



KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – June 2026

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SINGING A NEW SONG

Revelation 14:1-5

And I saw, and behold a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him a hundred forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of great thunder; and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps. And they sang as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four animals, and the elders; and no one was able to learn the song except the hundred forty-four thousand who had been bought from the earth.

These are they who were not polluted with women, for they are virgins; these are they who follow the Lamb wherever He goes; these were bought from men, the firstfruits to God and the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are spotless before the throne of God.

Apocalypse Explained 857

“And they were singing as it were a new song,” signifies respecting acknowledgment and confession of the Lord. This is evident from the signification of a "song," as being confession from joy of heart; and of "a new song," as being acknowledgment and confession of the Lord, thus glorification of Him...[T]his song is called new for the reason that in the churches before the Lord's coming Jehovah was praised in songs; and after the Lord had come into the world and had manifested Himself He too was praised in songs; while now in the church that is hereafter to be established, which is meant by "the New Jerusalem," the Lord alone will be praised; but as it was the same Lord in the ancient churches, although praised under the name "Jehovah" who is now called the Lord, and as thus the song respecting Him, regarded in itself, is not new, so it is said to be "as it were a new song." Here, therefore, it is called new, because it is for the New Church which is hereafter to be established by the Lord.

Pastor's Notes

Think about the last time you sang a song without anyone asking you to do it. Maybe no one else even heard you. Maybe it was even just humming or whistling. Or maybe you sang out loud and clear. Whenever that time was, when you sang totally by your own choice, there is a pretty good chance that you were happy when you did it.

There is no doubt that the singing described in *Revelation 14* was from joy. 144,000 people, who were standing on the top of Mount Zion, were singing to the Lord, appearing as a lamb, because He saved them from hell.

If we work hard to follow the Lamb wherever He goes like the 144,000 did, the Lord will save us too. And when He does, it may cause us to sing as well. In the Heavenly Doctrine the Lord explains to us that “gladness of heart and joy of mind produce singing and joyful shouting... Because such external acts correspond, they are signs of things internal” (AC 4215.2).

As we turn our minds toward celebrating the Second Coming of the Lord this June and His establishment of the New Church on earth, we can consider with joy how the Lord wants to save us too. May we sing a new song in praise to Him—the Lord God our Savior Jesus Christ.

HOLY SUPPER will be offered on Thursday, June 18th at 7:30 p.m.

Happy are they who have been called to the wedding supper of the Lamb.
Revelation 19:9

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

SUMMER “SUNDAY SCHOOL” SERVICES:

June 21st, July 5th, August 2nd, August 23rd

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 28, July 26, August 30, and September 27), 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 will continue the series of classes we started last year on *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?”

This summer our focus will be on the chapter of the book describing the nature of Swedenborg’s inspiration. If you did not buy a copy of the book last year and you would like one for this summer, please let me know and I will order some more. The cost is \$10. Printouts of the individual readings can be made available too if you prefer not to buy the book.

Location: Old School Village Lounge

Dates and Page Numbers Covered:

Monday, June 8 (pages 51-81)

Monday, June 22 (pages 81-101)

Monday, July 6 (pages 102-135)

Monday, July 20 (pages 136-154)

Time: 7:30 p.m.

SOCIETY MEETING: At the Society Meeting held Thursday, May 21, the society affirmed the nomination by Assistant Bishop Brad Heinrichs’ of Rev. Derrick Lumsden to the position of Assistant Pastor. I am grateful for the nomination, the affirmation, and for Derrick’s service to the church!

The meeting also included a discussion of a possible process for looking at how to provide a worship space suitable for current church attendance. I have received some very helpful feedback so far and would love to hear more. Based on what I have heard so far, I may offer a slightly revised process to the society to vote on in the fall. Keep your feedback coming! Thank you.

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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, June 7, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service.
Usher/Setup: Gavin Stewart*

Sunday, June 14

9:00 a.m. Young Children's Marionette Service.
Setup: Matt and Daelen Saltzer
10:00 a.m. Sermon Service. *Usher/Setup:*
Jack Lumsden

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

*Friday, June 19, 5:00 p.m. New Church Day
Pageant. Ushers/ Setup: Cedric Lumsden, James
King*

Pageant followed by picnic and potluck dessert.

