



KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – March 2022

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THE BRONZE SERPENT

Numbers 21:1-9

And [the Israelites] journeyed from Mount Hor by the way of the Suph Sea¹, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people was shortened on the way.

And the people spoke against God, and against Moses, Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no bread, and no water; and our soul loathes this vile bread.

And Jehovah sent among the people the serpents, the seraphim², and they bit the people; and many people from Israel died. And the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against Jehovah, and against thee; pray to Jehovah, that He remove the serpents from upon us. And Moses prayed for the people.

And Jehovah said to Moses, Make for thee a seraph, and set it upon a standard; and it shall be, that every one who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.

And Moses made a serpent of bronze, and set it upon the standard, and it was, if a serpent had bitten a man, and he looked at the serpent of bronze, then he lived.

John 3:14, 15

And even as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that everyone who believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Arcana Coelestia 8624.4

That the bronze serpent represented the Lord, see John 3:14, 15; that it also signified protection, is plain; for the healing effected by looking on the serpent that was on the standard signified healing from evils of falsity by the looking of faith to the Lord.

¹ the Red Sea (see AC 4601:2)

² fiery serpents (see DP 340), here and in verse 8

PASTOR'S NOTES

Seeing the Lord in His Divine Human form, represented by the bronze serpent, heals us because it gives us confidence in Him. When we look up at Him and see Him, we see a merciful God, the Lord Jesus Christ, who loves us and wants to help us (see AC 5585.2). When we see Him this way the only response that makes sense is to have the faith in Him that leads us to obey Him.

When we find ourselves like the Israelites, losing faith in the Lord and experiencing the pain that comes from such a state, we need to do what they did—look to Him in His Divine Human form – because the very sight of Him will restore our love for obeying Him. In this we are healed, and the Lord can open our minds to His even more.

The next Pastor's Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 29. One topic we will be discussing is possible themes for next year's Winter Study. If you have any ideas on this or have anything else you would like us to discuss, please let me or a member of the council know. Thanks! (Pastor's Council members: Schuyler and Sarah Heinrichs, Luke and Sarah Heiter, Seth and Heather King, Doug and Zanna Robertson, Roger and Kathy Schrock, Gerald and Jenna van Zyverden, and Rob and Eloné Zimmerman)

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STILL TO COME IN FEBRUARY

Friday, February 25, 6:30 P.M. HOLY SUPPER

Usher: Bengt Boyesen

Friday, February 25, 7:00 P.M. "The Twelve Dancing Princesses" presented by Kempton Fools Guild at the Kempton Community Center. Script by Rebecca Cooper based on Grimms' fairy tale. For all ages! Admission free; donations gratefully accepted.

Saturday, February 26, 2:00 P.M. "The Twelve Dancing Princesses." Kempton Fools Guild at KCC

Sunday, February 27, 10:00 A.M. Family Service

Usher/Setup: Luke Heiter (Chance to leave Welcome Basket items in kitchen for Ahmai Cole. See "Notices".)

Girl Scout cookies orders can be made through Shannah McQueen until the end of February. 😊

WORSHIP

- 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, March 6, 10:00 A.M. Sunday School Serv
Usher/Setup: Dandridge Cole (Chance to leave
Welcome Basket items after church for Ahmai Cole.)*

*Sunday, March 13, 10:00 A.M. Family Service
Usher/Setup: Mark Wyncoll (Deadline: Welcome
Basket items in church kitchen for Ahmai Cole.)*

*Friday, March 18, 6:30 P.M. HOLY SUPPER
Usher: Roy Odhner
Contact Brett by noon on the 17th if wishing to partake.*

*Sunday, March 20, 9:00 A.M. Young Children's
Service. Setup: Matt and Daelen Saltzer
10:00 A.M. Family Service
Usher/Setup: Jesse Fritch*

*Sunday, March 27, 10:00 A.M. Family Service
Usher/Setup: Jeremy Synnestvedt*

CLASSES

Please contact the minister leading the class if you would like to attend virtually. He will share a Zoom link with you, which will let you join by phone or video.

*Wed., March 9, 10:30 A.M., Charity #s 90-125.
OSV lounge (with Lawson Smith)*

Tuesday, March 16, 7:30 P.M. Arcana. The subject will be the veil between the holy place and the holy of holies (AC 9669–9685), the covering of the door of the tabernacle into the holy place (AC 9686–9692), and the hanging for the gate into the court surrounding the tabernacle (AC 9763-9767). Hopefully we will be able to see both the similarity and the differences between the three entrances into the three heavens as they correspond to the three entrances into the court, the holy place, and the holy of holies, and how this relates to the three degrees of the human. We will end with the section on the Doctrine of Charity and Faith about the internal and external man (AC 9701–9709). (With Andy Heilman. Location TBD.)

