



## KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – July 2025

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### HAPPY IS THE NATION WHOSE GOD IS JEHOVAH

#### Psalm 33:12-15

Happy is the nation whose God is Jehovah; the people He has chosen for an inheritance for Himself.

Jehovah looks from the heavens; He sees all the sons of man; from the established place of His dwelling, He views all who dwell on the earth; Forming their heart together, understanding all their deeds.

#### Last Judgment 73

Henceforth the man of the church will be in a more free state of thinking on matters of faith, thus on the spiritual things which relate to heaven, because spiritual freedom has been restored to him. For all things in the heavens and in the hells are now reduced into order, and all thought concerning Divine things and against the Divine inflows from thence; from the heavens all thought which is in harmony with Divine things, and from the hells all which is against Divine things. But man does not observe this change of state in himself, because he does not reflect upon it, and because he knows nothing of spiritual freedom and of influx; nevertheless it is perceived in heaven, and also by man himself after his death. Because spiritual freedom has been restored to man, therefore the spiritual sense of the Word has now been disclosed, and by it interior Divine truths have been revealed; for man in his former state would not have understood them, and he who would have understood them, would have profaned them.

#### Pastor's Notes

In 1757, the Lord completed the Last Judgment in the world of spirits. By the end of that year, 268 years ago, the Lord set the stage for the emergence of a new era of freedom for the human race. A freedom effectuated by the brighter light from heaven that could now shine down into the minds of man.

The Lord teaches in the Heavenly Doctrine that “henceforth the man of the church will be in a more free state of thinking on matters of faith, thus on the spiritual things which relate to heaven, because spiritual freedom has been restored to him” (LJ 73; see also AE 1094).

So this year, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, when we celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence, I invite you to consider how, in this new era of spiritual freedom, we can confirm the presence of the Lord's Providence in guiding the birth of our nation and how we can serve the Lord as a nation going forward. Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!

**HOLY SUPPER** will be offered this month Friday evening, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

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

#### SUMMER “SUNDAY SCHOOL” SERVICES:

Parents, please take careful note about these services, which will happen three more times during the summer. During the summer the children's talk is not followed by a Sunday School class. Instead, parents are expected to supervise their children in the barn or outside during the sermon (making sure people outside are not within the view of worshippers inside).

It is important that all children actually be supervised in order to protect them from hurting others or having to endure the bad behavior of others. Thank you to parents, individually and collectively, for pulling together to make sure our kids are protected.

In the case of rain, certain indoor spaces may be used in addition to the barn, but it's imperative that an adult be in any room in which there are children, whatever their age. Close supervision matters in these spaces that are developed, used, and cared for by those who work in the school, to whom we need

to show respect. All places should of course be left as clean and tidy as you will undoubtedly find them. Available in bad weather (only): the 7th-8th classrooms, and the Commons.

As on every Sunday, please supervise your children when church is over, whether in the Society Room or outside.

**WOODS / OUTDOOR SERVICES:** On the last Sunday of each summer month (July 27, August 31, and September 28), there will be an indoor 9:00 a.m. Family Service and a 10:00 a.m. Family Service in the woods. If it rains, the 10:00 a.m. Woods Service will be held indoors, and the 9:00 a.m. indoor service will happen as well.

How to get to the woods: Park at the church, cross the street, and walk down the lane, following the signs. There is also parking in a field at the end of the lane, on the right, for those who prefer not to walk. Please stay on church property (toward the left as you travel the lane), and avoid driving onto our neighbor's property toward the right.

**SUMMER DOCTRINAL CLASS:** This summer Andy, Derrick, Lawson, and I are offering a four-class series on a book titled *Authority in the New Church*, by Rev. R. L. Tafel. The book was published in 1877 and seeks to answer this question posed on page five of the book: "Where, and what, is that ultimate authority to which all the members of the Lord's Church at large, and especially the members of the Lord's New Church, should look, and by which they ought to be willing to be judged?"

There are two classes remaining. If you would like to order a copy of the book please let me know. Printouts of the two remaining chapters will be available at Jen's desk too.

Location: Old School Village Lounge  
Dates (Mondays): July 14 and July 28  
Time: 7:30 p.m.

**JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION.** Thank you to Becky Cooper and all the volunteers who took part in bringing us such a beautiful pageant. Thank you also to Heather King and the whole team of people who made the beautiful New Church Day gifts for the children.

**THE CHURCH CHANCEL.** We are blessed to have a place of worship in Kempton and congregants who, with reverence, support our church services on a practical level. Kate Pitcairn has done this by taking wonderful care of the church chancel for many years. This organizational job is now being passed to Eliza Genzlinger. While Kate may not totally give up her involvement with this use, it is a good opportunity to thank her for the devotion she has shown in serving it. Thank you, Kate!

