



KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER

June and July 2021

583 Hawk Mountain Road; P.O. Box 140; Kempton, PA 19529 ▪ 610-756-6140 ▪ society@knks.org

Greater Love Has No One Than This

This is My commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his soul for his friends. You are My friends, if you do whatever I command you. I no longer call you servants, for the servant knows not what his lord does; but I have called you friends, because all things which I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and placed you, that you may go and bring forth fruit, and your fruit may remain, that whatever you may ask the Father in My name He may give you. These things I command you, that you may love one another. (John 15:12-17)

At the time of the Lord's first coming the hells had increased to such a height as to fill the whole world of spirits, which is intermediate between heaven and hell, and thus had not only thrown into disorder the heaven that is called the lowest, but also had attacked the middle heaven, which they infested in a thousand ways, and which would have gone to destruction if it had not been upheld by the Lord.... [A]t length their number was so increased and multiplied that they could be driven out only by a descent of God Himself and then only by the strength of His Divine arm... This task was accomplished by the Lord when He was in the world. (TCR 121)

PASTOR'S NOTES

This Memorial Day, as we think about brave soldiers who have died for their country, we can think about how what they did can help us see, in a small way, what the Lord did for the entire human race.

Just as soldiers are willing to give up their lives for their fellow soldiers and for their country, the Lord

was willing to be crucified for each one of us. The fate of the entire human race was at stake when the Lord came into the world, and He was willing to lay down His life to save it from destruction.

The love that motivates an individual soldier to put his fellow soldiers and nation ahead of himself comes from the Lord's love for each individual human being. This is powerful and inspiring to reflect on. And it can give us an even greater sense of how much the Lord loves us when we contemplate what He did when He came to earth.

* * *

We will Celebrate New Church Day on Saturday, June 19, at 5:00 P.M. with a Pageant Service followed by gifts for children and a bring-your-own picnic and a potluck dessert. The location is still to be determined. The Smith pavilion was such a wonderful option for Thanksgiving and Easter, and it is still under consideration for the 19th of June, as well.

Sunday Services Going Forward: The Pastor's Council met on Thursday, May 20, to discuss the options for church services. Many perspectives have been communicated through the council members and to me directly. There has been a wide range of input, including some opposing opinions on various approaches. While I know the decisions I've come to do not meet all the requests I have been asked to consider, I am grateful for everyone's input and look forward to getting back to a regular schedule.

Upcoming Changes:

- This Sunday, May 30, the 9:00 A.M. service marks the last service where masks are required and there is no singing. With the changes in guidance from the CDC and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, mask wearing in church will be up to the individual from now on. Several other General Church congregations in Pennsylvania are taking this approach as well.
- Beginning in June, one Sunday School Service per month will be replaced with a Family Service (in the months with five Sundays, there will be two Sunday School Services).

- On Woods Service Sundays, an indoor 9:00 A.M. Family Service will replace the customary evening service. This will provide a morning service for those who do not attend the Woods Service, as well as provide an opportunity for live streaming a service on that day. If it is raining on a Wood Service day, the 9:00 A.M. service will be cancelled, and everyone will worship together indoors at 10:00 A.M.
- We are returning to having Holy Supper as part of our morning Sunday School (Combined) Services. The first of these will be on October 3. (Friday evening Holy Supper Services will continue to be offered once a month throughout the year.)

Parents, please take thorough note about the summer's Combined (S.S.) Services: Parents are expected to supervise their children outside (please not within the view of worshippers inside) or in the barn during the sermon. In the past there has been some bad behavior due to the difficulty of having so many children supervised by only a few adults. We hope this new arrangement will provide a better environment for the children.

In the case of rain –

- Indoor spaces may be used in addition to the barn, but it's imperative that an adult be in the same room with all children, whatever their age, wherever they are. Close supervision matters a lot in these spaces that are developed, used, and cared for by those who work in the school, to whom we want to show respect. All places should of course be left as clean and tidy as you will undoubtedly find them. Thanks!
- Available for use in bad weather are: the 1st-2nd, 5th-6th, and 7th-8th classrooms, and the Commons.
- Mothers with nursing babies and/or little ones are welcome to use the library at any time during church services. The sermon can be heard in there, and there is a basket of board books they are welcome to use.

