



KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – July 2026

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COME TAKE THE WATER OF LIFE FREELY!

John 4:5-14

5 Then [Jesus] comes into a city of Samaria called Sychar¹, neighboring the field which Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

6 And the fountain of Jacob was there. Jesus, therefore, having labored on the journey, sat thus at the fountain. It was about the sixth hour.

7 There comes a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus says to her, Give Me to drink;

8 for His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

9 Then the Samaritan woman says to Him, How is it that Thou, being a Jew, askest of me to drink, who am a Samaritan woman? For the Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

10 Jesus answered and said to her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that says to thee, Give Me to drink, thou wouldest have asked of Him, and He would have given thee living water.

11 The woman says to Him, Lord, Thou hast nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Whence then hast Thou the living water?

12 Art Thou greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?

13 Jesus answered and said to her, Everyone who drinks of this water shall thirst again;

14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall not thirst to eternity, but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a fountain of water springing up into eternal life.

Revelation 22:17

Let him who thirsts come; and he who wills, let him take the water of life freely.

Arcana Coelestia 3424.2

That the Word of the Lord is such that it gives life to him that thirsts, that is, to him that desires life, and that it is a "fountain whose waters are living,"

the Lord also teaches in John when speaking to the woman of Samaria at Jacob's well.

Pastor's Notes

When the Lord asked the Samaritan woman for water from the well, she could tell He was a Jew, and she was surprised that He was willing to speak and interact with her. There was a deep animosity between Jews and Samaritans. She said, "How is it that Thou, being a Jew, askest of me to drink, who am a Samaritan woman? For the Jews have no dealings with Samaritans" (John 4:9).

In His answer Jesus indicated that if she knew who He was, she would have asked Him for water and that He would have given her "living water" (John 4:10). He told her that He could give her water that would never run out and that it would give eternal life (John 4:14). She responded, recognizing at least something of what He was teaching saying, "Lord, give me this water, that I thirst not" (John 4:15).

From this conversation, she could tell the Lord cared about her eternal well-being. She knew that He wanted to give her that water of eternal life. And He wants to do the same thing for us too. So as we celebrate freedom this month, we can also celebrate how the Lord offers each one of us the water of life freely!

HOLY SUPPER will be offered on Friday, July 17th at 4:30 p.m. at OSV.

*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:

July 5th, August 2nd, August 23rd

¹ the ancient city of Shechem (see AC 4430)

Parents, please take careful note about these services, which happen three 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 (June 28, July 26, August 30, and September 27), 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 will continue the series of classes we started last year on *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?"

This summer our focus will be on the chapter of the book describing the nature of Swedenborg's inspiration. If you did not buy a copy of the book last year and you would like one for this summer, please let me know and I will order some more. The cost is \$10. Printouts of the individual readings can be made available too if you prefer not to buy the book.

Location: Old School Village Lounge

Dates of Remaining Classes and Page Numbers Covered:

Monday, July 6 (pages 102-135)

Monday, July 20 (pages 136-154)

Time: 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 19TH 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.

Pastor's Council met on Tuesday, June 9th and we mostly discussed the feedback solicited by pastor's council members regarding whether or not there is interest in more 9:00 am services like the ones we do on woods service Sundays.

So far, we have received a mixed response. I will continue to evaluate the responses received with my pastoral staff and then get further input from pastor's council in a fall meeting before making a decision on whether or not to add any more 9:00 am services this fall.

If you have not yet given me or a member of pastor's council input on this question I would still love to hear from you. Thank you for all the input thus far!

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WORSHIP

- 10:00 a.m. 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, July 5, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service.
Usher/Setup: Gareth Cole*

*Sunday, July 12, 10:00 a.m. Family Service.
Usher/Setup: Thos Powell*

Friday, July 17, 4:30 p.m. Holy Supper at OSV

*Sunday, July 19
9:00 a.m. Young Children's Service.
Setup: Jamen and Briana Schrock
10:00 a.m. Sermon Service. Usher/Setup:
Charles Judson*

*Sunday, July 26
9:00 a.m. Family Service Indoors. Usher: Roy
Odhner
10:00 a.m. Woods Service. Ushers/Setup: Wade
Buick, Laban Genzlinger*

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.

*Thursday, July 2, 10:00 a.m. Heaven and Hell class
at OSV. Read HH 558b-565*

*Monday, July 6, 7:30 p.m. Summer Doctrinal Class
at OSV; Authority in the New Church pages 102-
135*

*Thursday, July 16, 10:00 a.m. Heaven and Hell
class at OSV. Read HH 566-575*

*Monday, July 20, 7:30 p.m. Summer Doctrinal
Class at OSV; Authority in the New Church
pages 136-154*

*Thursday, July 30, 10:00 a.m. Heaven and Hell
class at OSV. Read HH 576-581*

CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

Our fiscal year ended with a balanced budget due in thanks to our donors, our staff and our volunteers. Thank you all.

But wait: A new fiscal year starts July 1, 2026. Can we repeat and balance our budget again? You bet we can! Mark, for the Contributions committee.

MEETINGS:

*Tuesday, July 14th, at 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees
Meeting in the library.*

RECURRING EVENTS

Weeding at the church and school every Tuesday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., starting June 9th.

