



## KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – April 2025

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### THE VOICE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

#### **John 10:3, 11, 14**

The sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

I am the Good Shepherd; the Good Shepherd lays down His soul for the sheep.

I am the Good Shepherd, and know My own, and am known by My own.

#### **John 20:11-16**

But Mary stood at the sepulcher weeping outside. Then as she wept, she stooped to the sepulcher, and beholds two angels in white sitting, the one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

And they say to her, Woman, why weepest thou?

She says to them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have put Him. And saying these things, she turned back, and beheld Jesus standing, and she knew not that it was Jesus.

Jesus says to her, Woman, why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou?

She, thinking that He was the gardener, says to Him, Lord, if Thou hast carried Him hence, tell me where Thou hast put Him, and I will take Him away.

Jesus says to her, Mary. She, turning, says to Him, Rabboni, which is to say, Teacher.

#### **True Christian Religion 682:3**

Jesus said, The sheep hear His voice, and He calls His own sheep by name, and leads them out; He goes before them and the sheep follow Him, for they know His voice; and a stranger they do not follow, they know not the voice of strangers (10:3-5). "By name" means by their quality, that they are Christians; and "to follow Him" is to hear His voice, that is, to obey His commandments. All receive this name in baptism, for it is involved in that sign.

### Pastor's Notes

Mary Magdalene was weeping when she thought the Lord was gone. Then something happened. She recognized the Lord, who was actually standing right there with her. She recognized the Lord when He said her name. When she heard Him say her name, she wasn't even looking at Him. But His voice, when He said her name, was suddenly familiar. She knew it was the Lord!

The Lord knows each one of our names too. And He speaks to each one of us just as directly as He spoke to Mary. In the *Gospel of John* the Lord teaches that He is like a Good Shepherd and "the sheep hear His voice; and He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out (John 10:3)."

The more we talk to the Lord ourselves and the more we read His Word and pray to Him for help, the more we will recognize His Divine Human voice speaking to us, like Mary Magdalene did-even if we think at first He may not be there.

**On Easter**, Sunday, April 20, you are invited to bring flowers as an offering to the Lord. There will be a procession to bring the flowers to the chancel. We can think of them as celebration of the Lord's new life as He rose again, and of the new life He gives to us in regeneration. Some of the flowers may be planted at the church. Most will be given to people we hope will enjoy them, especially older people.

**HOLY SUPPER** will be offered this month on April 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m.

*And as they were eating, Jesus taking the bread and blessing, broke it, and gave to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is My body.*

*And taking the cup, and giving thanks, He gave it to them saying, Drink out of it, all of you; for this is My blood, the blood of the New Covenant, which is poured out for many for the remission of sins.*

(Matthew 26:26-29)

**Pastor's Council** met on Tuesday, March 4. We discussed how the Family Room in Arne's old office needs to be kept clean and closed after church is over. As a result of this discussion a note about it was included in the note home and a sign was added on the door of the Family Room as a reminder.

We also discussed possible topics for the Winter Study next year and timing for when it would be good to begin discussing a possible process for looking at the sanctuary and how to provide worship space suitable for current church attendance.

If you have thoughts you would like to share on any of these topics 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: Luke and Sarah Heiter, Schuyler and Sarah Heinrichs, Seth and Heather King, Doug and Zanna Robertson, Roger and Kathy Schrock, Matt and Sara Smith and Gerald and Jenna van Zyverden)

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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, April 6*

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

*Setup: Matt and Sheila Heiter*

10:00 a.m. Sermon Service.

*Usher/Setup: Chandler Brown*

*Sunday, April 13, 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Family*

*Service Usher/Setup: Dag Boyesen*

*Friday, April 17, 7:30 p.m. Holy Supper. Usher:*

*Roy Odhner*

*Sunday, April 20, 10:00 a.m. Family Easter Service.*

**All are invited to bring a flower offering.**

*Usher/Setup: Kenan Smith and Mark Hendricks*

*Sunday, April 27, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School*

*Service. Usher/Setup: Derrick 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.

