



KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – May 2026

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HAVE CONFIDENCE. I AM. BE NOT AFRAID.

Matthew 14:22-33

22 And straightway Jesus compelled His disciples to enter into a ship, and to go before Him unto the other side, while He sent the crowds away.

23 And sending the crowds away, He went up into the mountain by Himself to pray, and when evening had come He was there alone.

24 And the ship was already in the midst of the sea, tossed about by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

25 And in the fourth watch of the night, Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

26 And the disciples, seeing Him walking on the sea, were disturbed, saying, It is a phantom; and they cried out from fear.

27 But straightway Jesus spoke to them, saying, Have confidence; I am; be not afraid.

28 And Peter answering Him said, Lord, if Thou art, order me to come to Thee on the waters.

29 And He said, Come. And Peter, stepping down from the ship, walked on the waters to come to Jesus.

30 But looking at the strong wind, he feared, and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, Lord, save me.

31 And straightway Jesus, stretching out His hand, took hold of him, and says to him, O thou of little faith, why didst thou doubt?

32 And when they stepped into the ship, the wind grew still.

33 And they who were in the ship, coming, worshiped Him saying, Truly, Thou art the Son of God.

Arcana Coelestia 7673

That "to stretch out the hand" denotes the rule of power is because the hand or arm has power when it is stretched out; and therefore when it is said of Jehovah that "He stretches out the hand" or "arm," there is signified power unlimited or infinite in act.

Pastor's Notes

This story in Matthew is about the unlimited power of the Lord to save us. Several times in the Old Testament the Lord reminded the Israelites that they were rescued from the slavery of Egypt by His "firm hand" and His "stretched out arm" (see e.g. Deut. 5:15, 7:19, 9:29). And in the New Testament we see the Lord doing this for Peter in a much more personal way—in a way we can imagine Him doing for us too. That is one reason why He came on earth—so we could see Him as the Divine Human God that He is, reaching out with His hand to help us. If we know this as well as Peter did after the Lord rescued him, it will help us be more willing to take hold of the Lord's outstretched hand when we need it most.

HOLY SUPPER will be offered on Sunday, May 3rd at the 10:00 a.m. service, and on Friday, May 15th at 6:30 p.m.

And Jesus said to them, I am the Bread of Life; he who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

John 6:35

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, April 21.

We heard an update on the West End Renovation project and approved a budget for the next fiscal year.

The site work on the West End Project is almost all done with the exception of the paving which will be done at the conclusion of the project. The next phase of the project is the handicapped entrance to be followed by the bathroom and kitchen renovations. Once the permit is approved for the handicapped entrance, work on that phase of the project will begin.

The budget approved for fiscal year 2027 is in line with our projections and includes a 4% payout from the endowment as well as increases to donations consistent with giving trends over the last ten years.

Regional Clergy Meetings at the Washington New Church in Mitchellville, Maryland were held from April 7-April 9. Derrick, Lawson and I attended the meetings along with 12 other pastors from the Atlanta, Boston, Boynton Beach, Bryn Athyn, Missouri, Pittsburgh, and Washington societies. Assistant Bishop Brad Heinrichs and Executive Bishop Peter Buss Jr. also attended.

Several of the presentations addressed divergent views within the clergy mostly centered on what the Word says about adultery and how these views could be resolved. Other topics presented on included the Second Coming of the Lord, Logopraxis, religion and politics, preemptive war, church bylaws, being called by the Lord, and the effect of atheism on life decisions.

The meetings left me with a greater sense of hope than I have had in the past that our clergy can work toward adopting a process for resolving the issues that divide us so deeply. If you would like to know more please get in touch and I would love to visit and chat more about the meetings.

