



## KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – February 2023

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### THOU SHALT NOT COVET

#### Exodus 20:17

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

#### Matthew 23:25-28

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but inside they are full of extortion and intemperance. Blind Pharisee, cleanse first the inside of the cup and platter, that the outside of them may become clean also.

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you make yourselves like whited tombs, which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are filled with the bones of the dead, and of all uncleanness. So you also outwardly indeed appear just unto men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

**True Christian Religion 326.** These two [the ninth and tenth] commandments have relation to all the preceding ones, and teach and enjoin not only that evils must not be done, but also that they must not be lusted after, consequently that evils pertain not solely to the external man, but also to the internal; since he who refrains from doing evils and yet lusts to do them, still does them. For the Lord says... Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees; for ye cleanse the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first the inside of the cup and platter, that the outside may be clean also (Matt. 23:25, 26).

### PASTOR'S NOTES

This week we will finish a series of Sunday church services on the Ten Commandments by looking at the ninth and tenth commandments against coveting. In the New Testament the Lord gives us a very tangible example of what we are like when we

follow the commandments not to covet. We are like a vessel and platter that are clean both on the outside *and* the inside.

The Lord was talking to us, not just the Pharisees when He said, "Blind Pharisee, cleanse first the inside of the cup and platter, that the outside of them may become clean also" (Matt. 23:26). So, if we think about following the ninth and tenth commandments as cleaning the inside of the cup and platter, it will lead us to ask the Lord to remove even the desire to do what is forbidden in the "thou shalt not's."

In the next life, who we are on the inside is going to come out for all to see. So there really is no reason for us to delay working on our desires as well as our actions!

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**HOLY SUPPER** will be offered this month on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

*And when the hour had come, He reclined, and the twelve apostles with Him. And He said to them, With longing I have longed to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.*

Luke 22:14-15

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**Pastor's Council** met on Tuesday, January 17 and discussed feedback on the Christmas Tableaux and Christmas Eve services. We also discussed the possibility of doing a Holy Supper Service before Christmas and the 19<sup>th</sup> of June with extended readings from the Sacred Scripture and the Heavenly Doctrine (similar to the one before Easter.) The last topic of discussion focused on ways the Kempton New Church might be able to become more self-sufficient.

**The Board of Trustees** met on Tuesday, January 24 and discussed a preliminary budget for the next

fiscal year. The discussion focused on expected increases to salaries and benefits due to inflation. We also looked at how the next budget as well as future budgets could help us prepare for another fulltime member of the pastoral staff as well as taking on more administrative work that the denomination central office currently does for us.

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## 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, February 5, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service. Usher/Setup: Luke Heiter*

*Sunday, February 12, 10:00 a.m. Family Service. Usher/Setup: Cedric Lumsden*

*Sunday, February 19, 9:00 a.m. Young Child's Service. Setup: Wade and Maraika Buick*  
*10:00 a.m. Family Service. Usher/Setup: Mike Heiter*

*Friday, February 24, 6:30 p.m. Holy Supper. Usher/Setup: Roy Odhner*

*Sunday, February 26, 10:00 a.m. Family Service. Usher/Setup: Rafe McQueen*

## CLASSES

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

*Wednesday, February 1, 10:30am.*  
 Winter Study (with Lawson Smith) at Old School Village Lounge.

*Wednesday, February 15, 10:30am.*  
 Winter Study (with Lawson Smith) at Old School Village Lounge.

*Friday, February 24, 7:15 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.*  
 Youth Group Conjugal Love class. At Matthew and Eliza Genzlinger's.

## From Your CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

We love our members and friends who make the Kempton New Church such a fun place to worship and work together. Thank you all for pitching in, however you are called to serve! The financial donations you make also help keep the lights on...and every gift helps! Mark, for the Contributions Committee

## EVENTS

**Ladies Handwork:** Every Wednesday, at 3:00 p.m., at Old School Village

**Knitting Baby Hats at Handwork:** There will be a special project offered at Ladies' Handwork on Wednesdays at OSV on the 8th, 15th, and 22nd of February. The project of knitting baby hats will benefit the Philadelphia Birthright Center. Beginner and expert knitters are welcome; hats are not as daunting as they sound. Some materials will be provided, but if you have your own yarns (cottons, rayons, or acrylics) and small circle needles, please bring them. If you have questions about materials, contact Anna Volden or Aven Buick. Feel free to bring your own projects as usual if you prefer. Open to all ladies and girls in the society; babies and smallish boys welcome, as there are toys and books for those not participating in handwork.

**Stand up and be a Man:** Men's breakfast will take place on Saturday, February 11 at 8:00 a.m. The topic of discussion will be on preserving the masculine. Why is being masculine viewed negatively today? What does it mean to be masculine and how can we pass it on? Penn will provide breakfast, and Dan will facilitate the discussion.

**Game Night at OSV:** If "being in the 30's and 40's" refers to your age instead of the weather, then we want to see you at a game night at OSV. Please join us for an evening of fun including board games, snacks, and coffee on Friday, February 10th, from 7 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. This event is open to all single persons and married couples college age and up. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions please call Christina Alden at 484-663-3538 or 610-756-4142.

