



KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – January 2022

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The SOWER

Behold, there went out a sower to sow; and in his sowing, some seeds indeed fell along the way, and the birds came, and devoured them. And other seed fell on rocky places, where it had not much earth, and straightway it sprang up, on account of not having depth of earth; and when the sun rose, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away. And others fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up, and choked them. But others fell on the good earth, and gave fruit, indeed some a hundred, and some sixty, and some thirty. (Matt. 13:2-8)

Here the “sower” is the Lord, and the “seed” is His Word, thus the truth. The “seed upon the way” exists with those who do not care for the truth. The “seed on rocky places” exists with those who do care for the truth, but not for its own sake, thus not interiorly. The “seed in the midst of thorns” exists with those who are in the lusts of evil. But the “seed in good ground” exists with those who love the truths that are in the Word from the Lord, and do them from Him, thus who bear fruit. (*Doctrine of Life* 90)

PASTOR’S NOTES

As we begin a new year, we can think of the Lord sowing the seeds of His Divine Truth with us in 2022. As He has every year in our past and will for every year in our future, the Divine Sower will always give us freely the merciful truths of His Word.

Sometimes we reject truths as did the pathway. Sometimes we are like the stony places and receive them only if they serve us conveniently. Sometimes we are like thorny ground and allow cravings for evil to falsify truths in our minds. But this year is a new year. May the Lord help us see where we have been like a hard pathway, like stony ground, or like thorns, and help us become like the good ground that bears the fruit of charity.

Here’s to a fruitful 2022!

Holy Supper will be not offered on the first Sunday morning of the new year this time (January 2). Instead, it will be offered on Friday, January 28, at 6:30 P.M. (The service on Jan. 2 will remain a Sunday School

service.) If you would like to take Holy Supper privately, please let me know so we can support you in partaking of this most holy act of worship. I very much look forward to when we can take it together as a congregation. In the meantime, we will make every effort to offer it in a setting you are comfortable with. *“The Holy Supper was instituted by the Lord, that by it there may be conjunction of the church with heaven, thus with the Lord: therefore it is the most holy thing of worship.”* (NJHD 210)

Thank You. We’re grateful to those who provided our beautiful Christmas tableaux. The tableaux are among our most-loved worship services and felt like a special blessing again this year. Sincere thanks to the leaders and the whole team.

Six-Week Winter Study – *The Parables*: Please see the December newsletter for a thorough description of how study groups come together, and please feel free to contact the church office for help in joining one. Weekly reading booklets are always available in the Society Room and are posted on our website.

WORSHIP

- All 10:00 AM services live streamed: kemptonnewchurch.org.
- Services can be heard in the library. Parents with babies or little ones are always welcome to be in there, where a basket of board books (not library books, please) is available. Please leave the room in orderly shape. Thanks!

Sunday, January 2, 10:00 A.M. Sunday School Serv.
Usher/Setup: Thos Powell

Sunday, January 9, 10:00 A.M. Family Service
Usher/Setup: Dandridge Cole

- DEADLINE for leaving Welcome Basket items in the church kitchen for the Price family. Thanks!

Sunday, January 16, 9:00 A.M. Young Children’s Service. *Usher/Setup: Dale and Tovah Smith*
10:00 A.M. Family Service
Usher/Setup: Mike Heiter

Sunday, January 23, 10:00 A.M. Sunday School Service. *Usher/Setup: Gordon McQueen*

Friday, January 28, 6:30 P.M. HOLY SUPPER
Please contact Brett by noon on the 27th if wishing to partake.

Sunday, January 30, 10:00 A.M. Family Service
Usher/Setup: Christopher Judson

CLASSES – Please contact the minister leading the class if you would like to attend virtually and think you may not be on his classes e-mail list. He will share a Zoom link with you, which will let you join by phone or video.

Winter Study Classes (on the Parables) will meet according to plans made by each group.

Every Wednesday (January 5, 12, 19, and 26)
10:30 A.M. Winter Study Class at Old School Village lounge. With Lawson Smith.

Friday, January 28 (not the 7th), 7:15 P.M. Youth Group *Conjugal Love Class.* Location TBD.

MEETINGS *Tues, Jan 25, 7:30 P.M.* Board. Library

EVENTS

Monday, January 3, KNCS classes resume.

Sunday, January 9, DEADLINE for Welcome Basket items for the Price family

Friday, January 14, KNCS 1st Semester ends.
7:30-11:00 P.M. Shop Night at Roger Schrock's

Monday, January 17, NO SCHOOL. MLK, Jr. Day and Semester Break

Tuesday, January 18, KNCS 2nd Semester begins.
DEADLINE: Hand in registration forms for KEMPTON'S GOT TALENT! See below.

Saturday, January 22, 6:30 P.M., Society Room.
"KEMPTON'S GOT TALENT!" Talent show sponsored by the KNC Youth Group. See below.

Saturday, January 28, 8:30-11:30 A.M.
WORK PARTY at the church and school

From the CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

Friends: We are 50% through our school and church budget process. It may be a good time to consider your annual giving plans. If you can give a gift or two this year, please do so to insure the health of our church. *"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give."* – Winston Churchill

ANNIVERSARIES

That the sphere of conjugal love is the sphere of heaven is because it descends from the heavenly marriage of the Lord and the Church. (CL 54e)

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

Eugene and Andri Muth

on the 2nd – 57 years

Steve and Janis King

on the 20th – 49 years

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations! On Thursday, December 30 (at KNC), Raúl Betancourt and India Wyncoll became husband and wife. With love we wish them all blessedness and peace, now and always. *"This is the day that the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it"* (Psalm 118:24).

Congratulations! *"This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes!"* (Ps. 118:23) It is with the greatest joy and awe that Stephen and Jennifer Cole and Brett and Karla Buick announce that Alison and Bennett have consented to be married.

2022 Calendar that Benefits the Kempton New Church and School: It's not too late to acquire one (or more!). Would make a great New Year gift for someone with its quotations from the Heavenly Doctrine and Sacred Scripture. \$10 each or 10 for \$90. Available in the society room after church on Sundays or at the church office during the week. Please contact Mark Wyncoll with any questions.

HELLO, YOU WONDERFUL TALENTED

PEOPLE OF KEMPTON! Want to perform in the 2022 edition of "KEMPTON'S GOT TALENT!?" (Being held Sat., Jan. 22, 6:30 P.M., in the Society Room) **NOW IS THE TIME TO SUBMIT YOUR ACTS!! THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING IS TUES, JAN. 18.** The registration form is attached here. Please feel free to print it out yourself, or grab one at the front desk at the church/school office. **FILLED OUT FORMS ARE TO BE RETURNED TO THE FRONT DESK, PLACED IN THE BOX LABELED "TALENT SHOW SLIPS."** The form asks you to include the following:

- Who is performing?
- A short description of the act
- Any props you may need (e.g., piano or sound system)
- A parent/guardian signature of approval for an act being performed by those 13 years old or younger

There will be a concession stand at the show with delicious drinks and many snacks. And! – we will be auctioning off some of the **FINEST** baked goods Kempton's talented bakers have to offer. Tell your friends, family, and anyone you happen to meet on the street! We can't wait to see what talent you bring to our stage! – the KNC Youth Group

Shop Night: Friday, January 14, 7:30-11:00 P.M., for a little comradery. Bring a drink or snack to share. Call with any questions. – Roger Schrock

Bryn Athyn Directories: \$2 each. If you would like one (or more) of these, please contact me right away, and I will order. Thanks – Carla Kerr