



KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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PRAY for the PEACE of JERUSALEM

Psalm 122

- 1 A song of the ascents, of David.
I am glad when they say to me,
Let us go to the house of Jehovah.
- 2 Our feet are standing within Thy gates,
O Jerusalem;
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city
That has cohered to herself as one;
- 4 Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of Jah,
A testimony to Israel, to confess the name of
Jehovah.
- 5 For thrones sit there for judgment,
The thrones for the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem;
They shall be tranquil who love thee.
- 7 Peace be in thy ramparts,
Tranquility within thy palaces.
- 8 For the sake of my brothers and my companions,
I will now speak, Let peace be within thee.
- 9 For the sake of the house of Jehovah our God,
I will seek good for thee.

I will tell briefly what "peace" signifies, that the mind may not be borne hither and thither. Peace is bliss of heart and soul arising from the Lord's conjunction with heaven and with the church, and this from the conjunction of good and truth with those who are therein; consequently there is no longer combat of evil and falsity against good and truth, or no dissension or war in a spiritual sense; from this is peace, in which all the fructification of good and the multiplication of truth takes place, and thence comes all wisdom and intelligence. And as this peace is from the Lord alone, and from Him with the angels in heaven, and with men in the church, so "peace" in the highest sense means the Lord, and in a relative sense, heaven and the church, and thus good conjoined to truth with those who are there. (AE 365.18)

PASTOR'S NOTES

The Lord teaches about peace in the church in Psalm 122. He describes a city that is peaceful because it is prayed for, loved, and protected. This can be a description of the church too. The church is a place of peace when we pray for it, when we love it, and when we find the Lord's protection there.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

We can be praying for the peace of the church every time we say the Lord's prayer. When we say, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done as in heaven so upon the earth" it can be a prayer for peace in the church. The more our lives mirror what the Lord teaches, the more the Lord's kingdom comes, the more His will is done, and the more heaven descends to earth in the church.

They shall be tranquil who love thee.

Loving the church means loving what the Lord teaches and therefore doing it. This brings peace too, which is internal while we continue to live in a world that can be full of evil.

Peace be in thy ramparts,

Tranquility within thy palaces.

To experience the tranquility of the houses or palaces of heaven, strong ramparts are needed to keep out evil spirits. To be safe from hell, we need to seek out the refuge of the Lord and His church. When we dwell with the Lord, we will be protected by His ramparts of truth and have peace. "Let us go to the house of Jehovah."

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Holy Supper is being offered at 6:30 P.M. on Friday the 19th. Please communicate with me by Thursday the 18th if you would like to partake.

Winter Study: Study booklets continue to be available after church and on the KNC website – www.kemptonnewchurch.org. As they are created, slide shows to illustrate one of the psalms in the week's booklet are also being installed. Go to: <https://kemptonnewchurch.org/Classes/StudyGroup/s/Psalms/index.php>. Look for the slideshow just above the heading "Read or Listen."

Kempton New Church Board of Trustees: The board met on Tuesday, January 26. We reviewed the role of the board by discussing applicable passages from the Heavenly Doctrine, our bylaws and charter, and selections from the “Handbook for Charitable Nonprofit Organizations” by the Office of the Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We discussed the state of KNC’s finances, including the current budget, the Facility Endowment Fund, and the school endowment. I am delighted to confirm what our Contributions Committee reported in the January newsletter, that the last goal of the fundraising effort for the school addition has been met. The Facility Endowment Fund, which was created for the purpose of supporting increased operating costs and maintenance associated with the addition, is now at \$330,000, which exceeds the goal of \$300,000!

Finally, we discussed operations under the conditions imposed by the COVID-19 virus. This agenda item will continue to be part of our meetings until the time we are back to normal operations.

If you have any questions please feel free to get in touch. – Brett

WORSHIP

Sunday, February 7

9:00 A.M. Family Service. Masks. No Singing.

10:00 A.M. Family Service. Masks. Singing.

Live streamed. www.kemptonnewchurch.org

Usher/Setup for 10:00 A.M.: Laban Genzlinger

Please bring donations for our TEN Student-Away Care Packages to the church kitchen by this date.

Sunday, February 14 – Service format/s as on the 7th

Usher/Setup for 10:00 A.M.: Thos Powell

Sunday, February 21 – Service format/s as on the 7th

Usher/Setup for 10:00 A.M.: Mark Hendricks

Thursday, February 18, Please contact Brett by noon if wanting to partake of the Holy Supper on the 19th.

