



KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – February 2025

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CITIES OF REFUGE

Joshua 20:1-3

And Jehovah spoke to Joshua, saying,
Speak to the sons of Israel, saying,
Appoint for yourselves cities of refuge of which I
spoke to you by the hand of Moses;
That the manslayer who smites a soul in ignorance
without knowledge may flee thither; and they shall
be to you for a refuge from the redeemer of blood.

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For they who had smitten anyone by chance, that is,
without intent, thus not with premeditation, nor
from an evil affection which is of the will, were not
in any fault of their own; and therefore when such
came to a place of asylum they were exempt from
punishment. By these persons were represented
those who not of set purpose injure anyone in
respect to the truths and goods of faith, and
consequently extinguish his spiritual life; for such
are in a blameless state and one exempt from
punishment

Pastor's Notes

When we think about having hurt someone without
intending to, then we can understand the vital role a
city of refuge can play. The Lord set up these cities
of refuge for the Israelites as part of their
inheritance in the Land of Canaan. There were six
cities in all, spread through the Holy Land so they
were accessible from anywhere in the region. They
were a sanctuary for a person who had unwittingly
killed another man. This system protected the
innocent offender from the penalty of death. It was
a merciful system. And just like it did for the
Israelites, this system of mercy can also save us
when we realize we have made a grave, but
unwitting spiritual mistake. It can remind us to
respond to another's mistake with mercy as well.

We can take comfort in knowing the Lord provides
a refuge for us and that can help us do the same for
others.

HOLY SUPPER will be offered this month on
Friday, February 21st 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*

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, January
21 and discussed the status of the West End
Renovation project. I have sent a letter to society
members with more detail about the project and the
possibility of spending about \$90,000 more from
the Reserve Fund in order to do all of the kitchen
renovations called for in the plan. Please take a look
at that letter when you receive it and let me know if
you have any objections or questions.

The board also discussed the status of the current
fiscal year budget as well as some longer-term
budget planning. Additionally, the board decided to
pay for a professional audit to be conducted at the
end of the fiscal year and established a payroll and
benefits subcommittee as we enter the budgeting
process for the next fiscal year.

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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 2, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
Service. Usher/Setup: Shane Glenn*

*Sunday, February 9, 10:00 a.m. Family Service
Usher/Setup: Charlie Boyesen*

Sunday, February 16

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

Setup: Jamen and Briana Schrock

*10:00 a.m. Sermon Service. Usher/Setup: Mike
Friday*

Friday, February 21, 6:30 p.m. Holy Supper.

Usher: Anders Smith

Sunday, February 23, 10:00 a.m. Family Service.

Usher/Setup: Jack Lumsden

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.

Thursday, February 6, 10:00 a.m. Winter Study at OSV

Tuesday, February 7, 7:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Youth Group Winter Study at OSV

Wednesday, February 12, 7:30 p.m. Young Adult's class at Bekah King's

Thursday, February 13, 10:00 a.m. Winter Study at OSV

Friday, February 21, 7:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Youth Group Conjugal Love class at Boyesen's

Wednesday, February 26, 9:30 a.m. Mom's morning class at OSV

CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

How often do most people update their Last Will and Testament? It is seldom.

Consider the following: When you next update your will, you might consider a bequest to the Kempton New Church and School. Bequests are given after you no longer need any money and are often the largest gift a donor can give. You can join in! It is easy.

MEETINGS

Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting in the Library

EVENTS

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

Feast of Charity: Friday, February 28th. 6:30 p.m. Supper, 7:30 p.m. talk TBA.

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations! Asher and Clara Odhner welcomed *Charles André* on Sunday, January 26, weighing 8 lbs. 7 oz.

Kempton Fools Guild:

What would make a fine, upstanding gentleman, with plenty of wealth and standing in society, resort to a life of piracy? A girl. A girl who thinks he's boring. But maybe joining the world of Long John Silver and Blackbeard isn't all it's cracked up to be? Join the Kempton Fools' Guild for our 2025 production of *Jolly Roger and the Pirate Queen* Friday, February 14th at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 15th at 2:00 p.m. at the Kempton Community Center. No tickets required, donations gratefully received.

