



KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT

And a certain ruler asked [Jesus], saying, Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? But Jesus said to him, Why callest thou Me good? None is good except One, God. Thou knowest the commandments: Thou shalt not commit adultery, thou shalt not murder, thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not bear false witness, honor thy father and thy mother.

And he said, All these have I kept from my youth. And when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, Yet one thing is left for thee to do: sell all, as much as thou hast, and distribute to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me. But on hearing these things he became very sorrowful, for he was exceedingly rich.

And when Jesus saw that he had become very sorrowful, He said, How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter into the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. (Luke 18:18-25)

In the spiritual sense [the rich] are those that have an abundance of knowledges and learning, which are spiritual riches, and who desire by means of these to introduce themselves into the things of heaven and the church from their own intelligence (Heaven and Hell 365).

To explore the mysteries of faith by means of memory-knowledges [scientific] is as impossible as it is "for a camel to go through the eye of a needle" (Arcana Coelestia 233).

PASTOR'S NOTES

In the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount the Lord teaches, "Happy are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of the heavens" (Matthew 5:3). The rich man in *Luke* helps us see how we can sometimes react when the Lord teaches us how to be poor in spirit.

When from ourselves we think we know something, but come to see that anything good and true we can know comes from the Lord alone, we can react with sadness as the rich man did. It can be hard to invite the Lord to form an acknowledgement of Him in ourselves, to let go of any pride we take in knowing anything, especially in matters of faith.

In this first beatitude, the Lord helps us see how important it is to be able to do this—to be able to be poor in spirit. It will lead to happiness in the kingdom of heaven!

The Lord teaches us that angels "know that all their intelligence and wisdom is from the Lord; and because they know and acknowledge this, and also wish and love it to be so, Divine truth from which are all intelligence and wisdom continually flows in from the Lord" (Apocalypse Explained 118).

If we can be poor in spirit, the Lord can fill us with so much from Him!

We Are Grateful! Thank you to the many who helped provide us with a June 19th celebration this year. Among others, these included Jordan and Becky and participants, who put together a lovely pageant, and Heather and her crew, who organized the beautiful children's gifts. Maybe it won't rain next year...

The Winter Study this year will be on parables. We will look at many of those the Lord told in the New Testament, which we will do in the light of the Heavenly Doctrine revealing their spiritual sense. We are so fortunate to now have the parables opened up to us by the Lord! "These things have I

spoken to you in parables; but an hour comes when I will no more speak to you in parables, but will announce to you openly concerning the Father.”
(John 16:25)

The Board of Trustees met on July 6. Our business manager reported a small surplus for the past fiscal year, and the trustees approved a budget for this fiscal year. The board also discussed at length the role of the school council. They also affirmed the assistant principal’s proposal to open school in the fall without any of the pandemic-related restrictions that were in place last year.

Reminder to parents about our two remaining Combined (S.S.) Services – on August 1 and 22: Parents are asked to supervise their children outside (please not within the view of worshippers inside) or in the barn during the sermon. *In the case of rain*, the 1st-2nd, 5th-6th, and 7th-8th classrooms, and the Commons are available for you to use, but close supervision is imperative; an adult must be in the same room with all children, whatever their age, wherever they are. Please also leave these places clean and tidy if you use them. Thank you!

Library use during church services in general: Mothers with nursing babies and/or little ones are welcome to use the library *at any time*, in any season, during church services. The sermon can be heard in there, and there is a basket of board books parents are welcome to use.

A Woods Service will take place on August 29 and September 26. For rain/no-rain details, see “Worship” section. *Directions to the woods:* Park at the church, cross the street, and walk down the lane, following the signs. Please stay on church property—toward the left as you travel the lane toward the woods. (Closer to the above dates, we will know if parking will be available at the end of the lane for those who prefer not to walk.)

Work Party: Please come on Saturday, August 28, to help get the church and the school ready for the new school year! Your help makes a big difference materially and contributes to the general good spirit as well. Thanks for making it if you can.

Sunday School classes resume on September 5. Thank you to Karla Buick for taking on the scheduling of our Sunday School teachers!

