



KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – September 2026

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KEEPING THE AXE HEAD AND HANDLE TOGETHER

2 Kings 6:1-7

1 And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, Behold, now, the place where we dwell before thee is too strait for us.

2 Let us go now, even to the Jordan, and let us take from thence each man one beam, and let us make there a place for ourselves to dwell. And he said, go ye.

3 And one said, Be content, we pray thee, to go with thy servants. And he said, I will go.

4 And he went with them. And they came toward the Jordan, and they severed wood.

5 And it was, as one was felling a beam, that the iron fell into the water, and he cried, and said, Alas, my lord, and it was borrowed.

6 And the man of God said, Whither did it fall? And he showed him the place. And he cut down wood and cast it thither, and caused the iron to float.

7 And he said, Lift it up for thyself. And he put forth his hand and took it.

Arcana Coelestia 9011:4

The iron of an axe falling from its wood denotes truth separated from good.

Pastor's Notes

When we look at an axe handle and an axe head we can see the correspondence given in the *Arcana* above so clearly. When an axe head and handle are put together, they can perform a use. The iron axe head is swung by the handle and trees can be cut down and shaped into beams to build a house as in the story from the *Second Book of Kings*. But when we separate the axe head and the handle, that use is no longer possible.

This example in the Word helps us understand the relationship between good and truth. When we separate truth from good the truth isn't much use. The truth doesn't have any power. The handle, the

wood, the good, is what makes truth useful. They have to work together to be useful.

This story can help us look out for times when we might be separating the two. Then we can do what the son of the prophet did and ask Elisha (the Lord) for help putting them back together. And just as Elisha brought the axe head up from the bottom of the Jordan by putting wood (good) in the river, the Lord will show us the good we can do with the truth to make the truth useful again too.

HOLY SUPPER will be offered on Friday, September 18th at 6:30 p.m.

And when the hour had come, He reclined, and the twelve apostles with Him. And He said to them, With longing I have longed to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.

Luke 22:14-15

This year's Winter Study will be on *Earths in the Universe*. Over the course of six weeks beginning Sunday, January 10, we will look at (1) introductory truths that the Lord gives us about life on other planets, (2) worship of the Lord on other planets, (3) what spirits from other planets look like and how their dwellings are described, (4) the general disposition of spirits from other planets and their place in the grand man, (5) marriage and family on other planets, and (6) why the Lord was born on this planet.

As the Lord teaches in *Earths in the Universe*, "He who believes, as everyone ought to believe, that the Divine created the universe for no other end than that the human race may exist, and thence heaven, for the human race is the seminary of heaven, must needs believe also, that wherever there is an earth, there are men" (EU 3).

I look forward to studying this subject together. It may lead us to think about the universe in a whole new way!

WOODS / OUTDOOR SERVICES: On the last Sunday of each summer month (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.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The election of trustees and school council members will take place at the society meeting on October 15, 2026. For the two open seats on the Board of Trustees, the Nominating Committee nominates Cedric Lumsden (2nd Term) and Ray Norfo. For the open seat on the School Council, the Nominating Committee nominates Sara Smith.

From the Bylaws:

Any member of the Kempton New Church may make additional nominations provided the following criteria are met:

- a) The nomination is submitted in writing within the ten days following the Nominating Committee's announcement of the candidates,
- b) The nomination includes the signatures of endorsement of two members of the Kempton New Church,
- c) The candidate accepts the nomination.

-Mark Hendricks (chair), Hayden King, and Curtis McQueen

Caleb's Café - We apologize about the inconsistency of late. We hope everyone will understand as the Genzlinger family focuses their time on prioritizing healing and rehabilitation after a difficult year. The Cafe will be closed for a time, but it is their goal to return in the near future. Thank you for your patience.

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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, September 6, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service with Holy Supper. Usher/Setup: Derrick Lumsden

Sunday, September 13, 10:00 a.m. Family Service. Usher/Setup: James King

Friday, September 18, 6:30 p.m. Holy Supper Service. Usher: Roy Odhner

Sunday, September 20

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

Setup: Jamen and Briana Schrock

10:00 a.m. Sermon Service. *Usher/Setup:*

Charlie Hershberger

Sunday, September 27

9:00 a.m. Family Service Indoors. *Usher: Gavin Stewart*

10:00 a.m. Woods Service. *Ushers/Setup: Dale Smith, Dandridge Cole*

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Sept. 6:

Nursery: *Sarah Heinrichs*; helper, *Felicity Judson*

4yr. – Kindergarten: *Katrina Long*; helper, *Savannah Hendricks*

1st – 3rd grade: *Lydia Synnestvedt*; helper, *Shannah Genzlinger*

4th – 6th grade: *Karla Buick*; helper, *Lily Brugger*

The remainder of the schedule will be published soon!

