



## KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – September 2025

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### THE SPOILING OF THE NATIONS

#### 2 Samuel 8:6-12

David set garrisons in Syria of Damascus, and Syria became servants to David bearing gift offerings. And Jehovah saved David, wherever he went. And David took the shields of gold that were with the servants of Hadadezer and brought them to Jerusalem. And from Betah, and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, King David took exceedingly multiplied bronze.

And Toi king of Hamath heard that David had smitten all the host of Hadadezer. And Toi sent Joram his son unto King David, to ask after his peace and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer. For Toi was a man of war to Hadadezer. And in his hand there were vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of bronze. These also King David sanctified to Jehovah with the silver and the gold which he sanctified from all the nations that he had subdued, from Syria, and from Moab, and from the sons of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek, and from the spoil of Hadadezer, son of Rehob, the king of Zobah.

#### Arcana Coelestia 6917

It is with man's memory-knowledges as with his riches and wealth. Riches and wealth are hurtful to those who are in evil, because they apply them to evil uses; but they are useful to those who are in good, because they apply them to good uses. If therefore the riches and wealth which pertain to the evil are transferred to the good, they become good. The same is true of memory-knowledges....Such [is] also signified by the spoiling of the nations in the land of Canaan and by the wealth, the herds, the cattle, the houses, the vineyards, which the sons of Israel there took for spoil. This is still plainer from the gold and silver taken from the nations for spoil being also applied to a holy use.

### Pastor's Notes

As the school year starts up again, it's a good time to reflect on the purpose of knowledge, or memory knowledge as it is called in the Heavenly Doctrine.

We can ask ourselves, what is the purpose of learning?

We can see the answer to this question from the stories in the Word where the Israelites conquered other nations and took their wealth and used it to worship the Lord. The purpose of learning, in any environment, is to acquire knowledge and use it to serve the Lord.

When our goal is to serve the Lord, He will help us take the knowledge of the world and use it to serve Him. When we learn something new and ask the Lord to show us how that knowledge can serve Him, we are sanctifying it, just like David did with the vessels of gold, silver and bronze that he took from the nations the Lord led Him to conquer.

So let's approach this year looking to acquire new knowledges with the goal of serving the Lord with them even better than we have before.

**HOLY SUPPER** will be offered this month on Sunday morning, September 7<sup>th</sup> at the church, and also on Friday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 p.m. at OSV.

*Happy is he who shall eat bread  
in the kingdom of God.*

Luke 14:15

**WOODS / OUTDOOR SERVICES:** On the last Sunday of each summer month (August 31<sup>st</sup> and September 28<sup>th</sup>), 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.

**This year's Winter Study** will be on a portion of the Sermon on the Mount where the Lord says six times in succession, "You have heard that it was declared by the ancients...but I say to you..." (Matthew 5:21-48). In *Apocalypse Explained* 746:17 the Lord says:

"This whole chapter treats of the interior life of man, which is the life of his soul, consequently of his will and thought therefrom; thus it treats of the life of charity, which is the spiritual moral life. This life the sons of Jacob knew nothing about before, because from their fathers down they were external men. For this reason also they were kept in the observance of external worship, according to statutes that were external, representing the internal things of worship and of the church. But in this chapter the Lord teaches that the interior things of the church must not only be represented by external acts, but must also be loved and done from the soul and heart."

I look forward to studying together how we love and do these interior things of the church from the soul and heart!

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The election of trustees and school council members will take place at the society meeting on October 16, 2025.

The members of the Board whose terms expire this year are Brandon Junge and Mark Hendricks. Brandon has served one term and Mark has served two. Terms are for three years. There are no term limits in the Bylaws, so they can be re-nominated indefinitely.

The other members of the Board are Bracken Brown and Cedric Lumsden (2026) and Doug Robertson, Schuyler Heinrichs and Thos Powell (2027).

The members of the School Council whose terms expire this year are Justin Hendricks and Sheila Heiter. Sheila has served for one term and Justin has served one year completing a term unfinished by the

previous School Council member. Terms for the School Council are also for three years and like the terms for board members there are no term limits. The other members of the School Council are Matt Saltzer (2026) and Kathy Schrock and Dandridge Cole (2027).