**Kempton Fools Guild:** Word around town is the Netherfield Ranch has finally been bought by the wealthy Mr. Bingley, and as we all know, a single man in possession of a large fortune must be wantin' a wife. Come see The Kempton Fools' Guild's production of **The Crazy Cowgirls of Pemberley Ranch**, a reimagined Pride and Prejudice (if Jane Austen had gunfights, and poker games, and lived in the great state of Texas in 1890), Friday February 17th at 7pm and Saturday February 18th at 2pm at the Kempton Community Center. There is no admission cost, but donations at the door are gratefully received, and the 7-12 grades will be selling concessions during intermission to raise money for their NYC trip. Contact Becky Cooper or Heather King with any questions.

### NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Baptisms:** Mike and Amy Friday, along with their children Ella, Josephine and Wyatt, were baptized into the New Church on January 15, 2023.

*It is said in the Word that the Lord God our Redeemer baptizes with the Holy Spirit and with fire, which means that the Lord regenerates man by the Divine truth of faith and the Divine good of love or charity.*

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**Meeting to discuss June 19<sup>th</sup> Gifts:** Please come to Heather King's house on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. to discuss June 19<sup>th</sup> gifts. Children are welcome. Let me know if you can come or call/text me with questions 484-860-0973.

**Reminder:** We hope to have the welcome baskets for Merrily Evans, and for Derek and Brittany Childs, ready to go by this weekend! (February 4/5).

**Care Packages for Students Away at College:** We will be sending Valentines Care Packages to students who are away at college. Please bring items for 12 care packages, to the large box in Jen McQueen's office at the school. They will be assembled, with cards from current KNCS students, on **Wednesday, February 8** (a day earlier than originally planned). Some ideas for items to send: hot chocolate, tea, popcorn, dried fruit, instant oatmeal, granola bars, quarters,

stamps, gum, candy, instant soups, school supplies (pencils, pens, post-it notes, etc.). Caution: Strong scents tend to permeate food items. Thanks for your support of this! We would also accept financial contributions to help with posting of these boxes.

**Babysitting Fundraiser** to help KNCS 7th – 12th grades get to NYC!

You're invited to bring your children - 6th grade and younger – to the Society Room on Saturday, February 4th, from 1pm - 4pm. Here the 7th-12th graders (and several adults) will provide books, crafts, games, (including dodgeball for older kids), healthy snacks, and maybe even a few animals to pet! Suggested donation of \$15 for 1 child and \$5 for each additional child, with a cap at \$30 per family. If you didn't sign up before, no problem – we'd still love to have your kids if they show up! Proceeds will go towards the 7th-12th field trip to NYC.

#### **Tickets offered to NYC:**

Would you like to visit the Big Apple but are nervous about the drive? Here's your chance to be delivered from Kempton straight to this amazing city and back again! KNCS 7th-12th grades have chartered a bus for our field trip to NYC, and we have a few extra seats that we are offering for \$50 a piece to help us offset the cost for students. The trip is set for Thursday, February 23rd. The bus will leave the KNCS lower parking lot at 6:45 am (please arrive 10 minutes early) and return there around 6:30 pm. In New York, you can be dropped off and picked up at either of the locations our students are being dropped (the American Museum of Natural History or the Metropolitan Museum of Art). Please contact Katrin if you are interested (484-256-7527 or [knjunge@gmail.com](mailto:knjunge@gmail.com))

**Sunday School Schedule:** An updated version of the Sunday School Schedule was sent along with this Newsletter, as an attachment to the email. Take a look if you think you or your child may be scheduled between now and June.

**Girl Scout Cookies!** Thea, Fiona, and Viola Price will be selling Girl Scout cookies this year, \$5/box! The sale goes from January 19-March 23. You can place your order with them in person or call/text their mom, Brittany, at 504-390-0792. Free home delivery! Order your favorite flavors now while supplies last!

**For Sale:** Monster Van for sale. It's a sad day for us, but you could carry on the tradition! 06 Ford 4x4 van, V10, 4:10 LS rear. New tires, new brakes, newer motor which was just rebuilt. Contact Seth for more info.

### SCHOOL NEWS

**Patriotic Banquet:** Everyone is invited to a Celebration of America program, on Tuesday, February 21 at 1:30 p.m. The program lasts approximately 20 minutes, at which time parents can take their elementary school child/ren home, while 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades finish their afternoon classes. Contact Heather King with questions.

**Request from the Cooking Elective Class:** If you have any cooking magazines or cookbooks that you are ready to pass along, the students of the Cooking Elective (taught by Anthea Stewart) would like to have them. If you would like your items returned to you, please put your name on it. You can bring items to Jen McQueen's desk at the school.

### ANNIVERSARIES

The men of the Most Ancient Church, who were celestial and in the perception of good and truth, like the angels, had but one wife. They said that with one wife they perceived heavenly delights and happiness.

*Arcana Coelestia 2740*

*Congratulations and Best Wishes to:*

**Legend and Anna Brown**

on the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 10 years

**Cornell and Jackie Creciun**

on the 15<sup>th</sup> – 48 years

**Gideon and Loretta Alden**

on the 22<sup>nd</sup> - 42 years

**Michael and Karen Heiter**

on the 26<sup>th</sup> - 40 years

**Ted and Kelly LaMastra**

on the 26<sup>th</sup> – 25 years

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