*Wed., March 23, 10:30 A.M., Charity #s 126-157.
OSV lounge (with Lawson Smith)*

*Wednesday., March 30, 7:30 P.M. Society Doctrinal
Class: Angel's Uses. (With Lawson Smith.
Location TBD.)*

MEETING

*Tuesday, March 29, 7:30 P.M.
Pastors Council. Library*

EVENTS

Every Wednesday, 3:00 P.M.

Ladies and Girls Weekly Handwork at OSV

Every Thursday when KNCS in session, 11:45 A.M. to 12:15 P.M., preschoolers and homeschoolers and parents are invited to borrow library books.

Saturday, March 5

Youth Group departs for service trip.

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast in the Society Room

Monday-Friday, March 7-11, KNCS Winter Break

Friday, March 11, 7:30-11:00 P.M.

Shop Night at Roger Schrock's

Saturday, March 12, Turn clocks back at bedtime.

Sunday, March 13, Daylight Saving Time begins.

DEADLINE for Welcome Basket items for Ahmai Cole (see "Announcements").

Monday, March 14, KNCS classes resume.

Monday-Friday, March 21-25

KNCS parent-teacher conferences in the afternoons

Friday, March 25

NO SCHOOL for 1st-6th grade, for which grades there will be parent-teacher conferences in the morning. **It has not yet been determined if school will be in session for 7th-12th grades on this day, but we suspect it will. Parents stay tuned.**

6:30 P.M. Feast of Charity, followed at

7:45 P.M. by a KNC Youth Group presentation on their service trip to Florida. (Yea!)

UPCOMING NOTES HOME and NEWSLETTER

- The Note Home will go out on March 3 and 17. It will NOT go out on March 10 or 24.
- The April newsletter will go out on March 31. Please submit notices for it by Mon., March 28.

SEEKING HOSTS for CLASSES

If you would like to open your home for the *Arcana* class on Tuesday, March 16, or the society doctrinal class on Wednesday, March 30, please contact me. Thank you – Carla (society@kncs.org or 610-756-6140)

From the CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

Any hour of volunteering by you for KNC or KNCS maximizes our donations—and keeps our costs down. Thank you to all our volunteers! We appreciate all you do for the church and school!

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Congratulations: On Tuesday, February 15, Nathan and Vera Cole welcomed a baby girl into the world. We welcome her into our midst as well, wishing her and her family all the best as we remember the hymn describing little children as the Lord's beloved and precious jewels: "Like the stars of the morning, His bright crown adorning, they shall shine in their beauty, bright gems for His crown."

Dear Friends: I am humbled by the outpouring of generosity, support, kindness, meals, gifts, texts, cards, and thoughtfulness that you have all given to me and to my children. Thank you so much for being the people you are. I am so grateful to have all of you in our lives. – Tabitha

Feeding Our Friends:

1. We have a meal schedule set up to help us support the Nathan and Vera Cole family. It starts on Monday, March 7 and goes through Sunday, March 30.

2. The Judson schedule has been extended by three days – this coming Sunday (February 27), Tuesday (March 1), and Thursday (March 3).

Please contact Kit Cooper, who can help with getting you signed up. Thanks

Thank You: Dear Kempton New Church and School, Hello everyone! I just received my care package and it has been my favorite thing ever! All the cards from you sweet students made me laugh so much, and the snacks are definitely going to help me study for my midterms coming up! Thank you for all your support through the years. I couldn't have gotten where I am without all of you at the church! Love, Delia Fritch

Happy Problem: At the last minute we had to find bigger boxes for mailing the care package items you provided for our away students. Thank you for the *fabulous* support.

ANNIVERSARIES

[An angel host said to a gathering of his friends,] "Let us now join together in some discourse on wisdom. Let the discourse be concerning causes, and for the present concerning the cause of the beauty of the female sex." They then spoke in turn. The first gave this as the cause: "Women were created by the Lord to be affections of the wisdom of men; and the affection of wisdom is beauty itself."

Conjugal Love 56:3

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

Rob and Eloné Zimmerman

on the 3rd – 10 years

Ray and Eden Norfo

on the 4th – 4 years

Carl and Patricia Odhner

on the 22nd - 51 years

John and Erika Walker

on the 26th - 39 years

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NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS cont.

It's Welcome-Basket Time Again: Ahmai Cole is living at Kendal and Linnea's house (while Kendal is stationed in Alabama for about a year) and thinks she will look for a home of her own in the area. (Some of you may know Ahmai as the daughter of James and Anna Cole and granddaughter of Burt and Rae Friesen and Charis and Louis Cole.) We look forward to getting to know Ahmai! Please leave welcoming items for her in the church kitchen by Sunday, March 13. 😊

[Repeat] Men's Breakfast: 8:00 A.M., Saturday, March 5. Society Room. All men are invited to partake in a discussion, over breakfast, on how we can support each other. Dan Brown will facilitate the discussion, and Penn Cooper will facilitate the food. Any help appreciated.