*Sunday, June 21, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
Service. Usher/Setup: Rich Sidella*

Sunday, June 28

9:00 a.m. Family Service Indoors. *Usher: Seth
Wyncoll*
10:00 a.m. Woods Service. *Ushers/Setup: Curtis
McQueen and Nathaniel Cole*

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, June 4, 10:00 a.m. Heaven and Hell class
at OSV. Read HH 545-550, The Lord Casts No
One Into Hell.*

*Monday, June 8, 7:30 p.m. Summer Doctrinal Class
at OSV; Authority in the New Church pages 51-
81.*

*Monday, June 22, 7:30 p.m. Summer Doctrinal
Class at OSV; Authority in the New Church
pages 81-101.*

CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

Taxes all paid? Tuition payments finished?
Now might be a good time to take advantage of the new \$1,000 per adult tax break for charitable giving in 2026, which could reduce your tax bill in April 2027.

And happily, that will also help the Kempton New Church hit our year end on June 30th with a balanced budget.

Thanks to all our volunteers and donors. Mark, for the contributions Committee.

MEETINGS:

Pastor's Council on *Tuesday, June 9th at 7:30 p.m.* in the Library

RECURRING EVENTS

Weeding at the church and school every Tuesday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., starting June 9th.

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 215-825-5825 annipowellmusic@protonmail.com

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

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

Kempton New Church School: Gareth Cole, Otto Cole, Tovah Cole, Alana Genzlinger, Rebekah Heiter

Pennsylvania Homeschool Diploma: Jack Lumsden

Notice regarding June 19th Gifts:

Our June 19th celebration is 2 weeks after school ends and there are several ways you can help which can be summed up as: help label, text or call me with visitors or absences, and please donate. See below for more details:

1. Help label gifts at 10:00am on Tuesday, June 16th in the HS North Room. Adults only, please.
2. Text or call me about visiting guests as soon as possible so I have a gift labeled and prepared for them. We want every child attending to have a gift from the church.
3. PLEASE text or call me if your child/ren will not be at the June 19th service so I can hold their gifts for later delivery. This has a huge impact on efficient gift delivery during the service. It is extra work when the girls have to bring gifts forward then back when a child is not there and I wasn't notified.
4. Donate to the Heart and Hand fund for June 19th gifts. Donations are a valuable part of the 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 or left at the school office.

Please call or text **Heather King 484-860-0973** with any questions or to let me know if your child/ren are unable to attend the service. Thank you!!!

New Church Day Craft Sale:

Saturday, June 13th, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Society Room.

One of the ways to share New Church doctrine with others and celebrate it with our families and friends is through artistry and craftsmanship. The hope of this craft sale is to encourage people of all ages to bring their love of the doctrines into tangible form, to honour the Lord and share His creation with our neighbours. Want to make something, but not sure what? How about adornments, household or kitchen items, decorations for walls or a worship centers, toys, games, or food? Anything scriptural counts, such as quotes or stories or symbols (including but not limited to the book of Revelation), or any concepts, stories, quotes, etc. from the Heavenly Doctrines. You could explore eternal marriage, love of children and family, love of country, heaven, 10 commandments, prayer, the Lord Jesus Christ, etc. Anything that can nourish

our spiritual life, reminding us in our daily lives to turn to Him.

We also welcome displays if you have something to show & tell rather than sell. And of course, please come to visit and browse!

Let Ayisha know if you'd like to be involved.

Earlier is helpful, but last-minute is fine, and you don't need a big inventory to participate -- sometimes people bring just one item! Table "fee" is a donation to the church, proportional to the age and means of the seller. 215-407-

3001 Ayisha.Synnestvedt@gmail.com

Purple Martin Colony Home for Kempton New Church School

We are seeking donations in the amount total of \$1,600.00 to install a colony home similar to the ones you may have seen Leaser Lake and the walking track at Albany Township. These birds will bring a wonderful addition to the school biology program and allow for occasional banding demonstrations. If interested in helping, designate "Purple Martin" on any gift.

Call Bracken Brown or Mark Wyncoll for any questions.

Caleb's Cafe- will reopen Friday June 19th 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Through the summer our regular hours will be Fridays and Saturdays 8:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. We can't wait to get back to it!

Sunday Soccer: All are welcome to play or watch a family-friendly pickup soccer game 3:45-5:00 on the field behind the church Sundays, June 14th through the end of October, weather permitting. Contact Jordan Cooper (301 821 6938, jordan.cooper@knccs.org) with questions, or if you'd like weekly reminder texts.

Softball - I will be organizing mens/boys slow pitch softball games/gatherings once again on Fridays, starting at 7:30 p.m. over at the KCC upper field with the first coming one week after the high school graduation. This puts the date of the first one at **6/12/2026**. Last year I set an age limit of high school aged boys and older, but I'm decreasing that this year and will happily welcome any boys who are in 5th grade and up if they would like to play. Spectators are welcome! Please feel free to reach

out with any questions or to let me know if you would like me to send no pressure, no obligation reminder messages to you on Fridays. I hope to see a lot of you out there!