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, September 3, 9:30 a.m. Mom's Morning Class at OSV.

Thursday, September 10, 10:00 a.m. Heaven and Hell class at OSV. Read HH 597-603 (By Equilibrium is Freedom)

Thursday, September 24, 10:00 a.m. Class at OSV.

Friday, September 25, 7:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Conjugal Love class at Lumsden's.

MEETINGS:

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

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m. Pastor's Council in the Library.

CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

Qualified Charitable Distributions from an IRA are a very tax friendly way to support the Kempton New Church. Once one is 70 1/2 the tax code favors giving this way. If you are interested talk to your IRA custodian or ask Mark Wyncoll if it might work for you. Thanks for your support for the KNC.

RECURRING EVENTS

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

Sunday Soccer: Continues through the end of October. Contact Jordan Cooper (301 821 6938, jordan.cooper@knks.org) with questions, or if you'd like weekly reminder texts.

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS**Congratulations:**

To Toby and Anni Powell on the birth of their son, *Oliver Hugo* (they're using "Hugo"), on July 29th, 2026.

To Hayden and Reyana King on the birth of their son, *Ryder Carl*, on August 20th, 2026.

To *Bryce Cavey and Maren Cole*, on their marriage, which took place on August 8th, 2026.

Resurrection Service: Penn Cooper passed away on August 8th, 2026. A resurrection service will be held at the Kempton New Church on October 17th, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

Autumn weekends:

Autumn Weekends is only a few weeks away! The sign-up sheet is up and located on the Kempton New Church website. When at the site click on "news" then onto "Autumn Weekends." To sign up scroll to the bottom of the page and click sign-up sheet. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Schuyler or myself. Thank you!! -Sarah and Schuyler

Moms Morning Class:

We are excited to start up another year of Mom's Morning Class! Please note that this year we will be meeting on the first Thursday of every month. Our first class will be held on September 3rd at 9:30 am at OSV. Pleased to announce that we have some nice, young ladies who are going to help with childcare this year! Supervision will be provided in the gym, hopefully giving moms more opportunity to listen and participate in discussions. Hope to see you there! -Eden Norfo

Moms and tots:

Moms and tots is back!! We will be meeting every other Friday in the OSV gym from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. It's a great place to let kids play, babies roll around, and a fun time to visit with other moms! Feel free to bring riding toys or other fun toys. There will be some toys provided. Our first meeting will be on Friday September 11th. Hope to see you there!
-Sarah Heinrichs

Apartment Clear-Out Sale:

Location: OSV Gym (Enter through the gym door; please note, only the gym will be accessible so the bathrooms will not be available for use)

Dates & Times: Saturday, Aug 29 (8 AM - 3 PM), Sunday, Aug 30 (9 AM - 2 PM)

The Cooper family is hosting an apartment clear-out sale to raise funds for the estate of our beloved father, Penn. We'd love for these belongings to find good homes, so come find practical home goods, appliances, and unique treasures from things Penn and Leesa loved and cared for over the years.

Highlights: Refrigerator and stand-alone freezer, accent furniture, tableware, home decor, books, and knickknacks.

Join us early Saturday for the full selection, or stop by Sunday for discounted pricing to clear out remaining items. Cash, Checks, Venmo, and Paypal accepted.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Lizzie (484-507-3636) and Kit (215-531-0534).

Kempton Boys Wrestling Club (KBWC)

On Sunday, August 30th, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. (or as long as needed), the Kempton Boys Wrestling Club (KBWC) is hosting a sign-up and fundraising event at the North Shore picnic area of Leaser Lake. I will be available to answer any questions and provide copies of the KBWC Membership Agreement and instructions for obtaining individual USA Wrestling memberships.

