



KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – October 2025

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BITTER WATERS MADE SWEET

Exodus 15:23-25

And [the Israelites] came to Marah, and they could not drink the waters for bitterness, for they were bitter; therefore he called the name of it Marah.

And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?

And he cried to Jehovah, and Jehovah showed him wood, and he cast it into the waters, and the waters were made sweet.

Arcana Coelestia 8349

And they could not drink the waters for bitterness, because they were bitter. That this signifies that truths appeared to them undelightful, because devoid of the affection of good, is evident from the signification of "to drink the waters," as being to receive truths and apply them under good (of which n. 3069, 5709); from the signification of "waters," as being truths (of which just above, n. 8347); and from the signification of "bitter," as being what is undelightful (n. 7854). Hence it is evident that by "they could not drink the waters for bitterness, because they were bitter," is signified that truths appeared to them undelightful: that it denotes because devoid of the affection of good, is because all the delight of truth comes forth from good....He who loves good, that is, who wills from the heart to worship God and to benefit his neighbor, loves to be instructed in those things which lead thereto, consequently in truths; from which it can be seen that all the affection of truth is from good.

Pastor's Notes

This story teaches us what to do when the truth tastes bitter. It teaches us what to do when we are thirsty, but we find that we don't want what the Lord provides to quench our thirst.

We need to do what Moses did when this happens to us. "[Moses] cried to Jehovah, and Jehovah showed him wood, and he cast it into the waters, and the waters were made sweet" (Ex. 15: 25).

The Lord showing Moses the wood in response to his prayer "signifies that the Lord inspired good" (AC 8354). So when the truth strikes us as bitter, we need to pray to the Lord to inspire us with good. If we do, the truth the Lord gives us will become sweet just as the waters of Marah did. "They who are in the good of life, that is, who love God and the neighbor, these also love the truths of faith. Hence it is that so long as good flows in and is received, so long truth appears to be delightful" (AC 8354).

HOLY SUPPER will be offered this month on Friday, October 17th, at 6:30 p.m.

Happy are they who hunger and thirst after justice, for they shall be satisfied.

Matthew 5:6

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, September 23. The meeting included affirmation of a new member of the OSV Board of Directors as required by the OSV bylaws as well as review of the final numbers for the last fiscal year (which resulted in a small surplus) and a review of the status of the budget for the current fiscal year.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

For the two open seats on the Board of Trustees, the Nominating Committee nominates Brandon Junge and Mark Hendricks for three-year terms.

For the two open seats on the School Council, the Nominating Committee nominates Amy Friday and Justin Hendricks for three-year terms.

The members of the Nominating Committee are Thos Powell (chair), Wade Buick, and Curtis McQueen

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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, October 5, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service. Usher/Setup: Rich Sidella

Sunday, October 12, 10:00 a.m. Family Service Usher/Setup: Gordon McQueen

Friday, October 17, 6:30 p.m. Usher: Roger Schrock

*Sunday, October 19
9:00 a.m. Young Children's Service.
Setup: Matt and Sheila Heiter
10:00 a.m. Sermon Service. Usher/Setup:
John Cole*

Sunday, October 26, 10:00 a.m. Family Service Usher/Setup: Cairn 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, October 1st, 7:30 p.m. Men's DP class at OSV.

Wednesday, October 8th, 7:30 p.m. Men's DP class at OSV.

Thursday, October 9th, 10:00 a.m. Heaven and Hell class at OSV. Read numbers 470-476

Wednesday, October 15th, 7:30 p.m. Men's DP class at OSV.

Friday, October 17th, 7:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Youth Group CL class at Dan and Erika Brown's

Tuesday, October 21st, 7:30 p.m. Arcana class, at Calvin and Maggie Odhner's. The readings for the class in October will be AC 10573 – 10630. These readings explain the end of Exodus 33 and the beginning of Exodus 34, together with teachings about the fourth earth in the story heaven, and the doctrine of charity and faith concerning the resurrection.

Wednesday, October 22nd, 7:30 p.m. Men's DP class at OSV.

Thursday, October 23th, 10:00 a.m. Heaven and Hell class at OSV. Read numbers 477-484.

Wednesday, October 29th, 9:30 a.m. Mom's Morning class at OSV.

Wednesday, October 29th, 7:30 p.m. Men's DP class at OSV.

CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

Consider attending the society meeting to hear about our fundraising efforts, including our Annual and Special fund drives.

As always thank you for your donations, volunteering and participation.

Mark, for the Contributions Committee.

MEETINGS

Thursday, October 16th, at 7:30 p.m. Kempton New Church Annual Society Meeting.

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.

YOUTH GROUP:

Weekend Trip to Toronto: Oct. 3rd – 5th

Youth Group Conjugal Love class: *Friday, Oct. 17th, 7:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Dan and Erika Brown's*

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome basket for Schrock: Ben and Shilah Schrock have recently moved to Kempton, with their 3 children. Let's give them a warm welcome! Please bring donated items to the church kitchen.

Feast of Charity: Friday, October 10th, 6:30 p.m. Supper; 7:30 p.m. Presentation by Dale Smith on "Mythology Through a New Church Lens".