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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, May 3, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service with Holy Supper. Usher/Setup: Kenan Smith

Sunday, May 10, 10:00 a.m. Family Service. Usher/Setup: Kaspar Fritch

Friday, May 15, 6:30 p.m. Holy Supper Service. Usher: Cade Cole

Sunday, May 17
 9:00 a.m. Young Children's Service.
Setup: Schuyler and Sarah Heinrichs
 10:00 a.m. Sermon Service. *Usher/Setup: Ted LaMastra*

Sunday, May 24, 10:00 a.m. Family Service. Usher/Setup: Brandon Jungé

Sunday, May 31, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 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, May 7, 10:00 a.m. Heaven and Hell class at OSV. Read HH 528-535 (Not So Difficult)

Tuesday, May 12, 7:30 p.m. Arcana class at OSV (hosted by Joan T.) The readings for the May Arcana Class will complete the reading of the last volume, AC 10773-10837, Exodus 38 – 40. The subjects covered in this reading are the Doctrine of Charity and Faith, first concerning the Lord's overall government which is Divine Providence, and then His government of the church through supervisors, paralleled by a king's government of a country under laws enacted by lawmakers, and finally the subject is concerning the Lord Himself. The other subject in these three short chapters is the sixth earth in the starry heaven, ending with how married partners find each other there and the need for chaperones even on planets whose inhabitants are in good.

Thursday, May 21, 10:00 a.m. Heaven and Hell class at OSV. Read HH 536-544 (The Lord Rules the Hells)

Wednesday, May 27, 9:30 a.m. Mom's Morning class at OSV.

Friday, May 29, 5:00 p.m. Youth Group BBQ at Buick's. Class at 7:15 p.m.

CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

60 days left in our fiscal year. We can do it. Thank you!

MEETINGS:

Thursday, May 21, 7:30 p.m. Kempton New Church
Semi-Annual Meeting.

RECURRING EVENTS**Choir Practice:**

Join us in singing every Monday evening from 6:45 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. in the society room (no choir on Memorial Day). 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: Moms and Tots this month will be taking place on Friday, May 15th, at the van Zyverden's home from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Address is 693 Old Philly Pike, Kempton. Hope to see you there!

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS**Congratulations to the following graduates:**

Kaspar Fritch is graduating with an Associate of Applied Science in Funeral Service Education from Northampton Community College.

Leilah Glenn is graduating from Bryn Athyn College of the New Church, with a Bachelor of Science in Education. She has earned a dual major, in Early Childhood Education (pre-K – 4th) and Special Education (K – 12th).

Laif Judson is graduating from Bryn Athyn College of the New Church, with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology. He will then be attending Thomas Jefferson University for his BSN program.

Theo Judson is graduating with a Masters of Arts in International Relations from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

Kai Smith (son of Brian and Janine Smith), is graduating from the Academy of the New Church Boys School.

Lauren Stewart received a diploma in Culinary Arts on April 24, 2026, from Hiram G. Andrews Technical Institute.

Youth Group BBQ and Class at Buick's on Friday, May 29th 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 *Conjugial Love*. Incoming 9th graders (current 8th graders) are welcome to attend this event!

Dance Steps Studio Recital: Saturday, May 16th at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at Kutztown Middle School (10 Deisher Lane, Kutztown, PA 19530). Senior Dancers this year are: Alana Genzlinger and Tovah Cole, performing their own choreography.

New Church Day Craft Sale:

Mark your calendars for a craft sale on Saturday, June 13th, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Any questions? Contact Ayisha Ayisha.synnestvedt@mail.com or by text.

Photography subjects request!

Dear Mothers of small babies, children, older kids or even adult children (families and expectant mothers welcome too!). Would you like, or be willing to come have your photos taken as a Mother's Day gift? I would like to give the KNCS Photography elective students the chance to work with "clients" for portraiture! Tuesday, May 5th during the elective time 1:20 p.m. - 2:35 p.m. we'd love to give you the opportunity to have photos taken! No charge, just your willing participation. We'd get you edited digital images by the end of the following week! email me at emgenz@gmail.com or text me at 781-879-7186 to "book a slot". Depending on weather and interest, we will have it at the church or location TBD! Thank you! - Eliza Genzlinger

Fun Run:

On a beautiful day, May 23rd, we will be hosting a fun run/ walk/ community get together at the Kempton Community Center. Due to many generous sponsors, there will be prizes, coffee, bags and T-shirts. Invite friends, come hang out, come walk or run! **The run starts at 8:00 a.m.**

You can sign up on the day with a \$10 entry. Participants, please come early to get your participant number (by 7:30 a.m.).

Children can play on the playground, or do a short dash run for fun!

