



KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – November 2023

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THE LEAST OF ALL SEEDS

Matthew 13:31-32

Another parable set He before them, saying, The kingdom of the heavens is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man taking sowed in his field, which indeed is the least of all seeds; but when it is grown, it is greater than the herb, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the heaven come, and nest in its branches.

Apocalypse Explained 1000.8

"A tree from a grain of mustard seed" signifies a man of the church, and also a church beginning from a very little spiritual good by means of truth; for if only a very little spiritual good takes root with a man it grows like a seed in good ground. And as a "tree" thus signifies a man of the church, it follows that "the winged things of heaven" that made nests in its branches signify the knowledges of truth and thoughts therefrom.

PASTOR'S NOTES

As we look at the harvest evident all around us, it can remind us of how much the Lord can do with what begins as something very small. Every crop that is gathered this fall of course started as a tiny seed. And just as the soil of the earth nourished those seeds, each of us began the same way being nourished in our mother's womb. The New Church that the Lord is now establishing follows a similar process. As the Lord explains in the Heavenly Doctrine, the mustard seed signifies each of us as well as the church "beginning from a very little spiritual good by means of truth" (AE 1000.8). So as we drive through the beautiful countryside during this time of harvest we can have confidence that the Lord can lead us to heaven even though we begin so small with so little. And we can have confidence that His church will grow and flourish even as its beginning can seem so small as well.

HOLY SUPPER will be offered this month on Friday, November 17th at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

*O taste and see that Jehovah is good;
Happy is the mighty man who confides in Him.*
Psalm 34:8

Turn Clocks Back on Saturday, November 4th, or come to church an hour early!

Our Annual Society Meeting on October 12

focused almost entirely on the presentation of a renovation plan for the west end of the church building and funding plan that could pay for it.

So far the feedback George Cauffman (chair of the Building Committee) and I have received seems to indicate that it is a good idea to take the next step with this project.

The next step will be a special meeting of the Society on November 9 at 7:30 pm. At this meeting we will share the feedback we have heard since the society meeting and provide responses. We will also discuss anything further that the membership would like to discuss in connection with this project.

The meeting will conclude with a vote on whether or not to go forward with the project as proposed at the October 12 meeting.

Absentee ballots will be available upon request to Jen McQueen (society@knks.org) and need to be received prior to the meeting in order to be counted. Please, however, consider attending the meeting in person so we can all digest one another's thoughts on the project and as we will need a quorum for a vote to be taken.

Thank you to Roxanne Genzlinger for heading up the Autumn Mornings effort this year! Roxanne provided for a wonderful use to continue by organizing each of the Saturday Mornings and the many volunteers who helped her do it.



Thanksgiving: You are welcome to bring offerings of fresh or canned produce to church as an expression of gratitude to the Lord. We will later take them to a food pantry, as an expression of love toward the neighbor as well. There will be a procession when you can bring your gift to the chancel.

Tableaux: Would you like to help with the Christmas Tableaux? If you would like to play a part (representing someone in the stories), sing, play an instrument, help with lights, cast, or do anything else, please contact Ayisha Synnestvedt. This is a great service to the society, one of the most beloved services of the year. Thank you for considering it!

The Winter Study Topic this year will be on Memorable Relations in the Heavenly Doctrine. We hope these readings and discussions will help make the spiritual world seem more real than ever before! You might like to think about arranging to be part of a group before the holidays get busy, since the winter study starts soon after the New Year begins.

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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, November 5, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service. Usher/Setup: Mike Heiter

Sunday, November 12

9:00 a.m. Young Child's Service.

Setup: Matt and Sheila Heiter

10:00 a.m. Sermon Service. Usher/Setup: Ted LaMastra

This service will be like the second half of a Sunday School Service (lessons from the Word and the Heavenly Doctrine followed by a sermon). All are welcome to attend.

Friday, November 17, 6:30 p.m. Holy Supper Service. Usher: Ian Keal

Sunday, November 19, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service. Usher/Setup: Theo Judson

Thursday, November 23, 10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Family Service. Usher/Setup: Doug Robertson, Seth Wyncoll

Sunday, November 26, 10:00 a.m. Family Service. Usher/Setup: Roger Schrock

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, November 1, 7:30 p.m.