Many thanks to Eliza as well for taking up this important use in support of our worship services.

"By external worship internal things are excited, and by means of external worship external things are kept in holiness." (AC 1618)

**Pastor's Council** met on Tuesday June 10<sup>th</sup> and we discussed how we do summer Sunday School and other possible options for Sunday School in the summer. We also discussed starting Young Children and Woods services on time and whether we should look into having chancel girls. Getting more cushions for the pews that could be available in the entryway came up as well, and our meeting concluded with ideas on how the Holy Supper Service at Christmas time could work better.

If you have any questions please feel free to get in touch with me or any of the members of Pastor's Council (Luke and Sarah Heiter, Schuyler and Sarah Heinrichs, Seth and Heather King, Doug and Zanna Robertson, Roger and Kathy Schrock, Matt and Sara Smith, Gerald and Jenna vanZyverden)

**Meeting of the Council of the General Church Clergy.** The council met in Bryn Athyn last week with ministers attending from North and South America, West and South Africa, Scandinavia, Korea, Japan and Australia. The presentations included topics relating to the state of Christianity and the New Church in relation to popular culture and church growth; the call to the priesthood; approaches to pastoral care for those struggling with marriage related challenges; the age for taking Holy Supper; and the importance of externals in the life of repentance.

Good discussions took place and friendships with colleagues near and far were renewed and strengthened. No action was taken at the meetings other than the customary election of new members to the council's membership committee and the welcoming of the new members to the council. Divergent views within the clergy remain unresolved. If you have any questions about how the pastoral staff of the Kempton New Church sees the Lord teaching from the Word on any of the various topics in which there are divergent views, I can share with you a document titled "Principles of Doctrine for a New Church Priesthood, Together with Some Applications." I presented this to the society a few years ago and am happy to share it again.

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### WORSHIP

- 10:00 AM services live streamed: [kemptonnewchurch.org](http://kemptonnewchurch.org).
- Services can be heard in the library. Parents with babies or little ones are always welcome to be there, where a basket of board books (not library books, please) is available. Please leave the room in orderly shape. Thanks!

*Sunday, July 6, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service.  
Usher/Setup: George Cauffman*

*Sunday, July 13, 10:00 a.m. Family Service  
Usher/Setup: Ted LaMastra*

*Friday, July 18, 6:30 p.m. Holy Supper Service.  
Usher: Thos Powell*

*Sunday, July 20  
9:00 a.m. Young Children's Service.  
Setup: Wade and Maraika Buick  
10:00 a.m. Sermon Service. Usher/Setup:  
Josiah Genzlinger*

*Sunday, July 27  
9:00 a.m. Family Service Indoors. Usher:  
Laif Judson  
10:00 a.m. Woods Service: Setup: Dandridge  
Cole, Schuyler Heinrichs*

### 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 an internet connection), which will let you join by phone or video.

*Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. Men's Class on  
Divine Providence at OSV*

*Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. Summer Doctrinal  
class at OSV*

*Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. Summer Doctrinal  
class at OSV*

*Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. Men's Class on  
Divine Providence at OSV*

### CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

A new fundraising year kicks off in July and we have a lot of wonderful uses to support. A church for members and newcomers alike. A society and school where we can all be students of the Heavenly Doctrines. Buildings and grounds where everyone can gather and support each other and the work of the church. All this takes dedicated members, staff, volunteers and friends. Thanks to everyone and let's put our shoulder to the wheel together, joyfully.

### MEETINGS

*Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, **Board Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. in the library.*

### RECURRING EVENTS

**Weeding** at the church and school every Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m.

**Ladies Handwork:** Every Wednesday, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., at Old School Village. **No handwork on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Family Soccer** will be held every Sunday from 3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. No soccer on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Contact Jordan Cooper with questions.

**Moms and Tots:** We will be meeting at the Kempton Community Center playground on July 25<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Sarah at 267-750-9670.

**NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We are excited to welcome all the babies that have been born recently in our congregation! Congratulations to:**

Nathan and Vera Cole, on the birth of their son, *Peregrine Benaiah*, on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Jordan and Becky Cooper, on the birth of their son, *Jesse Shiloh*, on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Kendal and Linnea King, on the birth of their son, *Rilian Gardner*, on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Alex and Janina Walbert, on the birth of their son, *Reed Benjamin*, on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Kenan and Kathleen Smith, on the birth of their daughter, *Hazel Rae*, on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

*And whoever shall receive one such little child  
in My name, receives Me.*  
Matthew 18:5

**A Note from Penn Cooper:**

Dear friends,

I'm beginning to feel that I am finally able to stand and face in my own mind the physical, emotional and spiritual reality I find myself in. I am starting to crest this often insurmountable and at times tragic mountain and period. There have been many days I didn't feel that I would make through the day. It's one thing to survive a heart attack and a couple of cardiac arrests and kidney failure, but to navigate this path alone after losing dear Leesa, was just too much to survive. To be very honest the only reason I'm still on this earth has been the almost constant expressions of love. The notes, the calls, the genuine hugs, the comments, the letters, the visits in the hospital and here at OSV, the offers to help shop for some groceries, driving me to Dr. appointments and many hours sitting with me on top of Kline's Hill (Top of the World), weeping together.