We have 40 signed up already, the more the merrier! Bring your water bottle! There will be refilling stations.

Thanks everyone for your support in trying new things!

Want to support your local Lions club as it seeks to serve the Kempton community?

Our Golf Scramble Fundraiser is May 31st. You can get your foursome to play (it's a fun day), or donate money, or gift items for the raffles. Please see the church bulletin board or talk to a Kempton Lion anytime.

Wrestling Open Mat for boys and men of all ages.

Sessions will be held at the Eads residence, located at 167 Pond View Drive, Hamburg, PA 19526.

Dates and times are Monday, May 4 from 7-9 pm; Wednesday, May 6 from 7-9 pm; Monday, May 11 from 3-5 pm; and continuing similarly although subject to change. Mat space is limited (10' x 20'); participants will rotate in and out. Natalie will be around if moms want to bring younger siblings and stick around; dads are more than welcome to get on the mats too. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Jared Eads at (816) 449-0146. We look forward to seeing you there and taking part in the beginnings of a Kempton Wrestling Club!

- Jared and Natalie Eads

Are you in need of a small chest freezer?

We have three chest freezers for sale (each 5 cubic feet) \$50 each or best offer. Buy one or buy them all! Contact Judah and Lydia 267-761-8085

Teen Shop Night: Friday, May 22nd, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at McQueen's. Please bring a snack or drink to share, if you can!

Men's Shop Night: Friday, May 29th, 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. at McQueen's. Please bring a snack or drink to share, if you can!

Kempton New Church School information:

IOWAS for grades 3 – 8, will take place between April 21st and May 5th.

Library News:

Thursday, May 14th will be the last day to check out books for the homeschoolers and preschoolers at the KNCS library. Books will be due the following week. For any books that are lost, families will need to pay a \$20 repurchase fee.

Thursday, May 21st will be the last check out day for KNCS school children. All books will be due the following week. There will be a \$20 fee for lost books; please do not replace them yourself. Now is the time to start looking for and returning books. If you have questions, please contact Janis or Wendy. Thank you!

Friday, May 1st: Boys and Girls Day.

Wednesday, May 13th: 7:00 p.m. Senior Project Presentations. Join us for an informative and fun evening, as 5 seniors present their projects:

1. Otto Cole: *The Shocking World of Electricians*
2. Alana Genzlinger: *They Let Me Teach?*
3. Rebekah Heiter: *Proof We Were Here*
4. Tovah Cole: *For the Love of Fashion*
5. Gareth Cole: *Probably Seaworthy*

Thursday, May 14th: 7:00 p.m. 8th grade parent meeting in the High School Commons

Monday, May 25th, Memorial Day (no school)

Coming in June:

Friday, June 5, 10:00 a.m. School Closing

Friday, June 5, 7:00 p.m. Graduation Ceremony at the Kempton New Church School

Saturday, June 13, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. New Church Craft Sale, in the society room.

ANNIVERSARIES

[The Lord provides] a marriage with a consort whose soul so inclines to union with that of the other that they do not wish to be two lives but one.... For there [in heaven], two partners are not called two but one angel. This is meant by the Lord's words, "They are no more two but one flesh." (Conjugal Love 50; Matt. 19:6)

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

Tom and Sandie Capparell

on the 1st – 34 years

Cade and Caelwen Cole

on the 1st – 27 years

Peter and Roxanne Genzlinger

on the 6th – 25 years

Levi and Kayla King

on the 6th – 3 years

Derek and Brittany Childs

on the 9th – 11 years

Paul and Nina Schorran

on the 9th – 39 years

Elijah and Amanda Heiter

on the 14th – 15 years

Penn and Leesa Cooper

on the 15th – 44 years

Jeff and Gayle Britland

on the 16th – 27 years

Arne and Emily Bau-Madsen

on the 17th – 56 years

Hugh and Janina Brown

on the 20th – 54 years

Tim and Renée Olszewski

on the 21st – 4 years

Roger and Kathy Schrock

on the 25th – 52 years

R. C. and Christine Storch

on the 25th – 24 years

Ariel and Erin Powell

on the 25th – 13 years

Tyler and Katrina Long

on the 30th – 17 years

