Usher: Roger Schrock

Sunday, February 22, 10:00 a.m. Family Service.

Usher/Setup: Ben deChazal

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.

Thursday, February 5th, 10:00 a.m. Winter Study at OSV.

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Friday, February 20th, 7:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Youth Group CL class at Cade and Caelwen Cole's

Wednesday, February 25th, 9:30 a.m. Mom's Morning class at OSV.

CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

We are already 7/12ths through our fiscal year. If you want to discuss how to become a regular or one time donor please reach out. Many contributors make the wheels keep going!

MEETINGS:

Tuesday, February 3rd, 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting, in the Library

Tuesday, February 10th, 7:30 p.m. Pastor's Council, in the Library

RECURRING EVENTS

Choir Practice:

Join us in singing every Monday evening from 6:45 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. in the society room. Call, text or email Anni with any questions 215-892-5825 annipowellmusic@protonmail.com

Ladies Handwork: Wednesdays from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., at Old School Village.

Moms and Tots: Friday, February 6th and February 20th, from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the gymnasium at OSV

YOUTH GROUP:

Friday, February 20th, 7:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Youth Group Conjugal Love class at Cade and Caelwen Cole's

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kempton's Got Talent and the Bake Auction is a week from tomorrow, on Friday, February 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the Society Room!

Due to all the snow, and people being stuck inside, the due date for the talent and bake sale slips has changed to this Monday, February 2nd.

So, you can still join the talent show or donate a baked good by filling out a slip from Mrs. Jen McQueen's desk, or print a copy using the documents found by clicking here: [talent show slip](#), [bake auction slip](#). These slips are due in the box on Mrs. McQueen's desk by the date stated above. Please read all the information on those sheets if you are signing up.

If you plan to participate in the auction or buy food and drink being sold by the Youth Group, please bring cash or check for that.

If you have any questions, text or email Alana Genzlinger.

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We would love to have you in the talent show and/or donating baked goods, and look forward to seeing you there!

Care Packages: We will be sending Valentines Care Packages to students who are away at college. Please bring items for 18 care packages, to the large box in Jen McQueen's office at the school. They will be assembled, with cards from current KNCS students, on **Monday, February 9th**. Some ideas for items to send: hot chocolate,

tea, popcorn, dried fruit, instant oatmeal, granola bars, gum, candy, instant soups, school supplies (pencils, pens, post-it notes, etc.). Caution: Strong scents tend to permeate food items. Thanks for your support of this!

The Kempton Fools' Guild invites all to attend our play *The Fiddler and the Princess* adapted from Howard Pyle's *The Wonder Clock*. Our Fiddler doesn't think himself a very impressive person, but when a mysterious stranger gifts him a magical staff that can fight for him, things start to change. He then finds a magical fiddle that grants him wishes, and he becomes a hero! (Especially to a certain princess in distress.) Will he gain the princess's love? Or will the oafs Shoemaker and Tinker ruin his chances?

Join us at the Kempton Community Center Friday, February 13th at 7pm, and Saturday, February 14th at 2pm. No ticket sales, but donations warmly received.

Feast of Charity: Friday, February 27th at 6:30 p.m. Potluck Supper. 7:30 p.m. Presentation by Rev. Derrick Lumsden titled, *Not as the World Gives: A Summary of the Cultural Landscape of the Formerly Christian World and a Call to Face the Cost of Discipleship*.

A note about the Potluck: There will be a link to a sign-up sheet for the potluck supper. This will be shared in the Note Home in the next week or two.

Save the Date: 5k Run/Walk at the Kempton Community Center, on May 23rd, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. KNC Fundraiser. More info. to follow. Dust off your running shoes and spread the word!

Women's Clothing Swap:

10:00am-3:00pm on Saturday, February 28
Loft of the red shop at 39 Kempton Road
Hosted by Shilah Schrock

All women high school age and up are warmly invited to take part in a women's clothing swap. Clean out your closet and then enjoy "shopping" for new-to-you pieces— for free! Light refreshments will be served.