Woods Services: *As we look forward to our first church in the woods at the end of June, we anticipate enjoying how the grove was enhanced by the work done there this spring as one of the Senior Projects.* Reminder of how to access 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 toward the woods), and avoid driving onto our neighbor's property toward the right.

Seeking a Sunday School Organizer: Many thanks to Jen McQueen, who organized our Sunday School schedule for many years before stepping down from this in the last year. We benefitted so much from her dedication and were genuinely grateful for the great job she did. And now, because we will be taking up Sunday School again in the fall, we need to find someone else to take on this use. If you would like to be the one, or have any suggestions about how this valuable work could be covered, please let me know.

JUNE

JUNE WORSHIP

Sunday, June 6, 10:00 A.M. Combined Service

Live streamed at www.kemptonnewchurch.org

Parents are responsible for their own children during the sermon. Please see important "Pastor's Notes" on this.

Usher/Setup: Roger Schrock

Sunday, June 13, 9 A.M. Young Children's Service

Usher/Setup: Dale and Tovah Smith

10:00 A.M. Family Service. Live streamed

Usher/Setup: Owen King

- Deadline for leaving items for three Welcome Baskets in the church kitchen (See "NOTICES")

Friday, June 18, 6:30 P.M. Holy Supper

If wanting to partake contact Brett by noon on the 17th.

Sat., June 19, 5:00 P.M. New Church Day Pageant - BYO picnic and potluck dessert will follow.

Location to be determined.

Usher Set-up: Doug Robertson & Nathaniel Cole

Sunday, June 20, 10:00 A.M. Family Service

Live streamed

Usher/Setup: John Cole

Sunday, June 27

If not raining:

9:00 A.M. Family Service. Live streamed

10:00 A.M. WOODS Service

Usher/Setup for Woods:

Curtis McQueen & Schuyler Heinrichs

If raining:

10:00 A.M. Family Service only, indoors

Live streamed (9:00 A.M. service cancelled)

Usher/Setup: Curtis McQueen & Schuyler Heinrichs

JUNE EVENTS

This Sunday, May 30, Leave Welcome Basket items in the kitchen after church for Hunsakers, Kings, and Coles if you like. See “Notices / Announcements.”

Thursday, June 3, 7:00 P.M. KNCS High School Commencement. Smiths’ pavilion on Old Philly Pike. All are warmly welcome.

Friday, June 4, Last School Day of the Year!
Classes begin: 8:00 A.M. Dismissal: 10:30 A.M.
Happy Summer! Love, KNCS

Saturday, June 5, SNACK BINGO! Fun for all ages brought to us by the Fun Events Group. Doors open at 5:45 P.M., games start at 6:15 P.M. and end at 8:00 P.M. See attached flyer for the scrumptious details. Leona Fritch, Sarah Heiter, or Tabitha Judson can answer any questions.

Sunday, June 6, Leave items for three Welcome Baskets in the kitchen after church if you like.

Every Sunday all summer, starting June 6. Sunday Soccer returns! Please see Mr. Cooper’s questions under “Notices / Announcements.”

Every Tuesday all summer, starting June 8
9:00-10:00 A.M. Weeding at the church and school

Sunday, June 13, **DEADLINE** for items for three Welcome Baskets. Church kitchen. Thank you!

Wednesday, June 16, 10:00 A.M. Wrapping of June 19th gifts in the church kitchen. (See “Notices”)

Saturday, June 26, 8:00-10:00 A.M. Youth Group Pancake Breakfast. Society Room. To help the YG go on a service trip to Florida next year!

SUMMER CLASSES

This summer the pastors will be giving three doctrinal classes based on a series of six classes on repentance by the Rt. Rev. Nathaniel D. Pendleton. Pendleton’s classes are fairly short, so we will cover two of them each time. They can be purchased as a small book at this Lulu link:

<https://www.lulu.com/en/us/shop/nathaniel-pendleton/repentance/paperback/product-jmnmwj.html?page=1&pageSize=4>
<<https://www.lulu.com/en/us/shop/nathaniel-pendleton/repentance/paperback/product-jmnmwj.html?page=1&pageSize=4>>

I will be getting about a dozen copies myself in advance of the first class. If you would like me to get one for you, please let me know.