*Wednesday, April 2, 7:30 p.m. Men's Class on Divine Providence at OSV*

*Thursday, April 3, 10:00 a.m. Heaven and Hell class at OSV. Read HH 445-452, On Resuscitation from Death and Entrance into Eternal Life.*

*Wednesday, April 9, 7:30 p.m. Men's Class on Divine Providence at OSV*

*Friday, April 11, 7:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Youth Group Conjugal Love class at Cade and Caelwen Cole's*

*Tuesday, April 15, 7:30 p.m. Arcana Class at OSV, hosted by Joan Tuccio. The readings for the Arcana Class in April are AC 10417 – 10466, continuing the story of the Golden Calf, and how Moses first pleads with Jehovah for the people of Israel to be spared, and then chastises the people when he descends and sees the golden calf they have made. It is here that the first tables of the ten commandments are broken.*

*Wednesday, April 16, 7:30 p.m. Men's Class on Divine Providence at OSV*

*Thursday, April 17, 10:00 a.m. Heaven and Hell class at OSV. Topic will be the Easter Readings (booklet available at the church).*

*Wednesday, April 23, 7:30 p.m. Men's Class on Divine Providence at OSV*

*Wednesday, April 23, 7:30 p.m. Young Adult's Class at Bekah King's*

*Wednesday, April 30, 7:30 p.m. Men's Class on Divine Providence at OSV*

*Wednesday, April 30, 9:30 a.m. Mom's morning class at OSV*

**CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE**

We initiated a rapid endowment campaign in order to attract and maintain a staff that can continue to serve in the church and school. Please consider an extra or redirected gift this spring and summer (if you seek more details, please contact the treasurer, pastor, or contributions chair).

**MEETINGS**

*Wednesday, April 15*, School Council Meeting.  
Time TBD.

*Tuesday, April 22*, 7:30 p.m. Board Meeting in the Library

**EVENTS**

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

**Moms and Tots: 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays** (for the month of April, in order to avoid Good Friday), at OSV, from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Feast of Charity:** Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Class at 7:30 p.m. on the Holy Supper.

**NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Men's Breakfast Meet-up:** Friday morning, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at "The Mason Jar" at 5 Lizard Creek Rd, Andreas PA 18211. Over the mountain at Route 309 & 895.

Please text Penn Cooper 619-763-7796 if you are thinking of coming so I can get an idea of how many may show up. Hope to see you there!

**Slow-pitch softball:** I would like to try to start up a weekly, pick-up slow pitch softball game for men in the society high school age and up (including those currently in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, soon to be rising freshmen). If there is enough interest, I plan to begin sometime in late April/early May. It can be laid-back and fun, or it can become quite competitive and fun. Either way, my vision is that it becomes a regular activity that will be fun for those participating and for any families that want to spectate. My thinking as of now is that it happens every Friday, excluding

Fridays that host a holy supper service or a feast of charity. I'm not sure of a start time yet, earlier in the evening would mean families could come and watch and potentially picnic/grill at the field for dinner, later would likely mean more players could make it. This is something I am looking for feedback on as well, if this piques your interest at all that is. At this point, I'd love to know if you are interested. There is no previous baseball/softball experience needed. I'm happy to help anyone learn the game as we go. Feel free to call or text me anytime, 484-280-7571. Kenan Smith

**Kempton Lions charity golf tournament:**

All proceeds benefit the Kempton community and charities. Please let a Kempton lion know if you would like to play in our June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1:15 p.m. annual golf tournament. Very low-key affordable fundraising golf event with beverages and dinner provided along with 18-hole scramble play all for \$85.00. It's a blast!

**Children's Books:** If you are looking for good deals on lovely children's books, check out the basket of Spring themed children's books that will be on display at Caleb's Café!

As always, if you are needing new children's books, of any genre, feel free to contact me. I plan to have another open house soon. Happy Spring!  
Genta Hendricks 267-981-8833

**Hanging Baskets and Planter Boxes are**

**back!** Mesa and Madison are selling 10" hanging baskets and 14" deck planters again this year as a 4-H Fundraiser! Hanging Baskets are \$18 and come in the following varieties: Non- Stop Begonia, Boston Fern, Fuchsia, Calliope Red Geranium, Million Bells Petunia, New Guinea Impatiens, Premium Mix, Petunia, and Purple Wandering Jew.

Planters are \$25 and available in the following: Geranium, Dahlia, SunPatiens, New Guinea or Impatiens.

Orders due by April 25. Delivery May 8 & 9. Please call/text Michele at 484-548-3750 to order. HAPPY SPRING!

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Good Friday and Easter Monday: NO SCHOOL**  
on April 18<sup>th</sup> and April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**IOWAS** for grades 3 – 8, will take place between  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

All spiritual union descends from heaven.  
Hence it is that love truly conjugal is from  
heaven. *Arcana Coelestia 10168*

*Congratulations and Best Wishes to:*

**George and Jan Cauffman**

on the 4<sup>th</sup> – 38 years

**Nathan and Vera Cole**

on the 21<sup>st</sup> – 18 years