Friday, February 19, 6:30 P.M. Holy Supper. If you would like to partake, please contact Brett by noon on the 18th.

Sunday, February 21 – Service format/s as on the 7th

Usher/Setup for 10:00 A.M.: Mark Hendricks

Sunday, February 28 – Service format/s as on the 7th

Usher/Setup for 10:00 A.M.: Luke Heiter

CLASSES

Winter Study groups meet throughout the week. See “Pastor’s Notes.”

Friday, February 26, 7:15 P.M. Youth Group Conjugal Love class. Location TBD

MEETINGS

Wednesday, February 24, 7:30 P.M. School Council meeting. Location: Commons

EVENTS

Mon., February 15, NO SCHOOL / Presidents’ Day

DEADLINES

Thursday, February 4, Let Carla know if you want a 2021 Bryn Athyn society directory. \$2 ea.

Sunday, February 7, Items for TEN student-away care packages. Please leave items in the church kitchen. (Also see below.)

Friday, February 12, Order your KNCS 2020-2021 Yearbook! (See below.)

Friday, February 19, Box Tops to KNCS

From the CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

For those who must take an IRA RMD, a QCD is a wonderful tool for maximizing your donation and minimizing your taxes. Try it out...if you are over 70 years old! And thanks to all our donors who give by any means!

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism: Cole Petrus King, infant son of Cairn and Seni, was enrolled and numbered in heaven on Thursday, January 21. *Know therefore this day, and consider it in thy heart, that Jehovah, He is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other* (Deut. 4:39). Blessings be to Cole forever.

Remembering Marcia Boyesen: Marcia’s family has shared the following link to the Nester Funeral Home, where you can find a brief biography of her. Thank you to the Boyesens, to whom we’re wishing all peace.

<https://www.nesterfuneralhome.com/obituary/Marcia-Boyesen>

Thank You: Saying thank you hardly seems enough to express our gratitude for the outpouring of support we witnessed after our woodshop fire. Our neighbor said she thought it was a crew of Mennonites because everyone was working so diligently. I said, “No, these are New Churchmen.” We have a long way to go, but we are confident that the Lord is in charge and what rises from the ashes will be ordered by His love.

With heartfelt thanks, Roger and Kathy

Cupcakes Topped with Little Swedish Flags:

Leesa, Elizabeth, and Kit made and brought (90!) cupcakes to KNCS today to help everyone celebrate Swedenborg’s (January 29) birthday. Thank you, ladies, for helping us acknowledge the “wondrous seer” with this special treat.

The 2020-2021 KNCS Yearbook: With Christmas having come and gone once more, we’ve now arrived at Yearbook-Ordering Season! We are working with a new company this year and can offer the books (soft cover, 24 amazing pages) for the exceptionally amazing price of \$12 each. Order forms have been sent home with students and will be available after church. One is also attached here. We are taking preorders until Friday, February 12 (pre-ordering is advised since the quantity of “extra” books will be limited). Thanks in advance for the advance! – The KNCS Yearbook Club

Ten (10) Care Packages for Valentines-in-Dormitories:

In about ONE WEEK, we’ll be sending these to six gals and four guys. Would you like to help? We’d love that! DEADLINE for your donation of items is Sunday, February 7:

1. Leave items in church kitchen on one of the next 2 Sundays,
2. send them in with a student,
3. hand to Dale Smith at 12:45 P.M. school pick-up line,
4. bring to the school front door during school hours, or
5. call Carla Kerr at the church office.

Thank you for your support of this much-appreciated yearly gift. 😊 (We also happily accept financial contributions to help with postage.)

Library Support from You and General Mills:

The last batch of Box Tops brought in \$61.60 for library books! This is great. Please keep clipping tops and sending them in. The next deadline is Friday, February 19. Thank you – Carrie Olmstead

Upcoming School Council Meeting: Council members can always bring your questions/concerns to meetings. There is one happening on February 24. Contact Brett Buick, Dale Smith, Kaemmerle Glenn, Jen McQueen, Daelen Saltzer, Mark Wyncoll, or Eloné Zimmerman.

A KNC Society Phone List is Attached, as up-to-date as the secretary’s been able to make it. You are welcome to point out any errors. We’re happy to mail a paper copy to you if you ask.