Kenan - 484-280-7571

Request for Moving Help: This Saturday, May 30th, we are moving to our new house. We need help moving our furniture along with some boxes. If you are able to help, please come to our apartment from 10:00 a.m. onwards. Thanks in advance. Gavin and Anthea

Thank you! A huge thank you to everyone who made our 5k a huge success this last weekend! We had outstanding sponsors, energetic walkers and runners and lots of amazing volunteers! We may just feel foolish enough to do a second annual next year! We raised close to \$2000 for the Kempton New Church and had 61 runners and walkers participate, besides the kids who ran the kid's dash! We have extra T-shirts in every size S-XL in men's and women's if anyone would like to get one still! They turned out to be really nice! Contact Vivienne or Eliza if you'd like one!

Vivienne Riley vivienne.riley@kncs.org
Eliza Genzlinger emgenz@gmail.com or 781-879-7186

2026 Jacob's Creek Family Retreat July 23 – July 26

Our retreat will be held at the Laurelville Retreat Center in Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania.

This Year's Theme: "Use: The Soul & Life of All Heavenly Joy"

We are capping attendance at 150 people, so don't wait to sign up.

The registration this year is online

at: <https://www.jacobscreekfamilyretreat.org/>

Friend us on Facebook

at: <https://www.facebook.com/JacobsCreekFamilyRetreat/>

Please contact Julie Uber at 412-782-2710 (h) or julie.uber@gmail.com if you have any questions.

26th annual Great Willys Picnic, Show and Swap Meet will take place June 14th at the WK&S train station in Kempton from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. All jeeps are welcome but the actual show will only include pre-1970's Jeeps. Bring a picnic or grab a

snack at the concession stand. Ride the train and enjoy a day of old Jeeps. Seth

Wrestling for boys and men of all ages. Thank you to those that have participated and helped so far. It has been a wonderful start; we are excited to see where this "club" will go! Sessions will be held at the Eads residence, located at 167 Pond View Drive, Hamburg, PA 19526. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Jared Eads at (816) 449-0146.

Wednesday, June 3, 7-9 pm

Monday, June 8, 3:30-5:30 pm

Wednesday, June 10, 3:30-5:30 pm

Wednesday, June 24, 7-9 pm

Monday, June 29, 7-9 pm

For Sale: 2002 Toyota Camry LE

Solid car that has served us well for 136,500 miles, just needs some TLC. There is an exhaust rattle that may need to be fixed before inspection in December. New tires in 2024. \$1,000. Call/text Benjamin Schrock 910-970-6616 or Shilah Schrock 267-251-3544.

Teen Shop Night: Saturday, June 13th, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at McQueen's. Bring a snack or drink to share!

Men's Shop Night: Saturday, June 27th, 7:30 p.m.- 10:30 p.m. at McQueen's. Bring a snack or drink to share!

From the Secretary: I will be publishing a Note Home on June 4th and June 11th. After that, there will not be a weekly Note Home through the summer. I will publish the July Newsletter on June 25th, and the August Newsletter on July 23rd. Please email your notices to society@kncs.org. Thanks!
Jen

Kempton New Church School information:

Science Fair: You are invited to attend the 5th and 6th grade Science Fair on Wednesday, June 3rd, from 9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at the Kempton New Church School

School Closing is on Friday, June 5th 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 5th 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 5th**. Also, since there is no afternoon school on June 3rd or 4th, 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 – 24 years

Steve and Denise Hendricks

on the 7th - 51 years

Jordan and Becky Cooper

on the 9th – 19 years

Hugh and Margaret Heinrichs

on the 10th - 65 years

Josh and Shannon Weil

on the 11th - 10 years

Ian and Wellesley Keal

on the 12th – 50 years

Josh and Michele Brown

on the 13th - 28 years

Aaron and Anna Asplundh

on the 14th - 29 years

Jared and Natalie Eads

on the 17th – 3 years

Dale and Gray Glenn

on the 21st - 57 years

Gale and Emily Smith

on the 24th - 66 years

Alex and Janina Walbert

on the 24th – 3 years

Jesse and Leona Fritch

on the 27th - 28 years

Seth and Heather King

on the 29th - 30 years

Justin and Anndwyn Hendricks

on the 29th - 18 years

Cairn and Seni King

on the 30th - 19 years

