



## KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### GOD THOUGHT IT FOR GOOD

And Joseph returned into Egypt, he and his brothers, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father. And the brothers of Joseph saw that their father was dead, and they said, Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and returning will return to us all the evil with which we recompensed him. And they commanded Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before his death, saying, Thus you shall say to Joseph, I pray, bear I pray, the transgression of thy brothers, and their sin, for they recompensed evil to thee; and now bear, I pray, the transgression of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spoke to him. And his brothers also went and fell down before him; and they said, Behold, we are thy servants. And Joseph said to them, Fear ye not; for am I in God's stead? And you thought evil against me, but God thought it for good, so that it would be done as it is this day, to cause many people to live (Genesis 50:14-20).

The words which Joseph here spake to his brethren: "Ye thought evil against me, God thought it for good, in order to do as it is this day, to make alive a great people" are words which contain within them a secret of heaven, which secret is this. In the other life the Lord permits infernal spirits to lead the good into temptation, consequently to pour in evils and falsities; which also they do with all endeavor; for when they are doing this, they are in their life and its delight. But the Lord Himself is then present with those in temptation, both immediately, and mediately by angels, and resists by rebutting the falsities of the infernal spirits, and by dissipating their evil, thus giving refreshment, hope, and victory. Thus with those who are in the truths of good, the truths of faith and the goods of charity are more inwardly implanted and more strongly confirmed. This is the

### PASTOR'S NOTES

The Joseph story gives us an amazing insight into the workings of providence. In the literal sense of the story, the Lord turned the evil that Joseph's brothers did to him into a blessing for an entire region of the world struck by a terrible famine. If Joseph had not been put into a pit by his brothers, he never would have ended up in Egypt where he interpreted Pharaoh's dream about the upcoming hardship. Many people were saved from starvation because Joseph was in Egypt; as Joseph said to his brothers, "You thought evil against me, but God thought it for good, so that it would be done as it is this day, to cause many people to live" (Genesis 50:20).

The Lord does the same thing with evil for us. Evil spirits mean to hurt us, but the Lord can make us stronger in the face of their evil. "Not one whit is permitted them by the Lord, except to the end that good may come of it, namely, that truth and good may be brought into shape and strengthened with those who are in temptation" (AC 6574.3).

As we confront the evil spirits and the harm they are trying to inflict on us, we can remember the Joseph story and tell the infernal hoard, with great confidence, "You thought evil against me, but God thought it for good."

**The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, April 20.** We primarily discussed a draft budget for the next fiscal year, which assumes a 4% payout from the endowment and an increase of \$4,700 to annual giving over last year. The salary and benefit costs are the biggest increase in the draft budget; payout from endowment, however, is projected to cover almost all of those costs. We also discussed possible uses for the Lamb's Nest and the ongoing operations of the church and school in the midst of COVID. We are hopeful that things can return to normal sooner rather than later. In the meantime, the board will continue to discuss at each meeting how to best meet the challenges of performing church and school uses under the circumstances. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch.

#### **Upcoming Semi-Annual Society Meeting:**

7:30 P.M., Thurs., May 13, at the Smiths' pavilion.

We will hear reports from the pastor, KNCS assistant principal, business manager (review of year-to-date and a draft budget), and the chairs of the Investment and Contributions Committees. The minutes of our 10-15-20 annual meeting are attached here for your approval at the upcoming meeting.

**WORSHIP**

*Sunday, May 2, 9:00 A.M.* INDOOR Family Service  
Masks / No singing / Live streamed at  
[www.kemptonnewchurch.org](http://www.kemptonnewchurch.org)

**10:00 A.M.** Family Service OUTDOORS, weather permitting. *Usher/Setup:* Ted LaMastra

*Sunday, May 9 – Services as on the 2<sup>nd</sup>*  
*Usher/Setup for 10:00 A.M.:* Cade Cole

*Sunday, May 16 – Services as on the 2<sup>nd</sup>*  
*Usher/Setup for 10:00 A.M.:* Gavin Stewart

*Friday, May 21, 6:30 P.M. Holy Supper.* *If you would like to partake, please contact Brett by noon on the 20<sup>th</sup>.*

*Sunday, May 23 - Services as on the 2<sup>nd</sup>*  
*Usher/Setup for 10:00 A.M.:* Gerald van Zyverden

*Sunday, May 30 - Services as on the 2<sup>nd</sup>*  
*Usher/Setup for 10:00 A.M.:* Steve Hendricks

**CLASSES**

*Wed., May 19, 7:30 P.M.* Society Doctrinal Class  
*In person (location TBD) and online.*

Topic: Angels of the First Heaven

Attending virtually: Please contact Lawson if you want to attend online and think you may not be on his classes email list, so he can share the Zoom link with you.

*Tuesday, May 25, 7:30 P.M.* Arcana Class  
*In the library and online.* Readings: Nos. 9443-9504. These begin with a section in the Doctrine of Charity and Faith on the remission or forgiveness of sin. After that begins the section on the design of the tabernacle and its furnishings. This part covers what offerings were needed from the people to build the Tabernacle, followed by the design of the Ark of the Covenant, which represented the inmost heaven. *As before,* you are welcome to join us in person or attend by Zoom. I am now fully cowed. If you haven't attended online before and would like to, please let me know beforehand so I can send you the Zoom link, which I will do the day before (together with readings we will be specifically covering in the class). Zoom lets you join by phone as well as by video; for how, see what follows after the link when you receive it.