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WORSHIP

Sunday, August 1, 10:00 A.M. Combined (S.S.) Serv.
Live streamed at www.kemptonnewchurch.org.
Parents are responsible for their own children during the sermon. Please see information in the “Pastor’s Notes” about this.

Usher/Setup: Derrick Lumsden

- First of two Sundays to leave items in the church kitchen for three (3) Gift Bags – for Delia, Laban, and Jess and Dedan King (see page 4 under “Notices”).

Sunday, August 8, 10:00 A.M. Family Service
Usher/Setup: Kenan Smith. Live streamed.

- DEADLINE for leaving items in the church kitchen for three (3) Gift Bags.

Sunday, August 15, 9 A.M. Young Children’s Serv.
Usher/Setup: Matt and Sheila Heiter
10:00 A.M. Family Service. Live streamed.
Usher/Setup: Ted LaMastra

Friday, August 20, 6:30 P.M. **Holy Supper**
Contact Brett by noon on the 19th if wanting to partake.

Sunday, August 22, 10:00 A.M. Combined (S.S.) Serv.
Live streamed. **Parents are responsible for their own children during the sermon. Please see information in the “Pastor’s Notes” about this.**
Usher/Setup: Gordon McQueen

Sunday, August 29,

If not raining:

9:00 A.M. Family Service indoors. Live streamed.
10:00 A.M. Family Service in the WOODS
Usher/Setup for the WOODS SERVICE:
Curtis McQueen and James King

If raining:

10:00 A.M. Family Service indoors
Live streamed (9:00 A.M. service cancelled)
Usher/Setup: Curtis McQueen and James King

IN SEPTEMBER:

Sunday, September 5, 10:00 A.M. Sunday School Service. Children’s S.S. classes during sermon start up again.
Usher/Setup: Torrey Cooper

CLASSES

Wednesday, August 25, 7:30 P.M. Society Doctrinal Class: The third of our three summer classes based on N.D. Pendleton’s series on repentance. Old School Village lounge (use entrance on the left). Contact Brett if you would like to attend via Zoom, and he will send you a link.

EVENTS

Sunday, August 1 & 8, Items for three (3) Gift Bags can be left in the kitchen after church on these two Sundays (and at any other time as well until the DEADLINE on the 8th). Please see “Notices.”

Every Sunday, 3:00 P.M. Family Soccer. All are welcome to play (weather permitting) every week through the end of October. – Jordan Cooper

Every Tuesday, 9:00 A.M. Weeding at KNC/KNCS

Saturday, August 21, KNC Youth Group Pancake Breakfast is cancelled, but come to its ICE CREAM SOCIAL instead!!!
6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the Autumn Weekends booth. A fundraiser that will help the group go on its service trip to Florida in March. Hope to see you!

Saturday, August 28, 8:30 to 11:30 A.M.
Work Party at the church and school

From the CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

Now is the time to plan your Fiscal Year '22 annual giving for the Kempton New Church. Every gift and every donor count as we all spread the load and share in the rewards and responsibility of a New Church School and Church.

We accept monthly, weekly, and annual gifts through – among other routes – credit card, cash, check, EFT, appreciated stocks, IRA RMD QCD's, and life insurance policies.

Thank you to all who helped us achieve a balanced budget in FY '21. Let's do it again this year!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The election of trustees and school council members will take place at the society meeting on October 14, 2021.

The trustees whose terms expire this year are Bengt Boyesen, John Cole and Thaddeus Glenn (2021). Bengt and Thaddeus have each served three terms and John has served one term plus one year of Peter Genzlinger's uncompleted term when Peter stepped off the board to become the business manager. Terms are for three years. There are no term limits in the Bylaws, so they can be re-nominated indefinitely.

The other members of the Board are, Kenan Smith and Mark Hendricks (2022), and Bracken Brown and George Cauffman (2023).

The members of the School Council whose terms are expiring are Jen McQueen and Eloné Zimmerman. Jen has served one full term and two years of Seni King's uncompleted term. Eloné has served one term. Terms for the School Council are also for three years and like the terms for board members there are no term limits. The other members of the School Council are Daelen Saltzer and Kaemmerle Glenn (2022), and Mark Wyncoll (2023).