Men's Class (with Judah Synnestvedt) at Old School Village Lounge. Topic: Raising sons and daughters for the New Jerusalem.

Thursday, November 2, 10:00 a.m. Heaven and Hell class at OSV. Read numbers 154-176 (with Lawson Smith).

Tuesday, November 7, 7:30 p.m. Arcana Class at Cedric and Janice Lumsden's.

The readings for the Arcana class will be about the offering of the second ram, which is described in verses 19 - 35 of Exodus 29, the internal sense of which is given in numbers 10,056 - 10,120 in the Arcana Coelestia. Reading this section of Exodus makes it clear beyond doubt that the Letter of the Word must have an interior meaning, for why else would the blood of this ram be placed on the right ear lobe, the right thumb, and the right big toe of Aaron and his sons.

The class will be at Lumsden's this coming Tuesday, November 7th, at 7:30 PM. Thank you, Cedric and Janice. Look for the two white short pillars on the north side 737, right after Bradley King's place as you come from the village of Kempton toward Stony Run.

I will send out a zoom invite on the day of the class. If you don't normally receive this link, and would like to zoom in, please contact me, at

aheilman@kncs.org

Thank you, Andy

Wednesday, November 8, 7:30 p.m.

Men's Class (with Judah Synnestvedt) at Old School Village Lounge. Topic: Raising sons and daughters for the New Jerusalem.

Friday, November 10, 7:15 p.m. Youth Group

Conjugal Love class at Dan and Erika Brown's

Wednesday, November 15, 10:00 a.m. Mom's

Morning class at OSV

Wednesday, November 15, 7:30 p.m. Young Adult's class at Adele Junge's

Wednesday, November 15, 7:30 p.m. Men's class at OSV on Divine Providence.

Thursday, November 16, 10:00 a.m. Heaven and Hell class at OSV. Read numbers 177-199 (with Lawson Smith).

Wednesday, November 22, 7:30 p.m. Men's class at OSV on Divine Providence.

Wednesday, November 29, 7:30 p.m. Men's class at OSV on Divine Providence.

Thursday, November 30, 10:00 a.m. Heaven and Hell class at OSV. Read numbers 200-212 (with Lawson Smith).

CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

Please look for an appeal for annual and special contributions in your mail box in mid-November

And let us know if you have any questions, or any fund-raising ideas! Thank you for your support.
Mark

MEETINGS

Thursday, November 9, 7:30 p.m. Special Society Meeting.

Tuesday, November 14, 7:30 p.m. Board Meeting, in the library.

EVENTS

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

Dance Night: Saturday November 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the society room for high school and older. Matthew Genzlinger will be going over the basics of Tango, followed by a social dance. If you already know the basics and want to come to the social dance only, the lesson should be done by 7:45. Event ends at 9:00. Feel free to bring a snack to share.

Young Adults Doctrinal Class

This month the class will be on November 15th at 7:30 p.m. at my house (1054 Mountain Road, Kempton Pa. 19529). All young adults are welcome!

-Adele Junge

An Evening of Whittling at Roger's Shop:

Saturday, November 11, 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. High school age and up are invited for an evening of whittling. If you have tools or a carving project, bring that along. If not, no worries - Roger has knives, patterns and projects. And lots of band-aids! Contact Roger Schrock with any questions at 484-390-1922.

Youth Group Events:

Conjugal Love Class on Friday, November 10, 7:15 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Hosted by Dan and Erika Brown

KNC Youth Group Fundraisers:

The Kempton New Church Youth Group is amidst a fund-raising BONANZA! We need to raise funds to get our growing and vibrant youths (30 of them!) down to Florida for a spring break service trip! With that in mind...

We are pleased to announce that we have opened a clothing store!

Browse a wide selection of high-quality shirts, hoodies, and caps in a variety of colors that proudly sport the Kempton New Church School Logo. Your purchase will not only make you look great, but it will help fund our service trip to Florida! Please

shop now and share the link with family and friends!

