



The KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NOTE HOME – May 21, 2020

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<i>Friday, May 22</i>	6:30 P.M. Holy Supper. See below.
<i>Sunday, May 24</i>	10:00 A.M. Broadcast of Family Church Service. See below. 11:00 A.M. An after-church discussion of the sermon, via Zoom. See below.
<i>Tuesday, May 26</i>	7:30 P.M. Online Arcana Class: AC 9271-9301, covering Exodus 23:10-19, the last set of statues and laws given to Moses on Mt. Sinai. See below.
<i>Wednesday, May 27</i>	7:30 P.M. Continuation of Online New Church Day Society Class. Focus is on Psalm 107. See below.
<i>Thursday, May 28</i>	7:00 P.M. Broadcast of KNCS High School Commencement. See below.

Holy Supper – Friday, May 22: There will be a Holy Supper service in the church tomorrow at 6:30 P.M. Please contact me if you would like to come, and we can make the necessary arrangements to conduct the sacrament in a way that is consistent with the current social-distancing requirements. As long as there is interest, we will continue to offer Holy Supper on Friday evenings at 6:30 P.M. in smaller groups until we can all partake together again. – Brett

Broadcast of Family Church Service: 10:00 A.M., Sunday, May 24. Go to: www.kemptonnewchurch.org

- *Attached are the Order of Service and a Sunday School project.*
- If you would like to come to church in person, please contact Brett so he can make arrangements for that within social-distancing guidelines (Brett: 215-421-2487 or brett.buick@gmail.com).
- At 11:00 A.M. after the service, we can visit with each other about the sermon - through Zoom. Use this link if you would like to join the discussion via video:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85264016774?pwd=OUVYTHg0eldWNEhGVnA0VWZyeUdKQT09>
Meeting ID is 852 6401 6774. Password is 291723. To join by phone instead: 1-312-626-6799

Online Arcana Class: Tuesday, May 26, at 7:30 P.M. All are welcome. The reading (nos. 2971-9301) is about the two states of reformation (six days of labor) and regeneration (the Sabbath). The need for these two states to not be mixed together (a constant emphasis in this reading) is summarized at the end in full correspondence by the command “Thou shalt not boil a kid in its mother's milk.”

In the next day or two, I will be sending to regular attendees of this class some excerpts and questions to help with discussion, but all are welcome. **Whoever would like to join in** (via internet or phone), **please let me know so I can include you.** We may be changing from Skype to Zoom, as the Zoom platform is much better, but I have not yet hosted a Zoom session, so the old dog might just stay with Skype. There are advantages to both. I will let you know soon if we are changing.

In all of the confusion and weirdness of these days, we are indeed blessed to have the Heavenly Doctrine, which as the wings of an eagle can raise us up into the light of heaven and give us the serenity and pleasantness of spring. – Andy

Continuation of Online New Church Day Class: On Wednesday, May 27, at 7:30 P.M., you are invited to join in further discussion of the New Church in light of Psalm 107 and its spiritual sense.

In preparation, you can watch a slide show on the second part of the Psalm, which will be posted on the Kempton New Church website by Monday evening (www.kemptonnewchurch.org). Click on Classes/Study, Regular Classes, and Online Materials Available for Some of These Classes, and you will see some slide shows and also a Word document where you can read the Psalm and related passages from the Heavenly Doctrine.

Here is a link to the slideshow and document: <https://kemptonnewchurch.org/Classes/General/materials.php>

And here is a link to the Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88046920122?pwd=cmhqVXpTN0dXTURDZDN6S2dEaFdudz09>

Meeting ID: 880 4692 0122. Password: 009008. If you would prefer to phone in: 1-646-558-8656

Talk with you on Wednesday! – Lawson

Our KNCS High School Commencement Will be Live Streamed – on Thursday, May 28, at 7:00 P.M. You are warmly invited to join us *virtually* in celebrating the achievement of our two graduates, Grace Evans and Theodore Judson. The event will be sparsely attended in person, but we expect it to be happy just the same; surely Grace and Theo will be able to sense our hearty congratulations streaming right back at them. A link for you to attend from afar will be available on the homepage of the Kempton New Church School’s website – www.kncs.org. (It will also be archived there for later viewing.) Barring unforeseen technical difficulties, we will “see” you there! Again, best wishes to you, Theo and Grace!

Senior-Project Presentations: Grace and Theo gave their presentations last week to a small but appreciative audience. Grace spoke about her study of birds, and Theo described his process in forming the Southeastern Pennsylvania Teenage Republicans. The event was recorded. Dale offers to share the link with any who would like to view it. Contact him at dale.smith@kncs.org.

Upcoming Semi-Annual Society Meeting: While the bylaws require this meeting to be held in April or May, that was not possible this year. We hope we will be able to assemble in person in June or July. The main order of business will be to review and assess the operation of the 11th and 12th grades at its five-year point, which we have reached. I am in the midst of collecting data regarding the curriculum, staff, enrollment, endowment, and budget, as well as assembling feedback from the board, KNCS graduates, and their parents. I will send out a compilation of everything for your review in the coming weeks to help prepare for discussion at the meeting. – Brett

Bryn Athyn College Master of Arts in Religious Studies (MARS): Now available for distance learning! Are you interested in a deep engagement with a New Church theological framework? Consider taking or auditing a MARS course in the 2020-21 school year.... [This program] offers...an in-depth study of the Heavenly Doctrine.... Auditors are welcome at a reduced cost. For further information on the program or individual courses offered, please contact [me]...at thane.glenn@brynathyn.edu. – Rev. Dr. Thane Glenn

Remuneration for Contributing to Civic Life: As you may be aware, Berks County Election Services is desperate for poll workers for the June 2 primary election. Workers are paid for rendering this service. Applicants need to be 18 years-old and residents of Berks County. Details are available through the following link. Thanks – Thos Powell
<https://www.co.berks.pa.us/Dept/Elections/Pages/Pollworkers%20Needed.aspx>