From now until Friday, February 20, Shilah will be accepting donations of your gently loved, no-longer-needed items. All seasons, sizes, shoes, and accessories are welcome! You can bring items to 39 Kempton Road, or hand them to Shilah at church or in the school pickup line.

Donating is not required, but those who contribute clothes are allowed to shop an hour before the doors open (9-10am). Any leftover items will be donated locally.

Reach out to Shilah with questions: 267-251-3544, Shilah.rose@gmail.com

Theta Alpha Laws of Life Essay Contest 2026

Eligibility: 15–16-year-old girls worldwide (Sophomores in HS in the US)

Prizes: 1st Place: \$200 USD, 2nd Place 150 USD, 3rd Place 100 USD

Suggested Length: 500-600 words (two pages double-spaced)

Topic: Your Laws of Life.

"Laws of Life" are a set of rules, ideals, or principles by which a person chooses to live. What is important to you? What ideals do you hold deep in your heart? Think about the people and experiences that have helped you form these laws. Pick a topic to write about:

1. A personal experience/lesson learned that affects how you live/view your life now.
2. An aphorism or quote that inspires or guides you.
3. You can use an analogy, a quotation, a story, or a parable.
4. No personal romantic relationships

Form for Submission:

1. Essays are to be in English (Google Translate can be used for this purpose).
2. No name or identification can be on the paper itself to allow impartial judging.
3. Name and address need to be included in the envelope or email.

Submissions are to be sent to Theta Alpha International PO Box 154, Bryn Athyn, PA 19009, USA, or emailed

to scholarships@thetaphainternational.org. They must be received by March 27, 2026.

For exemplars, three winning essays published with permission are available in the May, 2016 Theta Alpha Journal which can be found here: [Theta Alpha Journal May 2016](#) (Pages 18, 21, 24).

Teen Tinkering – Shop Night for High School Boys at Gordon and Cedric McQueen's, Friday, January 30th from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Bring a drink or snack to share, if you're able!

Shop Night: Gordon McQueen will be hosting a shop night on Friday, February 20th, 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. College age men and up are welcome.

Kempton New Church School information:

Yearbooks for Sale:

2025-2026 Yearbooks are now for sale! The cost of each yearbook is \$17, and orders are due February 5th. Order forms are available on the secretary's desk and can be turned in there with payment once filled out. Payment may be made by cash or check, with checks made out to KNC. The number of extra copies will be limited, so we encourage you to order one to guarantee you get a copy. Everyone is welcome to order, so please don't hesitate! Thank you!

-The Yearbook Club

Patriotic Banquet and USA's 250th party

On February 18th, KNCS will be having the annual Patriotic Banquet and be celebrating the 250th birthday of the USA!

During the morning of the 18th, the whole school will be divided into teams, spanning all ages, and students will visit different stations around the campus to participate in activities having to do with the founding of our country.

The finale of the morning will be the annual Patriotic Banquet in the Society Room. Lunch will be served, followed by a short "Celebration of America" program of songs by the children. This year there will also be the addition of a reenactment of a historic boat race. Parents (and everyone else who may be interested) are invited to come watch

the program at 1:20 p.m. and take their children home afterward. **All students, including 7th-12th, will be dismissed at the end of the program.**

The Gallery of American States between the high school and the lower school is looking absolutely amazing after many donations by many people. Do stop by and see it sometime! Also, a few states still need things – to mention a few, does anyone have anything for Iowa, Delaware, California, Kansas, Minnesota, or Iowa?

President's Day, February 16th: There will be school this day, since we have already had 3 snow days.

KNC Work Party: Saturday, February 28, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

ANNIVERSARIES

Conjugal love will be raised up anew by the Lord after His advent, such as it was with the ancients. For that love is from the Lord alone, and is with those who are made spiritual by Him through the Word. Conjugal Love 81:5

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

Legend and Anna Brown
on the 2nd – 13 years

Cornell and Jackie Creciun
on the 15th – 51 years

Gideon and Loretta Alden
on the 22nd - 45 years

Michael and Karen Heiter
on the 26th - 43 years

Ted and Kelly LaMastra
on the 26th – 28 years