<https://kempton2023.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

Deadline to order is Sunday, Nov. 5 at midnight.

With gratitude,

Shane Glenn and Cecily Fritch

Texas Hold'em Tournament: The Youth Group will be putting on a Texas Hold'em tournament fundraiser on Saturday, November 11th at 2:00 p.m.! The tournament is open to high school age and up, all are welcome to spectate. \$25 buy-in, prizes for winners. Mark your calendars, more details to come in the next few weeks! Seats must be bought in advance. Contact Josiah Genzlinger at josiahgenzlinger@gmail.com or 484-697-9497 for questions or if you wish to buy a ticket!

Upcoming December Events:

December 1st: Christmas Sing

December 2nd: Craft Sale

December 15th: KNCS Christmas Program

December 17th: Tableaux Services

December 24th: Christmas Eve Service

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ushering for 2024: If you are a gentleman from Junior year of high school up to about 90 years of age, who regularly attends church at Kempton, please check your email (and spam folder) for a survey sent on 10/14/23 from dandridgecole@yahoo.com. If you do not see it, or if you would prefer to be sent a hard-copy, please contact Dandridge by email, text or phone-call (215-868-1731). Feel free to leave a voicemail. I would really appreciate some form of response by **November 12th**. If you can communicate your preferences and schedule with a sentence or two, feel free to just send me a text or email, but please be sure to identify yourself. If your schedule or preferences are more complicated, please use the survey form. You can return them electronically (see the emailed instructions) or you can print out

the first two pages and return them by mail to Dandridge Cole, PO Box 53, Lenhartsville PA 19534, or drop them off at the box at the school office. Thank you!

Looking for a place to live:

Hello Kempton Society,

I'm currently in the process of finishing up college and then Reyana myself and our daughter will be moving back to the Kempton area. I've already got a job figured out in Allentown, however we are looking for a place to live. If anyone knows of any places that are available for rent or purchase, please contact me at 484-637-6184 or email me at hasenpfifi@gmail.com. Any and all leads are appreciated.

Thanks! Hayden King

Caleb's Cafe will be closed the first week of November, the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. We will return with our normal hours and days the following week (Thursdays and Fridays 7:30-1:00, Saturdays 9-1). Thank you for your understanding as we catch our breath and return with renewed energy! -Roxanne and Caleb

House For Sale:

A message from John and Suzanne LaMastra:

As our sons are venturing out on their own, our home is starting to echo.... We decided to downsize and sell our beloved home of 30 years. The address is 5494 Schochary Road, New Tripoli PA 18066. Below is a description of our home:

It is a 2,860 sq. ft. stone home built in the 1800's situated on 2.4 acres. The house has a well-known history as a Dr.'s residence and practice from the time the house was built until 1960. Located in the village of Lynnvill, a short distance away from the church/school. Zoned rural village, one acre field on the property can be sub-divided and has perked and probed to build another home, barn or can be fenced in for small livestock (non-freezing water hydrant and electric hook up close by). An existing underground dog fence lining the entire property for all the running your dog(s) needs! Charming carriage shed w/2-story storage and 2-story summer kitchen, both equipped with electric, 2-car Kistler pole building with electric and water. Solid custom playhouse w/electric & big yard to play in! You will never have to worry about replacing the roof on this home, true standing seam gorgeous patina copper-plus roof, along with copper rain gutters installed by John and his brother, Ted. The

3 chimneys have been beautifully replaced above the roof lines by Ted LaMastra Masonry, new stainless-steel inserts in each. All original shutter hardware & wood around windows and eaves meticulously preserved & painted warm earth-toned colors. All vinyl tilt-in windows w/safety latches. Inside the home, basement floor cemented w/2-330 gallon oil tanks w/easy to read gauge. Manabloc-PEX water piping. Furnace cleaned & maintained yearly. A center hallway open staircase with large open woodstove room custom woodworking throughout, 1/2 bath, living & dining room. Warm up by the quaint Vermont Castings woodstove in the large eat-in kitchen with plenty of cabinets & drawers. 4-bedrooms with original wide-plank floors, original radiators throughout house, full bath and laundry room upstairs. The attic has ample storage w/ additional 3 separate rooms. More custom work, too much to mention! \$500,000. If you cannot attend the open house and would like to tour it privately or have questions, please contact our real estate agents (mother/son team): Brenda Fortna 610.730.6059 or Alex Fortna 610.730.8960 ReMax of Allentown. Thank you!