LOCATION of summer classes will be the Old School Village lounge (use the entrance on the left of the building). A Zoom link will be given each time to those wanting to attend remotely. Please contact me if you would like to have one for the first class, which I will be giving.
Thanks – Andy

FIRST CLASS: 7:30 P.M. Wed., June 23

The subject is something of an introduction describing the nature of the human mind and the importance of our motive for repentance and the need for freedom. This leads to a summary of how the human mind develops through childhood to adult age, and the development of self examination.

SECOND CLASS: 7:30 P.M. Wed., July 21

With Brett. Let him know if wanting a Zoom link.

THIRD CLASS: 7:30 P.M. Wed., August 25

With Lawson. Let him know if wanting a Zoom link

From the CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

Friends,

Thank you to every donor, from first-time to long-time, who helped us reach our year-end goal. As of this writing, we are close to another balanced budget, having achieved this more than five years in a row. Well done to all our donors, our volunteers, and our staff.

As the calendar turns to July 1 and we begin a new budgeting cycle, please consider increasing your giving by a percentage or two to help our staff and priests serve the church in Kempton.

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Three Welcome Baskets in the Making! Bob and Marilyn Hunsaker have moved from Ohio into Old School Village, Kendal and Linnea King have arrived from New York, and Nathan and Vera Cole – with their eight children (ages 1 to 13) – will arrive in Kempton sometime in June, from Canada. Let’s express a warm and happy welcome to these souls in our usual way. Please leave donations in the church kitchen anytime from now until Sunday, June 13 (three Sundays from now). Thank you!

A Service for Marcia Boyesen: Please see “July Worship” for the invitation to Marcia’s 4:00 P.M. Resurrection Service on Saturday, July 10.

Graduation Season: Warm congratulations to those who have reached the following educational milestones (or are about to) this spring! May your path forward be strewn with the truest blessings.

From High School:

Travis King graduated from the Welder Training and Testing Institute in Allentown on April 22.

Jethro Brown, Laban Genzlinger, and James King graduate from the Kempton New Church School on June 3.

Delia Fritch graduates from Blue Mountain High School on June 4.

Sofia Boyesen and Damian Hendricks graduate from the Academy of the New Church Secondary Schools on June 11.

From College:

Justin Schorran graduates from the Theological School at Bryn Athyn College with a Masters of Divinity on May 28.

Percy Brown received from Mercyhurst University an AA in Physical Therapy Assistant and was given her department's "Outstanding Student Award." On May 16.

Tess Brown graduates from Bryn Athyn College with a BFA in Building Arts on May 28.

Bennett Buick graduates from Bryn Athyn College with an interdisciplinary BA in Religion and Physics on May 28.

From Even-More College:

Jan Cauffman received a Post-Masters Nurse Practitioner Certificate from Villanova University in May. 😊

June 19th is almost here! A few humble but important requests:

1. If your children cannot attend the June 19th service, PLEASE let me know so I can hold their gifts separately for pickup another time. It is a small thing that really makes the job easier.
2. Please let me know of any visitors you are aware of that will be attending the June 19th service as we like to give a gift to every child.
3. Heart and Hand always seeks monetary donations to make the purchase of gifts and materials possible. If you are inspired to give to this use, please send money (checks made out to Heart and Hand) to Judy Synnestvedt.
4. Finally, if your child no longer uses a gift from past years, I am always glad to recycle or rehome.

Thank you – Heather King

Sunday Soccer Returns! Every week, starting June 6. Back in the day we played from 3:45-5:00 P.M., but I'm thinking of maybe starting earlier. If you would attend even sometimes, please let me know what start time would be best for you.

– Jordan Cooper

Pancake Breakfasts to Support a Good Cause!

Please help the Kempton New Church Youth Group go on a service trip to Florida next year by attending the three Saturday breakfasts they are hosting this summer: 8:00 to 10:00 A.M on June 26, July 24, and August 21. Thank you. [The attached flyer shows pancakes placed, with hope, in a watery setting.]