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

Autumn Weekends:

Autumn Weekends is here! We will be having an Autumn Weekends work party on Saturday, October 4th at 1:00 p.m. There will be some light refreshments provided. We will also be having a captain training session during the work party, so if you are interested in captaining but aren't sure of your responsibilities, please feel free to attend that!

The dates for Autumn weekends 2025 are: October 11th, 12th, 18th, and 19th. We are very much in need of volunteers. To sign up to volunteer go to the Kempton New Church website, click on Autumn Weekends, scroll down, and then click the signup button or feel free to reach out to Sarah at 267-750-9670. Thank you!

Fundraiser yard sale! Saturday, September 27th, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the café. Thank you to all who donated items! We have enough donations at this point but could really use more people with tables! And of course we need customers!! It is a busy weekend but please consider stopping by even for a few minutes. Sip at a warm latte amongst friends and shop for some deals! Contact Roxanne if you want to have a table.

**KEMPTON FIRE COMPANY 100TH
ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE Saturday,
September 27th 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Free Food & Drinks!

Schedule of Events:

10:15 Vehicle Rescue Demonstration
10:45 Rope Rescue Demonstration
11:15 Fire Extinguisher Demonstration

12:00 Vehicle Rescue Demonstration
12:30 Rope Rescue Demonstration
1:00 Fire Extinguisher Demonstration

1:30 Vehicle Rescue Demonstration
2:00 Rope Rescue Demonstration
2:30 Fire Extinguisher Demonstration

Trunk or Treat: Save the date! The Kempton New Church Youth Group will be hosting a Halloween Trunk or Treat *on Friday, October 31st*. Details to follow.

Beef Raffle:

It's that time of year! Win a chance to fill your freezer with locally grown beef! Perfect for burgers, stew, chili, and all of your favorite savory, beefy fall comfort foods! Please see prize details below.

Tickets are readily available now until the end of October. Madison is SO excited to offer these for sale! You will make her day if you catch her at KNCS and ask her for some!! Mesa will also have tickets or, you can call/text Michele at 484-548-3750 to purchase. Tickets are also available at Albright's Mill and B.A.D. Farms!

**BERKS SOUTHEAST CATTLEMEN'S ASSOC. –
BEEF RAFFLE**

DRAWING WILL BE ON 11/6/2025

G.O.C. # G-25-046000R

Eight tickets will be drawn.

- 1). 1/4 beef with processing (value \$500)
- 2). 1/4 beef with processing (value \$500)
- 3). 1/8 beef (value \$250)
- 4). 1/8 beef (value \$250)
- 5). box of beef cuts (value \$125)
- 6). box of beef cuts (value \$125)
- 7). box of beef cuts (value \$125)
- 8). box of beef cuts (value \$125)

Only 500 tickets printed. Processing done by Bur-Pak Family Foods, Inc. Winner need not be present to win. Pickup will be the winner's responsibility.

(Must pick up within 15 days).

DONATION - \$10 PER TICKET

Proceeds will benefit Berks Southeast Cattlemen's junior activities.

Shop Night: Gordon McQueen will be hosting a shop night on Friday, October 24th. 7:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. College age men and up are welcome.

Election information:

To check or update your voter registration, or request or change your mail in ballot status go to www.vote.pa.gov

Election is on November 4th.

Mark Wyncoll, Judge of Elections- Albany Township

Looking for digital cameras (dslr would be awesome but not necessary) to have or borrow starting mid-January for the High School. If you can lend any, contact me (Eliza Genzlinger) at emgenz@gmail.com or 781-879-7186. And let me know if you have one or some that you are willing to have go to this use. Thanks so much!

Seeking Home Care help:

Two or so nights per week of overnight help needed for Rosemarie Ayoub. Please contact Erika Walker for details. Thank you for considering supporting me in this use. 610-756-6422

Hi everyone!

I recently got licensed as a Massage Therapist and I am in the process of starting my own mobile massage business. I am mostly working with women so if you or someone you know is interested feel free to text or call me at 484-507-4492. Warmly, Maren Cole

ANNIVERSARIES

That conjugal love is heaven is evident from the metamorphosis of caterpillars into pupae or chrysalises and then into creatures that fly. For when the time arrives for them to be wedded - which is when they shed their earthly form, or their caterpillar state - they are adorned with wings and become creatures that fly, at which point they are raised up into the air, which is their heaven. In the air they play together, make marriages, lay eggs, and are nourished by the juices from flowers. At that time also they exist in their beauty, for their wings are tinged with gold, silver, and other lovely shades. Such things as these are what the marriage principle produces among such insignificant and tiny creatures. AC 2758

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

Tom and Carla Kerr
on the 2nd – 42 years
Kerry and Sabrina Wenrich
on the 11th – 17 years
Kenan and Kathleen Smith
on the 13th – 8 years
Toby and Anni Powell
on the 19th – 12 years
Thos and Laurel Powell
on the 23rd – 43 years
Luke and Sarah Heiter
on the 25th – 22 years
Dandridge and Tamar Cole
on the 27th – 23 years



You are invited to the wedding of

Derron Pitcairn

and

Shannah McQueen

On Saturday, November 15th, 2025

at 4:00 p.m.

Special Music begins at 3:30 p.m.

At the Bryn Athyn Cathedral

Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania

~ Private Reception to follow ~