https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/5494-Schochary-Rd-New-Tripoli-PA-18066/9639192_zpid/

Nearby Farm for Sale:

- 21 acres, about half currently being tilled, woods and small stream.
- Almost 1 acre pond.
- Stone farmhouse with new roof and brand new well.
- Kitchen/dining room, living room, hallway, 4 bedrooms, one bathroom.
- Large L-shaped barn, 3-bay garage and outbuildings.
- The property is in PA Agricultural Preservation (meaning the development rights to the property have been sold) and Act 515.
- Several surrounding farms also in PA Ag Preservation.
- Northwestern Lehigh School District.
- \$645,000.00, however this is negotiable.

Irwin & Marge Hamm

Address: 7844 Kings Highway, New Tripoli, Pa. 18066

Irwin's mobile phone: 484.239.5472

Email: hammfarm@ptd.net

[<mailto:hammfarm@ptd.net>](mailto:hammfarm@ptd.net)

Something to consider: Did you know Albany Township doesn't automatically charge a fire tax like most municipalities? That means it's your choice to donate to the Fire Company. A fun and easy way to show your support is to attend Spaghetti Supper on the first Friday of every month. The next one is this Friday, Nov. 3rd.

Christmas Wreaths: There will be a Christmas wreath-making fundraiser for the church in early December (more details to follow in upcoming weeks) and we could use supplies. Do you have wreath frames lying around? Or wreath decorations? Or wired pinecones? Happily accepting any donations, as supplies we can get for free really help offset our costs. Supplies can be dropped at the school marked for me or you can call/text me to figure out how I can get them. Thanks for considering - and apologies for bringing up Christmas this early! - Katrin (484) 256-7527

Lost: We lent out a pair of black and orange Fiskars loppers for the Kempton Youth Group service day at the community center. They have "Genzlinger" scrawled on them. Did you accidentally get them with your tools? Let me know! Eliza: 781-879-7186

SCHOOL NEWS

KNCS Parent-Teacher Conferences: No school for all grades on Friday, November 3rd.

Early Dismissal on Wednesday, Nov. 22nd, at 12:45 p.m. for all grades

No School on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23rd and 24th.

Dear parents,

As the weather is getting colder... ❄️ 🌨️ 🧊

I wanted to send a note on text notifications to stay informed about delays, cancellations, and early dismissals at KNCS. I will still continue to use the automated calling system to notify you of any school closures or delays and Jen and I will make the calls for any early dismissals.

If you like getting notifications via text message as well--WFMZ radio station allows me to send out text notifications to anyone that subscribes to receive them.

If you are not currently receiving the WFMZ text alerts and would like to, here is a link to subscribe:

<https://my.textcaster.com/asa/Default.aspx?ID=ba251a36-ebf8-4c1a-8247-4becb2e26e07>

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns!

Best,
Dale

ANNIVERSARIES

Few know from what origin conjugal love comes forth. They who think from the world believe that it comes forth from nature; but they who think from heaven believe that it comes forth from the Divine in heaven.

Arcana Coelestia 10167

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

Gordon and Jen McQueen

on the 10th - 21 years

Calvin and Liza Heinrichs

on the 17th - 5 years

Lawson and Shanon Smith

on the 18th - 45 years

Derrick and Eden Lumsden

on the 18th - 17 years

Doug and Zanna Robertson

on the 26th - 30 years

Bjorn and Anna Volden

on the 26th - 24 years

Lou and Aileen Synnestvedt

on the 27th - 49 years

Kendal and Linnea King

on the 28th - 3 years