Labeling Gifts: Volunteers are needed to help label June 19th gifts in the society kitchen at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, June 16. Coffee and snacks provided. Must be college age and up. RSVP is nice but not necessary. – Heather King

Thank You – and Free for the Taking: Thanks to all the folks who helped move my stuff into my apartment at OSV. I have a couple of items that can't fit: 1. a grey swivel desk chair, 2. a 4-drawer file cabinet, 3. an orange jacket (large) and warm camo overalls with bib (large), both Cabela's items. Please call. Thanks – Joan Tuccio

For Any Woman Who Can Spare a Few Minutes:

As part of a school project, I'm required to survey the women in my community regarding their understanding about nurse-midwives. If any of you would be able to answer six brief questions, I'd be grateful for the help! Here's the link to the very-easy-to-access survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YQFVGHF>

Thank you so much for your time. – Stephanie Latta

Glorious Swimming Hole with Amenities! You are invited to cool off in our pond this summer at any time. Please also feel free to avail yourselves of the new changing room that's there, making it possible for you to arrive dry – and get back into your car dry! Most important: Children must have adults watching over them. Thank you – and enjoy!
– Doug and Zanna Robertson

Wanted: Do you have strands of white lights we could borrow for Hayden and Reyana's wedding? I will gladly pick up anytime and return to you the week of July 19th! Heather King

Celebrating July 4th – on the afternoon/evening of the 4th (a Sunday) - at THE Pavilion 😊:

Thank you to Chris and Heather Smith, who are inviting us and their neighbors to celebrate at their place again this year with our BYO picnics. There will be the placing of the flag, saying of the Pledge, singing of the National Anthem, and a table provided for potluck desserts. There can also be games, races, and a parade if others want to organize (some or all of) these sorts of things and call the Smiths with their ideas. The Smiths are thinking 3:00 P.M. onward, which may change if an organized schedule emerges. We'll do our best to keep you informed! (I am available to send out updates only until Friday, June 18, but Brett would be able to send out a mass email after that, if needed. – Carla K.)

Swimming at Robertsons' on the 4th: The state park at our house will be open all day long. You are welcome to come over at any time - before, during, or after picnicking hours at Chris and Heather's.
– Doug and Zanna Robertson

Free Sleeper (Pull-out) Couch: Heavy, of course, but in good condition. Christel Boyd

Pastured Pork for Sale! Delicious and healthy meat ready in September! Please call or text for pricing or more info.
– Lydia Synnestvedt

Still Looking - for place to live within 20 minutes of the church. Any leads would be appreciated.
– Lynne Higgins

Two New 3-Course (9 Credit) Graduate Certificates in Religious Studies Being Offered at Bryn Athyn College: Begin in the fall of 2021-2022. Explore both subjects from multiple disciplinary perspectives, framed by principles of Swedenborgian thought.

- **Spiritual Growth Studies** certificate
- **Biblical Interpretation** certificate

These programs are ideal for people interested in focused graduate study of the teachings for the New Church but who are not prepared to commit to a full Master of Arts in Religious Studies program. Can be taken remotely or in person. For more information, please see our website (<https://brynathyn.edu/mars>) or contact program director Thane Glenn (thane.glenn@brynathyn.edu or 267-502-4844).

REPEAT NOTICES:

Beautiful, Sturdy, Red Leather-Bound Copies of the Word (in the new translation): Now available. You can see and hold a sample on a Sunday and buy one then if you wish (with cash or check made out to Heavenly Doctrine Publishing Foundation). Price is \$180 + 6% sales tax (\$10.80) = \$190.80. To pick up a copy at the church office on a different day, contact Carla Kerr (or Brett if Carla unavailable), and pay with cash or a check. To order and pay by credit card, go to KemptonProject.org.