The fundraiser will include grilled hot dogs and ice cream for purchase, a two-person team cornhole tournament (\$10 buy-in per team, free KBWC T-shirts for the winning team), and T-shirt order forms.

This event is open to the community, and we'd love to have you all there!

Thank you,
Jared Eads

kemptonboyswrestlingclub@gmail.com

(816) 449-0146

<https://sites.google.com/view/kemptonboyswrestlingclub/home>

Whittling in Roger's Shop:

High school age and up are invited for an evening of whittling. Bring your knife, if you have one, but no worries if you don't. I have knives to lend. I have patterns, wood and bandaids. 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Contact Roger Schrock.

Local Help from Adele Jungé: Need a helping hand? I'm available to help with a variety of tasks and chores.

Service and Rates:

- Cleaning and/or organizing: \$20 per hour
- Errands, shopping, and rides to appointments: \$20 per hour plus mileage
- Babysitting \$18 per hour
- Dog walking \$15 per walk

(all rates are negotiable)

Availability: Tuesday and Thursday

Please call or text me at **484-697-8586** to discuss availability and what you need assistance with.

Bread for Sale:

After a broken wrist hiatus, I am back to making sourdough pretty regularly. Plain loaves are \$8 and flavors are \$9 (rosemary garlic, cherry dark chocolate, cinnamon etc.) I can also do baguettes for 2 for \$8.

Please send orders to Eliza 781-879-7186 or emgenz@gmail.com

Teen Shop Night: Saturday, September 5th, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at McQueen's. Please bring a snack or drink to share, if you can!

Men's Shop Night: Friday, September 18th, 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. at McQueen's. Please bring a snack or drink to share, if you can!

YOUTH GROUP:

Youth Group Opening Event: *Friday, Sept. 4th*, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (volleyball at 6:30, Ice Cream social at 7:30). Brian and Janine Smith's.

Youth Group Conjugal Love class: *Friday, Sept. 25th*, 7:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Derrick and Eden Lumsden's.

SCHOOL NEWS

Saturday, August 29, 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Work Party at the Kempton New Church

Tuesday, September 1st: First day of school for KNCS. Start time is **9:00 a.m.** No afternoon school.

First Day of School Gathering:

Families and friends attending chapel on the first day of school are invited to stay and visit in the society room. ~ Tovah Smith

Back to School Parent Meetings:

Wednesday, September 9th: Back to school parent meetings for grades 1 – 6.

6:30-7:15 p.m. 1st & 2nd grade classroom meeting

7:15-8:00 p.m. 3rd & 4th grade classroom meeting

8:00-8:45 p.m. 5th & 6th grade classroom meeting

Thursday, September 10th: Back to school parent meetings for grades 7 – 12.

6:30-7:15 p.m. 7th & 8th grade classroom meeting

7:15-8:15 p.m. High School meeting (Commons)

Reminder: there will be no bus from **Kutztown** on the first day of school (Sept. 1st). 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.

From the Library: You are invited to bring your preschoolers and homeschoolers to the KNCS library on Thursdays starting September 10th 10:20 - 11:00.

Please be mindful there are classes before and after this time slot. Books can be checked out for one week at a time. If you need to renew your books, just let us know. Please return books in a clean condition. If you have other children or spouses working at the school, we greatly appreciate books being sent in first thing in the morning.

We have some wonderful new books to share and look forward to seeing you! We are always happy to

help you find treasures and subjects for homeschoolers. Best, Janis and Wendy

**Save the Date!**

Join us on **Saturday, September 19th, from 8:00–10:00 AM** for a **Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser!** Proceeds will help support the **11th and 12th grade trip to Colonial Williamsburg.**

More details coming soon! We hope to see you there!

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 1st – 8 years

Jeremy and Judy Synnestvedt

on the 2nd - 54 years

Torrey and Kit Cooper

on the 4th – 16 years

Glen and Brittany Boyesen

on the 9th - 14 years

Michael and Charis Ahlert

on the 10th - 21 years

Matt and Sara Smith

on the 15th – 42 years

Sal and Joan Tuccio

on the 18th - 61 years

Matthew and Eliza Genzlinger

on the 21st – 24 years

Bergen and Megan Jungé

on the 21st - 13 years

Wade and Sarah Moyer

on the 22nd – 8 years

Matt and Carrie Olmstead

on the 29th – 19 years

