



KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – January 2024

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MEMORABLE RELATIONS

Ezekiel 1:1

And it was, in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the exiled by the river Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.

Revelation 4:1

After these things I saw, and behold, a door opened in heaven. And the first voice which I heard as of a trumpet speaking with me said, Come up hither, and I will show thee the things which must come to pass hereafter.

True Christian Religion 851

Who in the Christian world could have known anything about Heaven and Hell, had it not pleased the Lord to open the sight of someone's spirit, and show and teach him? That such things as are described in the Memorable Relations do appear in the heavens is made clear by the like things seen and described by John in the Apocalypse, also in the Word of the Old Testament by the prophets....

John saw the Son of man in the midst of the seven candlesticks.... with many other things, all of which were seen by John, and seen when as to his spirit he was in the spiritual world and in heaven....

Ezekiel....saw four living creatures, which were cherubs (Ezek. 1 and 10). A new temple and a new earth, and an angel measuring them (40-48). He was carried away to Jerusalem and saw the abominations there, and also into Chaldea (8 and 11)....

From these and many other passages in the Word it is evident that those things which exist in the spiritual world have appeared to many, both before and since the Lord's coming. What marvel, then, that they should be seen now also, when a New Church is commencing, or when the New Jerusalem is descending from heaven?

Pastor's Notes

The Old and New Testaments include descriptions of things seen in the spiritual world. Ezekiel is among the prophets of the Old Testament to whom "the heavens were opened" (Ez. 1:1). And in the New Testament we learn that "a door was opened in heaven" through which John saw the amazing images described in the Book of Revelation (Rev. 4:1).

The Lord has given us a view into the other world through the Heavenly Doctrine as well. Just as visions of the spiritual world were relayed to us in the Sacred Scripture, they are relayed to us in the Heavenly Doctrine of the Lord's Second Coming. In the Heavenly Doctrine these descriptions of things seen and heard in the spiritual world are called Memorable Relations. And for the next several Sabbath days these Memorable Relations will be the focus of our worship as we study them in our Winter Study classes as well.

The experiences we will read about have been given to us by the Lord to help us see that the spiritual world is real (see e.g. HH 1).

Included in the many experiences given to us from the spiritual world is the testimony of spirits and angels that there is a heaven and a hell, that the Lord is the God of heaven, that the Word and Heavenly Doctrine are there and that the marriage of one man and one woman there is a blessed eternal union that can begin on earth.

May this Winter Study help us see more than ever before that the spiritual world is real!

If you would like to host a Winter Study group and have seats to offer, or if you want to join a class, please let me or Jen McQueen know so we can help people get connected if needed.

HOLY SUPPER will be offered this month at Old School Village on Friday, January 19th at 4:30 p.m.

And Jesus said to them, I am the Bread of Life; he who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

John 6:35

Thank You. We are grateful to those who provided our beautiful Christmas tableaux, it is such a wonderful worship service.

Pastor's Council met on December 12. We discussed possible ways to better support the supervision of children after church, as well as feedback regarding how the Thanksgiving Service procession went. We also discussed how to maintain a sphere of reverence in the church for a bit longer at the end of the Christmas Eve Service.

The last topic of the meeting was a broad discussion concerning possible first steps in a process for renovating the sanctuary or building a new one. This last topic will be the subject of several future Pastor's Council meetings so please feel free to let us know your thoughts about a good process as we take all the time we need to address this question in a clear, open and orderly way. I hope to have made good progress on figuring out the right process for this question, based on your input, by the time that the West End renovations are complete.

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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, January 7, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service, with Holy Supper. Usher/Setup: James King

Sunday, January 14, 10:00 a.m. Family Service. Usher/Setup: Luke Heiter

Friday, January 19, 4:30 p.m. Holy Supper Service at Old School Village (no usher)

Sunday, January 21

9:00 a.m. Young Children's Service. *Setup: Matt and Sheila Heiter*

10:00 a.m. Sermon Service. *Usher/Setup: Bengt Boyesen*

Sunday, January 28, 10:00 a.m. Family Service. Usher/Setup: Brahm Cole

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.

Note: The Men's doctrinal class on Divine Providence will resume after the Winter Study.

Thursday, January 4, 10:00 a.m. Winter Study at OSV (with Lawson Smith).

Wednesday, January 10, 10:00 a.m. Mom's Morning class at OSV

Thursday, January 11, 10:00 a.m. Winter Study at OSV (with Lawson Smith)

Friday, January 19, 11:00 a.m. Winter Study at OSV (with Lawson Smith)

Wednesday, January 24, 7:30 p.m. Young Adult's class at Adele Jungé's

Friday, January 26, 11:00 a.m. Winter Study at OSV (with Lawson Smith)

Friday, January 26, 7:15 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Youth Group Conjugal Love class at Matthew and Eliza Genzlinger's

CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

January provides a wonderful opportunity to set a time aside for including the Church in your annual financial planning. If you are a subscriber to Spotify, a cell phone plan or home internet provider, you know how to manage a budget with a monthly expense. Did you know that one can do the same with your church donations? It's a set it and forget it way to promote the uses of the KNC year-round. Happy New Year!

MEETINGS

Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the Library.

EVENTS

Ladies Handwork: Every Wednesday, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., at Old School Village.

Feast of Charity: Friday, January 5. Supper at 6:30 p.m. Introduction to the Winter Study on Memorable Relations, at 7:30 p.m.

Shop Night: Saturday, January 20, 7:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m., for a little comradery. Bring a drink or snack to share. Call with any questions. – Roger Schrock

Dance Night: Saturday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Society Room. Details to follow.

Youth Group Events:

Conjugal Love Class on Friday, January 26, 7:15 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Hosted by Matthew and Eliza Genzlinger.

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS**A New Book on the Doctrine of the Lord**

A collection of sermons by the Rev. Mike Gladish, titled, “The Lord, God With Us” is selling for \$15 at the Cathedral bookstore and on the NewChurchBooks.com website, or directly from Mike via MDGladish@gmail.com. See the current NCL, page 483, for more information.

Welcome Basket: Hayden and Reyana King have recently moved to Kempton! Let’s welcome them with a gift basket. Please bring items to the church kitchen and look for the labeled bag.

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

Please Note: Jessica King has a new phone number: 412-951-5600

Save the Date! Stephanie Eden and Friends (Phoenix King, Serena King, Arabella King, Brahm Cole, Josiah Genzlinger, and Tovah Cole) will be performing at the Kempton Community Center on Friday, January 12th at 7:00 p.m. in an effort to raise money to support her family. In addition to working as a nurse every weekend, Stephanie will be working 40 hours per week of unpaid clinical practice for five months for the completion of her master’s degree in nurse-midwifery. To this end, she has prepared a concert for you in pursuit of your support!!

Please contact Stephanie at stepheden@hotmail.com or by text (484)-507-6744 with any questions.
Thank you for your support!!!

SCHOOL NEWS

Friday, January 12. KNCS First Semester Ends.

Monday, January 15. NO SCHOOL for KNCS. School resumes Tuesday, January 16.

Saturday, January 27, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

WORK PARTY at the church and school.

From the Art Teacher: Looking for donations of newspaper for an upcoming project. Please contact Shayne Boyesen if you have some to donate, or just bring it to the school and put it on the Secretary’s desk.

ANNIVERSARIES

Love truly conjugal is the union of two minds, which is a spiritual union; and all spiritual union descends from heaven.

Arcana Coelestia 10168

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

Eugene and Andri Muth
on the 2nd – 59 years

Mike and Amy Friday
on the 3rd – 10 years

Steve and Janis King
on the 20th – 51 years