Seeking Work: Hello! My name is Desiree Worthington, and I am looking for a babysitting job. I will be in high school (9th grade) in September at the Kempton New Church School. I have lots of experience with toddlers and up as I have been babysitting my 3-year-old brother and my two cousins for the past couple of years. Currently, I can babysit Monday through Thursdays starting after school (around 2:00 P.M.), but will have more open time when summer vacation starts in June. Please let me know if you need any help! I'm really looking forward to helping with your children. I can be reached through my mom, Juliet Smith. Thank you!

JULY

JULY WORSHIP

Sunday, July 4

10:00 A.M. Combined Service

Live streamed at www.kemptonnewchurch.org

Parents are responsible for their own children during the sermon. Please see "Pastor's Notes" on this.

Usher/Setup: R.C. Storch

Sunday, July 11

10:00 A.M. Family Service. Live streamed

Usher/Setup: George Cauffman

Sunday, July 18

9:00 A.M. Young Children's Service

Usher/Setup: Matt and Daelen Saltzer

10:00 A.M. Family Service. Live streamed

Usher/Setup: Seth Wyncoll

Friday, July 23

6:30 P.M. Holy Supper

If wanting to partake contact Brett by noon on the 17th.

Sunday, July 25

If not raining:

9:00 A.M. Family Service. Live streamed

10:00 A.M. WOODS Service

Usher/Setup for the Woods: Owen King

If raining:

10:00 A.M. Family Service only, indoors

Live streamed. (9:00 A.M. service cancelled)

Usher/Setup: Owen King

JULY CLASS

Wednesday, July 21, 7:30 P.M. Society Doctrinal Class: Based on N.D. Pendleton’s series on repentance (see “Summer Classes”). Old School Village lounge (use entrance on the left). Contact Brett if you would like to attend via Zoom.

JULY MEETINGS

Tuesday, July 6, 7:30 P.M. Board Mtg. in Commons

JULY EVENTS

Sunday, July 4, Celebrate the 4th at Chris and Heather Smith’s in afternoon/evening. Details to be determined and shared later. Robertsons’ pond will be open all day for swimming.

Saturday, July 24, 8:00-10:00 A.M. Youth Group Pancake Breakfast. Society Room. Come to support the YG in going on a service trip to Florida next year!

ANNIVERSARIES

Conjunctions with those who are similar and homogeneous [are] provided on earth... [in] the case of those who from youth have loved, chosen, and asked of the Lord a legitimate and lovely partnership with one, and who spurn and hold their nose against wandering lusts. Conjugal Love 49

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

JUNE

Jamen and Briana Schrock

on the 1st - 19 years

Bob and Sue Robertson

on the 2nd - 70 years

Bob and Marilyn Hunsaker

on the 7th - 63 years

Steve and Denise Hendricks

on the 7th - 46 years

Jordan and Becky Cooper

on the 9th - 14 years

Hugh and Margaret Heinrichs

on the 10th - 60 years

Josh and Shannon Weil

on the 11th - 5 years

Bob and Vera Jungé

on the 12th - 68 years

Ian and Wellesley Keal

on the 12th - 45 years

Josh and Michele Brown

on the 13th - 23 years

Aaron and Anna Asplundh

on the 14th - 24 years

Dale and Gray Glenn

on the 21st - 52 years

Gale and Emily Smith

on the 24th - 61 years

Jesse and Leona Fritch

on the 27th - 23 years

Seth and Heather King

on the 29th - 25 years

Justin and Anndwyn Hendricks

on the 29th - 13 years

Cairn and Seni King

on the 30th - 14 years

* * *

JULY

Ken and Ingrid Klicker

on the 2nd - 38 years

Gavin and Anthea Stewart

on the 5th - 24 years

John and Alexandra Cole

on the 7th - 14 years

Matt and Daelen Saltzer

on the 12th - 13 years

Brandon and Char Jungé

on the 16th - 38 years

Anders and Juliet Smith

on the 18th - 6 years

Thaddeus and Kaemmerle Glenn

on the 20th - 19 years

* * *

A BIT MORE

Little Song of Life

Glad that I live am I;
That the sky is blue;
Glad for the country lanes,
And the fall of dew.

After the sun the rain;
After the rain the sun;
This is the way of life,
Till the work be done.

All that we need to do,
Be we low or high,
Is to see that we grow
Nearer the sky.

– Lizette Reece