The members of the Nominating Committee are Thos Powell, chair, Wade Buick and Curtis McQueen. Please speak to one of them if you have suggestions. A slate will be published in an upcoming Note Home and October Newsletter.

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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 there, where a basket of board books (not library books, please) is available. Please leave the room in orderly shape. Thanks!

*Sunday, September 7, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service with Holy Supper. Usher/Setup: Cedric Lumsden*

*Sunday, September 14, 10:00 a.m. Family Service Usher/Setup: Luke Glenn*

*Friday, September 19, 4:30 p.m. Holy Supper Service at OSV*

*Sunday, September 21*  
9:00 a.m. Young Children's Service.  
*Setup: Wade and Maraika Buick*  
10:00 a.m. Sermon Service. *Usher/Setup: Jack Lumsden*

*Sunday, September 28*  
9:00 a.m. Family Service Indoors. *Usher: Roy Odhner*  
10:00 a.m. Woods Service: *Setup: Dale Smith and James King*

### **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, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30 p.m. Men's DP class at OSV.*

*Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.* Men's DP class at OSV.

*Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.* Heaven and Hell class at OSV. Read numbers 461-463.

*Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.* Arcana class. Location TBD. The reading for the class this September is AC 10519 – 10573, which begins with a short section on Holy Supper and then describes how the Lord would be and not be with the sons of Israel on their way into the Land of Canaan.

*Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.* Men's DP class at OSV.

*Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.* Youth Group CL class. Lumsden's.

*Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.* Men's DP class at OSV.

*Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.* Mom's Morning class at OSV.

*Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.* Heaven and Hell class at OSV. Read numbers 464-469.

### **CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE**

We have received half our dollars for our Endowment Drive. Thanks all.

We are now into the school year for Kempton New Church School, which is one of our society's major uses. We charge families about 15% of the costs of our school as tuition (much reduced although it can be a big number with many children in the school.)

Why don't we charge more? Our society has always adhered to an important tradition of using donations to subsidize the costs of the school so more families can get support in formal Religion and Academic education for their decision to baptize their children into the faith of the New Church.

It's a commitment we all make to help the next generations know and apply the truth of the Heavenly Doctrines. When parents turn into grandparents, they may have more ability to support

the church and school and thus help carry the next generation of parents and children.

Thank you for your role: society member, donor, student, parent, grandparent, friend, volunteer, employee.

Mark

### **MEETINGS**

*Tuesday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>* at 7:30 p.m. Board Meeting in the Library.

*Tuesday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>* at 7:30 p.m. Pastor's Council in the Library.

### **RECURRING EVENTS**

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

**Family Soccer** will be held every Sunday from 3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Contact Jordan Cooper with questions.

**Moms and Tots:** Moms and Tots will be taking place at 9:00 a.m. on Friday September 19<sup>th</sup> at the Kempton community center playground. Hope to see you there!

### **YOUTH GROUP:**

Youth Group Opening Event: *Friday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>*, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (volleyball at 6:30, socializing at 7:30). Matthew and Eliza Genzlinger's.

Youth Group Conjugal Love class: *Friday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>*, 7:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Derrick and Eden Lumsden's.

### **NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Congratulations to:**

Tim and Renee Olszewski on the birth of their daughter, *Caroline*, on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.

Gerald and Jenna van Zyverden on the birth of their daughter, *June Katherine*, on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

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

### Meals for van Zyverdens:

Follow the link below if you'd like to take a meal to Gerald and Jenna.

### Recipient's Last Name:

van Zyverden

### Password:

7530

### Link to Meal Schedule:

[www.TakeThemAMeal.com/XKDT2455](http://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/XKDT2455)

### Chancel Girls Lighting Candles for Church:

Have you been wishing you could be a small, special part of our worship services? If you are a daughter or sister of an usher, you may have been asked to light candles for church before, and if you want to keep filling that use as you have been before, wonderful! But if you are a young lady who would like to be asked to light candles for church occasionally let me know and we will put you on a list!