The members of the Nominating Committee are Doug Robertson, Kendall King and Bengt Boyesen, chair. Please speak to one of them if you have suggestions. A slate will be published in the September and October Newsletters.

Feedback from previous years' nominating processes has identified the use of nominating first term members to a second term in order to take advantage of the experience gained during a member's first term. Additionally, some society members have voiced a desire for contested elections. Regarding the holding of contested elections, the committee is free to nominate more candidates than open seats if it so chooses, but this is not required under the bylaws.

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations go forth to India Wyncoll on her July engagement to Raul Fernando Betancourt of Monterrey, Mexico. Happy news!

Congratulations to Renee Schorran and Tim Olszewski on their engagement. May there be a blessing!

Thank You: Dear Kempton Friends,
How does one thank a society of angels who swooped into our lives to tenderly care for us? There has been a procession of delectable meals, generous assistance, and lots of warm affection. It has been a great prescription for healing, and our hearts are overflowing with gratitude. God bless you all. With love, Ruth and Yorvar

Thank You: Dear Old and Hopefully New Friends,
Thank you for the overflowing bag of delightful treats. And there are no words that can express how blessed we feel for all the boxes carried down the long corridor from the gym to our Apartment C when we moved into OSV, for all the unpacking and finding where to put it all. We know the Lord will provide us the opportunity to pass on your kindness. Affectionately, Bob & Marilyn Hunsaker

Thank You to Chris and Heather and Others:

We had a great time celebrating our nation together at the Smiths' beautiful property on the 4th of July. Among other things, we enjoyed trumpet music by Curt McQueen and races commandeered by Calvin Odhner, as in days of old. A fun, fun day.

Assembling Three (3) Gift Bags Quickly! Two are for students leaving home for the first time. *Delia Fritch* is going to Bloomsburg University (to study medical imaging), and *Laban Genzlinger* is going to Bryn Athyn College. The third is a welcome for *Dedan and Jess King*. Their first landing here, a while back, was unexpectedly cut off by a sojourn in Texas, and then we neglected them when they returned and settled in. But we can happily fix that! Please leave items in the church kitchen this Sunday (August 1) or *any time* in the next week. Thanks! Deadline: **Sunday, August 8.**

Don't Miss the Change of Plans (see "Events):

The KNC Youth Group will be serving ice cream in the evening on August 21 – instead of pancakes in the morning.

Save The Date (Mon., September 6, Labor Day) for the KNC Youth Group Car Wash – another fundraiser for the group's March service trip. They will clean the outside of your car, or the inside, or both – in the church parking lot. More details to come in the September newsletter.

New Contact Info:

Contact the church office to be given new phone numbers for Ayisha Synnestvedt and Lou Synnestvedt, and mailing and email addresses and phone numbers for Nathan and Vera Cole.

Dance Steps Studio Will be Back This Fall!

Sign up for classes here:

<https://www.dancestepsstudio.net/schedule>

– Janina Smith

Sower's Chapel Annual Golf Scramble and

Dinner: Saturday, September 4, 2021. See the attached info if you are interested in supporting the fundraising efforts of the New Church group in Sarver, Penna.

Lost and Found: Left at Smiths' after the 4th. An ornate metal pie server and a horn that makes a loud noise (looks like a handle to something). Contact the church office.

ANNIVERSARIES

[The Lord provides] a marriage with a consort whose soul so inclines to union with that of the other that they do not wish to be two lives but one.... For there [in heaven], two partners are not called two but one angel. This is meant by the Lord's words, "They are no more two but one flesh." (Conjugal Love 50; Matt. 19:6)

Congratulations and Best Wishes to

Matt and Sheila Heiter

on the 2nd – 13 years

Schuyler and Sarah Heinrichs

on the 3rd – 3 years

Christopher and Tabitha Judson

on the 5th – 21 years

Judah and Lydia Synnestvedt

on the 9th – 11 years

Dan and Erika Brown

on the 10th – 25 years

Bradley and Suzanne King

on the 11th – 37 years

Calvin and Maggie Odhner

on the 14 – 39 years

Dag and Shayne Boyesen

on the 17th – 30 years

Dale and Tovah Smith

on the 17th – 8 years

Mark and Wendy Wyncoll

on the 17th – 36 years

Rich and Suzanne Evans

on the 18th – 33 years

Andrew and Carrie Heilman

on the 21st – 45 years

Yorvar and Ruth Synnestvedt

on the 28th – 67 years

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NOTICES cont.**July '21 KNC Society Phone List is Attached:**

Please contact the church office for a paper copy.