I am alive today. Because of all of you!  
Much love to you all.  
Penn

**Let Freedom Ring!**

You're invited to celebrate Independence Day on July 4<sup>th</sup> at Heather Smith's (no rain date).

Order of Events (come to some or all!):

4:00 p.m. Start showing up. Someone will help you park and gather for the parade.

4:30 p.m. (ish). Parade led by the Friday family on Smith's property. Cars, trucks, tractors, mowers, bikes, and generic people just walking in your best red, white and blue swag. To the arena for...

Presentation of the flag, pledge of allegiance, Brandon Jungé fusiliers gun salute (maybe?) and singing 2 verses of the National Anthem, accompanied by Curt McQueen and his able assistant.

Justin Hendricks will speak about America, after which, the gates are open, and the people are let out for picnic and fun.

Games and races led by Asher Odhner and Maggie Odhner.

Picnic and lawn games ad lib. Please bring your own food, drinks, chairs and blankets. Smiths are providing tables for bring-and-brag desserts, BAD farm ice cream cups, cooler with ice for general use, restroom, and trash cans.

Feel free to bring friends, neighbors, and extra games.

Questions/Comments may be addressed to any of the above-named wranglers or Heather Smith.

**Hello ladies of the church.** I am looking for some women who would like to be part of a group who helps take care of the chancel and things relating to the chancel and worship. Please let me (Eliza) know if you would be willing/interested in being a part of this very special use.

[Emgenz@gmail.com](mailto:Emgenz@gmail.com)

Or by phone/text 781-879-7186

**Caleb's Café** will be closed July 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> for the holidays. We will reopen the following Friday. See you then! Happy 4th! - Caleb & Roxanne

**The One Room Bookstore Summer Open**

**House:** Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. above the garage at Genta's house. Come enjoy music and snacks while browsing delightful books! Over 650 titles available. Families welcome! If you're looking for good summertime reads but can't make it on the 12<sup>th</sup>, reach out at 267-981-8833 for an appointment.  
-Genta Hendricks

**Men's Softball:** Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6:15 p.m. at the Kempton Community Center. I hope to see everyone there again and maybe some new faces too! ~Kenan

**HOUSE FOR RENT:** 1701 Breezy Acres Road, Orwigsburg, PA 17961  
County provides Busing to KNCS, 20 Minutes door to door drive over Hawk Mountain.  
4 bedroom, 4 bath, easy access to 61 and 78, amazing neighborhood.  
Looking for a New Church family with kids to rent. \$2500 a month starting AUG 1st.  
302-494-8901 text is best. Nils Marcune

**For Sale:** 2012 7-passenger Toyota Sienna minivan for sale. AWD = boring in ice and snow. Highway-ready but you'll want to fix 1 sliding door (other one works)--we're asking less so you can buy now & fix at your leisure. 97,654 miles. \$10K firm cash or gold/silver. Text or call Judah & Lydia 267-761-8085

**SCHOOL NEWS**

Do you have a skill, talent or hobby to share with the KNCS high school students? The high school is seeking volunteer elective teachers for the 2025/2026 school year. Talk to Heather King (484-860-0973) for more info and to share your ideas.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Love truly conjugal is from heaven, and its first being is from the marriage of good and truth there. *Arcana Coelestia* 10168

*Congratulations and Best Wishes to:*

**Ken and Ingrid Klicker**

on the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 42 years

**Gavin and Anthea Stewart**

on the 5<sup>th</sup> – 28 years

**Richard and Yvonne Sidella**

on the 6<sup>th</sup> – 23 years

**John and Alexandra Cole**

on the 7<sup>th</sup> – 18 years

**Matt and Daelen Saltzer**

on the 12<sup>th</sup> – 17 years

**Brandon and Char Jungé**

on the 16<sup>th</sup> – 42 years

**Hayden and Reyana King**

on the 17<sup>th</sup> – 4 years

**Anders and Juliet Smith**

on the 18<sup>th</sup> – 10 years

**Thaddeus and Kaemmerle Glenn**

on the 20<sup>th</sup> – 23 years