Ladies Handwork: Wednesdays from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., at Old School Village.

Sunday Soccer: All are welcome to play or watch a family-friendly pickup soccer game 3:45-5:00 on the field behind the church Sundays, June 14th through the end of October, weather permitting. Contact Jordan Cooper (301 821 6938, jordan.cooper@knccs.org) with questions, or if you'd like weekly reminder texts.

Softball at KCC: For men and boys (5th grade and up), Fridays 7:30 p.m. Contact Kenan Smith 484-280-7571

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations: Dale and Tovah Smith welcomed *Winfrey Celeste*, on May 31st.

Welcome Basket for Brian and Janine Smith and Family: Brian and Janine and their children will be arriving in Kempton in late June, and we'd love to give them a warm welcome! Please bring food or other useful items to the kitchen at the church. We'll aim to give it to the Smiths on Sunday, July 5th.

July 4th Celebration at Heather Smith's:**Come and celebrate this very special 4th of July like no other Kempton 4th!!**

We will start with our Parade at 4:00 followed by races, corn hole tournament, balloon toss, water slide (bring your bathing suits!) and more! Patriots, one and all come join us in this special celebration of freedom, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness!!

Don't forget the potluck dessert table!!

"Peace with all the world is my sincere wish"
George Washington

Purple Martin Colony Home for Kempton New Church School

We are seeking donations in the amount total of \$1,600.00 to install a colony home similar to the ones you may have seen Leaser Lake and the walking track at Albany Township. These birds will bring a wonderful addition to the school biology program and allow for occasional banding demonstrations. If interested in helping, designate "Purple Martin" on any gift.

Call Bracken Brown or Mark Wyncoll for any questions.

Jacob's Creek Family Retreat

Time to sign up for Jacob's Creek Family Retreat if you haven't already (jacobscreekfamilyretreat.org). The retreat runs from July 23 – 26 and is for all ages. This year's pastoral staff includes Matthew Genzlinger, Justin Schorran and Pearse Frazier. This year's theme is "Use: The Soul and Life of All Heavenly Joy." We'll be exploring a variety of wonderful teachings and how they relate to life including: What real use is, misconceptions about what it means to be useful, the importance of shunning evils as sins, the trine of love/wisdom/use, use and marriage, uses in heaven (are their garbage men in heaven?), doing useful things verses having an affection for use, being useful verses being busy, and many more!

Don't hesitate to reach out to Matthew Genzlinger with any questions (978-337-8952 or matthewgenzlinger@gmail.com).

"The delight of use springing from love by means of wisdom is the soul and life of all heavenly joys." (Conjugal Love 5)

"A person does not know whether he is led by the devil or by the Lord. He that is led by the devil performs uses for the sake of self and the world; but he that is led by the Lord performs uses for the sake of the Lord and heaven. All who shun evils as sins perform uses from the Lord, while all who do not shun evils as sins perform uses from the devil....In this and in no other way is the difference recognized." (Divine Providence 215)

Thank you all for supporting the Kempton Boys Wrestling Club! If you would like more information on the direction this club is going or to donate towards mats and gear, please contact Jared Eads at (816) 449-0146 or eadsjared@outlook.com.

July Dates

Monday 6th, 3:30-5:30

Wednesday 8th, 3:30-5:30

Monday 13th, 7:00-9:00

Wednesday 15th, 7:00-9:00

Wednesday 22nd, 3:30-5:30

Looking For A Used Car

The car I rely on for my commute to work at the college may refuse to pass inspection in August. It's also just getting old and cranky. So, if in the near future you're looking to sell a good used car or know of someone who is, keep me in mind and send me a text (Matthew Genzlinger: 978-337-8952).

Recycling: If you missed the recent Saturday recycling event, here is a weekday opportunity. As a follow up to Gray's description about getting rid of excess electronics and anything with a plug, I have noticed something. Because I travel south down 61, I find it very convenient to use this Berks County service. It is called www.igreenrecycling.com & I suggest googling it before going as it is easy to miss. There is no service charge and they unload when you back

up to the ramp. It is very close to the intersection with 222. Happy declutter! Carrie Heilman

Table Tennis Tables?

Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your table tennis tables! Have a table tennis (AKA ping pong) table you are willing to give, loan, or even sell? I am looking for a few to use for high school boys' PE during the colder months this upcoming school year - most likely November to January or January to March. Please contact Jordan Cooper (301 821 6938, jordan.cooper@kncs.org) if you have one or know of one, or with any questions. Thank you!

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 2nd – 43 years

Gavin and Anthea Stewart

on the 5th – 29 years

Richard and Yvonne Sidella

on the 6th – 24 years

John and Alexandra Cole

on the 7th – 19 years

Josh and Tess Taylor

On the 7th – 2 years

Matt and Daelen Saltzer

on the 12th – 18 years

Brandon and Char Jungé

on the 16th – 43 years

Hayden and Reyana King

on the 17th – 5 years

Anders and Juliet Smith

on the 18th – 11 years

Thaddeus and Kaemmerle Glenn

on the 20th – 24 years