Eliza: 781-879-7186 [Emgenz@gmail.com](mailto:Emgenz@gmail.com)

### Sunday School Schedule:

The Sunday School Schedule was sent as an attachment in the email, along with this Newsletter.

### Autumn Weekends:

Autumn Weekends is only a few weeks away!

Autumn Weekends will be taking place on two weekends during the month of October. The dates for Autumn Weekends 2025 are: Saturday October 11th, Sunday October 12th, Saturday October 18th, and Sunday October 19th.

There will be a setup party on Saturday October 4th at 1pm along with a captain training session. If you are interested in Captaining this year, please feel free to sign up early! The volunteer sign-up sheet is posted on the Kempton New Church website. Just click on 'News' and then on 'Autumn weekends'. The link for the sign-up sheet is at the bottom of the page. Thank you!

In need of for Autumn Weekends:

We are in need of someone to make the vegetarian chili for Autumn weekends this year. If you are

interested or have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Sarah (267) 750-9670.

### The West End Story

You can see the great progress in the parking lot that is giving us more parking spaces, a road to the lower lot, and a new entrance that will make for better traffic flow and safety. Thanks to George's and Doug's careful planning and Doug's many hours of earth moving.

It is so nice to see the front porch and path replaced. New railings are in the works, and the lights will be repaired to shine on the Ten Commandment stones. Dan is working hard to get this and other maintenance jobs done now so that only those things that need to be reviewed by Labor and Industry will be part of the West End project. This will save time and money.

We have a plan for the accessible entrance, restrooms and kitchen. What are we waiting for? A team of builders are very busy planning the best way to build and cost the whole plan. Their diligent review of the plan will help avoid the expensive delays that happen when the plan has to be changed or when some important step in the process is overlooked. So, if you see guys crawling around measuring, or staring at the ceiling after church, you can know they are working on how best to implement this project.

Have you ever asked a group of people whether a cat or a dog is a better pet? People have strong feelings and valid reasons to support their opposing opinions. The Building Committee is in the middle of cat and dog questions that need to be decided. Is tile or carpet better? Should the restroom walls be tiled or painted? Should we spend money to add beauty or improve function, or should we save the Society's resources? Expect to see some cats if you like dogs, and dogs if you like cats, but we will get to have both!

You can look forward to seeing more things happening during the fall and winter. Please drive slowly to notice the progress and avoid school kids and construction.

**NEW AT THE CAFE!** Starting in September, the cafe will be selling Briana Schrock's breakfast burritos! Come by and try!

The cafe will be closed the last weekend in August (29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>) but will reopen with our fall hours Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Hours are: Thursdays and Fridays 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and Saturdays 8:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

### Thank-you:

Dear Kempton Society,  
Thank-you all for your gift and send off to college! A special thanks to those who organized it and to all of you for singing to me and the others! I hope you all stay well in the time I'm gone to college! Thanks again! Lauren Stewart

*"The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26*

**Shop Night:** Gordon McQueen will be hosting another shop night on Friday, September 26th, from 7:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Bring a project to cut, drill or wrench on if you like, and a drink or snack to share. Maybe we can fix it (or break it) together!? College age men and up are welcome.

**Hillside Acres** Hog farm has 2 full time positions and 1 part time position available:

1. Full time maintenance operator - Looking for an individual with some experience in welding, plumbing and equipment repair. Other farm tasks would include animal handling, feed processing and some truck driving of Class A & B trucks to transport our products (CDL not required).
  2. Full time general farm operator - Looking for an individual with some experience with animal handling. Job duties would include animal care, feed processing, some tractor driving and other farm tasks.
  3. Part-time farm hand - Job duties include feeding and caring for sows and growing pigs, giving vaccinations and general farm help. Perfect for high school age. After school hours and weekends. (Age 14+)
- Please contact Matt Olmstead (484-955-2608) or Carrie Olmstead (484-955-3069).