Watch for "Caleb's Café" – Coming in the Fall!

We are excited to announce that our family is going to be running a coffee shop out of the Lamb's Nest - called Caleb's Cafe. The opening is planned for the beginning of this school year. It will be run mostly by Roxanne, Caleb, and Shiloh and will be open two or three mornings a week. We will serve the KNC

community only, with some of our profits being donated back to KNC. Our larger, long-range mission is to eventually move to our own building, where we can serve the general public and provide job opportunities to other kids and young adults with disabilities; we want to create a place where this segment of our community can acquire the skills they need – within a safe work environment – to have a job they love while serving their neighbors! We will be offering coffee, teas, lattes (hot and cold), and homemade baked goods. You will be able to purchase items to-go or enjoy some cozy sitting areas on site for coffee dates with friends! We look forward to this big adventure and will share more details when they are finalized. – Roxanne and Caleb Genzlinger

Fabric for Sale until Sunday, August 1:

<https://www.facebook.com/marketplace/item/516637239609574>

<https://reading.craigslist.org/art/d/lenhartsville-large-sewing-items-estate/7356713510.html>

– Andri Muth

VHS Movies for the Taking: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty, Roman Holiday, Holiday Inn, Vertigo, White Christmas, Silverado, The Fugitive, The Kid from Brooklyn, The Emperor and the Nightingale, Spellbound, Royal Wedding (Fred Astaire), The Sound of Music, Tales of Beatrix Potter (Dancers of the Royal Ballet), The Snowman (Raymond Briggs), Inherit the Wind, What about Bob?, Charade, MGM Presents That's Entertainment (Parts 1 & 2), Much Ado about Nothing (Kenneth Branagh), Pygmalion (Leslie Howard and Wendy Hiller), Rear Window, An American in Paris, Torvill and Dean – Path to Perfection (ice skating), The Velveteen Rabbit (read by Meryl Streep), How the Rhinoceros Got Its Skin and How the Camel Got Its Hump (read by Jack Nicholson), Hook, Five [Leo] Lionni Classics, My Fair Lady, Peter Pan (Mary Martin), Swiss Family Robinson (Disney), Robin Hood (Disney), The Jungle Book (Disney), The Sword and the Stone (Disney), Cinderella (Disney), Spirituals – In Concert (Kathleen Battle & Jessye Norman).
– Carla Kerr

A BIT MORE

Egrets

Once as I travelled through a quiet evening,
I saw a pond, jet-black and mirror still.
Beyond, the slender paper barks stood crowding;
each on its own white image looked its fill,
and nothing moved but thirty egrets wading—
thirty egrets in a quiet evening.

Once in a lifetime, lovely past believing,
your lucky eyes may light on such a pool.
As though for many years I had been waiting,
I watched in silence, till my heart was full
of clear dark water, and white trees unmoving,
and, whiter yet, those egrets wading.

– Judith Wright

Crows

From a single grain they have multiplied.
When you look in the eyes of one
you have seen them all.

At the edges of highways
they pick at limp things.
They are anything but refined.

Or they fly out over the corn
like pellets of black fire,
like overlords.

Crow is crow, you say.
What else is there to say?
Drive down any road,

take a train or an airplane
across the world, leave
your old life behind,

die and be born again—
wherever you arrive
they'll be there first,

glossy and rowdy
and indistinguishable.
The deep muscle of the world.

– Mary Oliver

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Always with Us

The sons of war lie gleaming in the new day;
They are spent and bright like coins tossed in the sea
Or lying fresh and wet as the day they were born
Swung free by their bare heels into their lives.

They are still, the sons of war, like painted scenes,
Layered in the meadow, or leaned against a hill
Where the grass moves and a collar stirs.
Always there were plans we couldn't know.

Lay down, lay down your life if it burdens you
But otherwise rise up and cry
Aloud for the new day, for every heart worth living for -
For having, all of us, been sons of war.

– Janna King