2021 Bryn Athyn Directories: I can order these from the B.A. Church office *if you let me know right away* if you want one (or more). \$2 each. Please speak up no later than Thursday, February 4. – Carla Kerr

Acquiring a Copy of the Kempton Version of the Sacred Scripture:

1. *To pick up a copy in Kempton,* buy it online with a credit card, first, by going to the website (www.thesacredscripture.org/TheWord), OR contact me by phone or by e-mail (theword@kncs.org). We can then arrange a time for you to pick it up at the school or at church.

If you use the website, don't add the extra for shipping, but do be sure to include the sales tax. \$35 per book + \$2.10 tax = \$37.10 total.

If you prefer to pay the \$37.10 by check, please make it out to *Heavenly Doctrine Publishing Foundation* (sorry, the bank requires the full name to be spelled out).

You can also pay in cash, which would need to be a Jackson, a Hamilton, a Lincoln, two Washingtons, and an FDR or a Mercury (sorry, we need to ask for exact change).

2. *To have a copy mailed,* please use your credit card to order it on the website, where you will give the address and include the shipping cost (\$6): www.thesacredscripture.org/TheWord. It will be then be mailed out by Jennifer Cole from Bryn Athyn. – Andy Heilman

Listening to the Writings: FYI, Audible.com has five books of the Writings to sell (TCR Vols 1 and 2, HH, DP, and DLW). Swedenborg Society translations. The narrator has a wonderful voice, a real pleasure to listen to while I am washing dishes or too tired to read, etc. – Deeb

Lost and Found: 1.) Screw-on earring. Gold with two pearls. Found in upper parking lot.
2.) 4” floppy stuffed pig. Pig-pink. Found near manse.

Free to a Good Home: Deep-blue fabric-covered rocker/recliner – not too big, not too small, just right. No cup holders or electric outlets. Just a nice, comfy chair! Great for snoozing and/or holding and soothing fussy babies or small dogs. Call Jeremy or Judy Synnestvedt for more details and to seal the deal.

Free: Antique black Singer sewing machine in wooden console. – Aileen Synnestvedt

Orthopedic Dog Bed Available: I ordered one of these from Chewy for Spike, and it’s too small. Chewy said rather than give it back, I could donate it. Has a removable washable cover. Interior dimensions are 21" x 14". Please call if you could use.
– Deeb Gilbert

A BIT MORE

from **George Washington**

Soldier and statesman, rarest unison;
High-poised example of great duties done
Simply as breathing, a world's honors worn
As life's indifferent gifts to all men born;
Dumb for himself, unless it were to God,
But for his barefoot soldiers eloquent,
Tramping the snow to coral where they trod,
Held by his awe in hollow-eyed content;
Modest, yet firm as Nature's self; unblamed
Save by the men his nobler temper shamed;
Never seduced through show of present good
By other than unsetting lights to steer
New-trimmed in Heaven, nor than his steadfast mood
More steadfast, far from rashness as from fear,
Rigid, but with himself first, grasping still
In swerveless poise the wave-beat helm of will;
Not honored then or now because he wooed
The popular voice, but that he still withstood;
Broad-minded, higher-souled, there is but one
Who was all this and ours, and all men's—WASHINGTON.

– James Russell Lowell

To Abraham Lincoln

Thou kindly, loving, whole-souled man,
Yet just, as well as tender;
Of wrong, the foe implacable,
Of the oppressed, defender;
So simply great, so grandly good,
So patient and laborious,
Loved brother of thy brother-man,
Thus wast thou, Lincoln, glorious!

– John J. Loud

ANNIVERSARIES

That [in heaven, making love] is more delightful and blessed is because when conjugal love becomes a love of the spirit, it becomes more interior and purer and therefore more perceptible; for every delight increases according to perception, and it so increases that its blessedness is observed in its delight.

Conjugal Love 51

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

Legend and Anna Brown
on the 2nd – 8 years
Cornell and Jackie Creciun
on the 15th - 41 years
Gideon and Loretta Alden
on the 22nd - 35 years
Michael and Karen Heiter
on the 26th - 33 years
Ted and Kelly LaMastra
on the 26th – 23 years

A BIT MORE cont.

Unsung

The songs I have not sung to you
Will wake me in the night
And hover in the dark like birds
Whose wings are tipped with light.

Like birds with restless, eager wings
That quiver for their flight,
The songs I have not sung to you
Will wake me in the night.

– Jessie Belle Rittenhouse

I sing to use the Waiting
My bonnet but to tie,
And close the door unto my house
No more to do have I.

'Till his best step approaching,
We journey to the day,
And tell each other how we sung
To keep the dark away.

– Emily Dickinson