**In search of a second car to buy:** please let me know of any leads. Thanks so much. Tabitha Judson 215-421-1378

### Pet sitting / House sitting:

Available to look after your pets, plants, mail, and house while you're away. Contact Aurora Synnestvedt at [ronatu@gmail.com](mailto:ronatu@gmail.com) or text 484 350 4773.

Want help with decluttering / sorting / simplifying your stuff? Contact Aurora at [ronatu@gmail.com](mailto:ronatu@gmail.com) or text 484 350 4773. \$25/hr.

### Bread for Sale:

I'm still regularly baking sourdough if you are interested in a loaf! \$7 for large plain and \$8 for flavors. Text me or email me for orders or any questions! Eliza: 781-879-7186  
[Emgenz@gmail.com](mailto:Emgenz@gmail.com)

### Sticky Buns for Sale:

Dear Society,  
My 4-H Livestock Judging team won the state contest in June and will be traveling to Louisville, Kentucky to represent the state of Pennsylvania in the National Contest at the North American Livestock Exposition in November. To help offset our travel costs, we are selling Mr. Sticky's Sticky Buns. Cost is \$5 for a single bun. \$25 for a half dozen. They will be delivered September 23-24. Please see me at school, or call/text Michele Brown at 484-548-3750 by Thursday, September 12. to place your order.  
Thank You for your support! ~Mesa Brown

**Kemptonites:** 15 of Johanna Boericke's watercolor paintings grace the walls of our apartment. They are exquisitely beautiful. If you would like to come and have a look, please call and make an appointment. Ruth and Yorvar

**Free:** Sony Bravia 31" LED TV. Works fine. If interested call J. Synnestvedt 484-793-0525 or 6

**Free:** 8ft. tall birdfeeder with baffle. Call Margaret Heinrichs 484-857-1175

**SCHOOL NEWS**

*Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>:* First day of school for KNCS. Start time is **9:00 a.m.** No afternoon school.

**First Day of School:** Families and friends attending chapel on the first day of school are invited to stay and visit in the society room afterwards and enjoy a cup of coffee. ~ Tovah Smith

*Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>:* Back to school parent meetings for grades 1 – 6.

6:30-7:00 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom meeting

7:00-7:30 p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom meeting

7:30-8:00 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom meeting

*Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>:* Back to school parent meetings for grades 7 – 12.

6:30-7:00 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom meeting

7:00-8:00 p.m. High School meeting (Commons)

**Student Arrival at KNCS:**

On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, the first day of school, please have your children arrive between 8:45 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.

On regular school mornings, teachers will be prepared to receive 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders starting at 7:45 a.m. Kindergartners are welcome to arrive starting at 9:15 a.m. Thank you to parents for not dropping off their children any earlier.

**Reminder:** there will be no bus from **Kutztown** on the first day of school (Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>). The **Northwestern** bus will not be picking up students for the 9 a.m. start. They WILL pick up Northwestern students at 12:45 p.m. on the first day of school.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Love truly conjugal is the union of two in respect to their interiors, which belong to the thought and the will, thus to truth and good; for truth belongs to the thought, and good to the will. *Arcana Coelestia* 10169

*Congratulations and Best Wishes to:*

**Mark and Genta Hendricks**

on the 1<sup>st</sup> – 7 years

**Jeremy and Judy Synnestvedt**

on the 2<sup>nd</sup> - 53 years

**Torrey and Kit Cooper**

on the 4<sup>th</sup> – 15 years

**Glen and Brittany Boyesen**

on the 9<sup>th</sup> - 13 years

**Michael and Charis Ahlert**

on the 10<sup>th</sup> - 20 years

**Matt and Sara Smith**

on the 15<sup>th</sup> – 41 years

**Sal and Joan Tuccio**

on the 18<sup>th</sup> - 60 years

**Matthew and Eliza Genzlinger**

on the 21<sup>st</sup> – 23 years

**Bergen and Megan Jungé**

on the 21<sup>st</sup> - 12 years

**Wade and Sarah Moyer**

on the 22<sup>nd</sup> – 7 years

**Matt and Carrie Olmstead**

on the 29<sup>th</sup> – 18 years