Hope to see you, Andy

*Friday, May 28, 7:15 P.M.* Youth Group *Conjugal Love* class. Chris and Heather Smith's pavilion; 741 Old Philly Pike

**EVENTS**

*Monday, May 17, 7:30 P.M.* Senior Project Presentations (See "Announcements/Notices".)  
C & H Smith's pavilion: 741 Old Philly Pike, Kempton

*Monday, May 31, NO SCHOOL.* Memorial Day

**MEETINGS**

*Thursday, May 6, 7:00 P.M.* Meeting for Parents of 8<sup>th</sup> graders entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall.  
Lawn outside Society Room. Rain date: May 11.

*Tuesday, May 11,* Rain date for above meeting

***Thursday, May 13, KNC Semi-Annual Society Meeting.*** 7:30 P.M. at C & H Smith's pavilion

**From the CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE**

Dear Kempton Society Members and Friends,

Here is our financial update:

- 60 days left in our fiscal year
- 10K dollars needed in our basket contributions
- 46K dollars needed in our regular contributions

Please give if you haven't! (This can be done online at [www.kemptonnewchurch.org](http://www.kemptonnewchurch.org), through the mail, or in person – using a credit card, check, or cash.)

Large gifts or small,

We can use it all!

And thank you for contributions already made!

**NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Dear Kempton Society:** Thank you so much for your outpouring of love and support since Sal has passed on. The delicious meals, beautiful flowers, kind words, and hugs mean so much. I will miss him, but am glad he is no longer in pain.  
Love to all, Joan

**Thank You** so much for all the love and support you have given to me and my family following my dad's graduation into the Spiritual World. It has been a huge comfort being surrounded by such wonderful, thoughtful friends. – Anthea

**Something Special for Saturday, July 10:** We are very happy to be able to look forward to the resurrection service for Marcia Boyesen that will be happening on this date. Details to follow in time.

**Shop Night:** You are invited to help celebrate the reopening of my shop on **Friday evening, April 30.** Come as go as you like between 7:30 and 11:30 P.M. Please bring a snack or beverage to share. Any questions, please call. – Roger

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Love of the sex... is the universal of all loves, for it is implanted by creation in a human being's very soul, from which is the essence of the whole man, and this for the sake of the propagation of the human race. This love especially remains because, after death, a man is a man and a woman is a woman, and there is nothing in their soul, mind, or body which is not masculine in the male and feminine in the female. Moreover, the two have been so created that they strive for conjunction—in fact, for such conjunction that they may become one.

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*Congratulations and Best Wishes to:*

**Tom and Sandie Capparell**

on the 1<sup>st</sup> – 29 years

**Cade and Caelwen Cole**

on the 1<sup>st</sup> – 22 years

**Peter and Roxanne Genzlinger**

on the 6<sup>th</sup> – 20 years

**Paul and Nina Schorran**

on the 9<sup>th</sup> – 34 years

**Elijah and Amanda Heiter**

on the 14<sup>th</sup> – 10 years

**Penn and Leesa Cooper**

on the 15<sup>th</sup> – 39 years

**Jeff and Gayle Britland**

on the 16<sup>th</sup> – 22 years

**Arne and Emily Bau-Madsen**

on the 17<sup>th</sup> – 51 years

**Hugh and Janina Brown**

on the 20<sup>th</sup> – 49 years

**Roger and Kathy Schrock**

on the 25<sup>th</sup> – 47 years

**R.C. and Christine Storch**

on the 25<sup>th</sup> – 19 years

**Ariel and Erin Powell**

on the 25<sup>th</sup> – 8 years

**Tyler and Katrina Long**

on the 30<sup>th</sup> – 12 years

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**NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS cont.**

**Employment Opportunity:** The General Church seeks an Assistant Controller. The KNC office can provide further details.

**To the Members of the Kempton Society:** You are all invited to watch the Senior Project presentations, given by the seniors of KNCS (Jethro Brown, James King, and Laban Genzlinger). They will take place at Chris and Heather Smith's pavilion on May 17, at 7:30 P.M. Below are the subjects. (Please note: this is not necessarily the order of the presentations.)

- Jethro Brown: Building a 1911 Firearm
- James King: Oil Painting of a Spirit from Mars
- Laban Genzlinger: Rebuilding and Cleaning Up the Church in the Woods

The school encourages increased distance between families when seated. We look forward to sharing our projects with you! – the Seniors

**You Can STILL JOIN This Free Class:** I am currently working on my doctoral degree in physical therapy at University of the Sciences in west Philadelphia and will be living in Kempton for eight weeks starting in April. I would love to teach a restorative yoga class during this time. Restorative yoga is adaptable and beneficial for many people, so you need not feel you must be flexible or able to sit on the ground in order to participate. I will be teaching in Janina Smith's dance studio from 7:30 to 8:30 P.M. on Tuesday evenings, starting on April 27. If you'd like to join the class or have any questions, please e-mail me at [alairbrock@gmail.com](mailto:alairbrock@gmail.com). – Alair Brock

**Free Chair:** Deep blue, modestly sized, velvety rocker-recliner free to a good home. This very comfy chair, manually reclinable, is an excellent place for reading, watching tv – and falling asleep! It's coziness and rockability would make it a wonderful place for a (weary) parent to hold, soothe, and nurse a fussy baby or snuggle with a lap-sized child. Call J or J Synnestvedt for details.

**House for Sale in Mitchellville, Maryland:** Next door to the Washington New Church and School. 2,700 sq. ft. modular split-level (brick and vinyl siding) on ½ acre with plenty of gardening options. 5 bedrooms, 3 full bathrooms. Gas heating. AC. Built in 1993. New or renovated in the last nine years: plumbing, kitchen, master bath, roof, deck with awning, two-car garage with workbench and storage, and solar panels. Market value estimated between \$469,000 and \$497,000. Looking for a price in that range, or, considering all the upgrades, a little more. Taxes are currently about \$6,500/yr. Thanks – Mike Gladish [The KNC office can provide Mike's contact info. Please request it by email at [society@kncs.org](mailto:society@kncs.org)]