Employment Opportunity at Hillside

Acres: Our farm is looking for a full-time farm hand. Job duties include maintenance of equipment and buildings, livestock hauling, tractor driving, assisting in sales, among other general farm tasks. Person must be capable of driving Class A trucks (CDL not required). Please call Matt at 484-955-2608 or Carrie at 484-955-3069.

For sale: Brother SE400 embroidery machine - this is a computerized sewing and embroidery machine with a 4x4 embroidery area. Comes with 3 different embroidery hoop sizes. 70 built in embroidery designs and 67 built in stitches. \$175. Call or text Carrie Olmstead at 484-955-3069.

Care Packages: We will be sending Valentines Care Packages to students who are away at college. Please bring items for 14 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 **Monday, February 10th**. Some ideas for items to send: hot chocolate, tea, popcorn, dried fruit, instant oatmeal, granola bars, 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.

Valley Forge Tour:

"On December 19th, 1777, George Washington and his 12,000 men--whom had been rationed a special half-cup of rice and tablespoon of vinegar in celebration of the American victory at Saratoga the night before--marched into Valley Forge. For the next six months, Washington struggled against the elements, disease, desertion, disorganization, starvation, and Congressional conspiracies, to keep the Continental Army alive.

We seniors at KNCS undergo a six-month struggle of our own--our senior project. Granted, we do not share 14 ft x 16 ft log huts with 11 others in a diseased camp where 10 men die per day while we do so.

For my senior project, I am leading a tour of Valley Forge, the historic winter encampment of the Continental Army--and Kempton society members are invited to attend!

The tour consists of two parts: A short class on the historical context of Valley Forge from 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 21st in the KNCHS North Room and an all-day tour of Valley Forge from 8:20 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 22nd. Transportation to and from Valley Forge will be provided. The tour is free of charge, but participants should bring money for gift shops and lunch at the Black Powder Tavern (a building which predates the founding of our nation).

If you are high school age or above and would like to join in on this Revolutionary experience, please contact me by February 28th.

Please feel free to reach out if you would like more information! (Or if you'd like to hear how a German gingerbread baker saved the Continental Army.)

I'm excited to unfold the centuries old story of Valley Forge with you.

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Girl Scout Cookies for sale! Hello, I'm Lynn and I'm selling Girl Scout cookies. My troop, 6078, and I are hoping to use our cookie sales to do fun things this year, like go camping at Knoebels, earn badges and learn skills, and make a difference in the world through our Take Action activity. A box of cookies is \$5 and a box of gluten free caramel chocolate chip cookies is \$6. If you'd like to buy cookies from me, you can either call, text, or email my mom (Kit Cooper) at 215-531-0534 or klrose85@gmail.com. Or you can go to my cookie site at <https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/lynette341737>. If you choose Girl Scout Delivery, I'll bring the cookies right to you! My mom will work with you on the best delivery time. By the way, Toast-yays are going away after this year, so get some while you can. They're made with love! Thank you for supporting me, my friends, and Girl Scouts as we work to make the world a better place!

Would you like to visit New York City but you're 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 Friday, February 28th. The bus will leave the KNCS lower parking lot at 6:45 a.m. and return there around 8:30 p.m. In New York, you can be dropped off and picked up at any of the locations where our students are being dropped. (Drop-offs at the American Museum of Natural History, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the 9/11 Memorial; pick-ups at Battery Park, the American Museum of Natural History, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.) Please contact Katrin if you are interested (484-256-7527 or knjunge@gmail.com).

Moms and Tots: 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month, at OSV, from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

SCHOOL NEWS

Monday, February 17: President's Day. *Possibly no School for KNCS, depending on snow days.*

Wednesday, February 19: Kempton New Church School Kindergarten - 12th grade children are invited to attend a Patriotic Banquet in the society room from 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be

served, followed by a short "Celebration of America" program of songs by the children.

Parents (and everyone else who may be interested) are invited to come watch the program at 1:30 p.m. and take their child/ren home afterward. High school students will also be dismissed at the end of the program (no PE).

ANNIVERSARIES

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

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Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

Legend and Anna Brown

on the 2nd – 12 years

Cornell and Jackie Creciun

on the 15th – 50 years

Gideon and Loretta Alden

on the 22nd - 44 years

Michael and Karen Heiter

on the 26th - 42 years

Ted and Kelly LaMastra

on the 26th – 27 years