[Repeat] Shop Night: Friday, March 11, for some camaraderie. 7:30 to 11:00 P.M. You're invited to bring a beverage or snack to share and to call with any questions. – Roger Schrock

Huge Thank You! The workers who came to the church and school work party on Saturday did a WONDERFUL JOB. We are grateful to be sparkling as we anticipate spring (have you noticed the snowdrops by the steps into the church?!).

POSITION AVAILABLE: Kempton New Church School seeks applicants for a part-time middle school and high school math teaching position for the 2022-23 academic school year.

Responsibilities could include teaching any combination of the following: 7th grade math, 8th grade math, and 10th grade geometry. The successful applicant will engage students in learning about mathematics in the light of the Sacred Scripture and Heavenly Doctrines while staying up to date on current research and best practices for teaching the courses listed above. They will create a positive and orderly learning environment within the classroom. The individual will be expected to work collaboratively with parents.

Personal and Professional Requirements:

- Bachelors degree, with coursework in upper-level mathematics
- Ability to work collaboratively with other teachers
- Ability to maintain confidentiality
- Belief in marriage as defined in the Sacred Scripture and Heavenly Doctrines
- Baptism into the New Church
- General Church membership
- Ability to design, develop, implement, and teach lesson plans to meet New Church religious learning objectives
- Ability to perform religious duties, including the teaching of New Church theology and participation in religious activities with the students, including chapel, chapel discussions, reading of the Sacred Scripture and Heavenly Doctrine, and prayer.

Preferred Experience and Capabilities:

- Experience teaching the math courses listed above
- Experience working effectively with diverse population of learners
- Good written and oral communication skills
- Strong classroom management and interpersonal skills
- Patience and flexibility
- Knowledge of special-education practices
- Desire to engage in professional development

To apply: Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for two references to dale.smith@knsc.org.

Address the cover letter to:

Dale Smith, Assistant Principal
 Kempton New Church School
 583 Hawk Mountain Road; PO Box 140
 Kempton, PA 19529

Phone Number is Wrong on Society Directory: Please contact the church office to be given the correct one for Brittany Price. Apologies.

Getting Around: Residents of Old School Village could occasionally use help with getting somewhere. Please contact me if you would like to be on a list of potential drivers for appointments and such (which wouldn't obligate you if you were called). Driver and passenger would work out remuneration.

– Ian Keal, OSV Residents Liaison

Large Print New Church Life (NCL): Thanks to a thoughtful and generous donation, NCL is available in large print. You can see a sample copy at the KNC office counter. We would like to know what you think of it and if you would be interested in receiving such issues in the future. Please direct comments to us at bruce.henderson@newchurch.org and mark.wyncoll@newchurch.org. To receive the large-print NCL as part of your on-going or a new subscription, please contact Sue Wright, director of the General Church Database, at susan.wright@anc-gc-org or 267-502-4990.

Thank you – Bruce Henderson (Editor, NCL) and Mark Wyncoll (Mgr, G.C. Giving Operations)

A Faith through the Arts Festival is taking place at St. John's Lutheran Church in Nazareth, Penna. The theme this year is Signs and Wonders. The juried exhibit stays up through March 27, and events will be taking place every weekend on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. Two of my newest religious paintings got accepted into the exhibit. If you want to learn more about it, visit their website at <https://www.stjohnsnaz.org/calendar/> or contact me.
 – Ayisha Synnestvedt

Available: 1. Several ceiling fans of a few different designs, all with lights. 2. A large porcelain 2-bowl sink for \$50 or best offer. Please contact me if you would like details. – Genta Hendricks

Child Car Seat: I need to borrow one for March 5-9. Brittany is coming to town! Call or text me. Thanks!
 – Maggie Odhner

A BIT MORE

The Wind by Robert Louis Stevenson

I saw you toss the kites on high
 And blow the birds about the sky;
 And all around I heard you pass,
 Like ladies' skirts across the grass—
 O wind, a-blowing all day long,
 O wind, that sings so loud a song!

I saw the different things you did,
 But always you yourself you hid.
 I felt you push, I heard you call,
 I could not see yourself at all—
 O wind, a-blowing all day long,
 O wind, that sings so loud a song!

O you that are so strong and cold,
 O blower, are you young or old?
 Are you a beast of field and tree,
 Or just a stronger child than me?
 O wind, a-blowing all day long,
 O wind, that sings so loud a song!