



KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – May 2022

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A RESTFUL SMELL TO JEHOVAH

And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
Command the sons of Israel, and say to them, My offering, My bread for My fire offerings, a restful smell to Me, you shall keep, to offer to Me in its season.

And thou shalt say to them, This is the fire offering which you shall offer to Jehovah: two perfect lambs, sons of a year¹, each day for a continual burnt offering.

The one lamb shalt thou make in the morning, and the second lamb shalt thou make between the two evenings²,

and a tenth of an ephah of flour for a gift offering, mixed with the fourth of a hin of beaten oil.

It is a continual burnt offering, made in Mount Sinai for a restful smell, a fire offering to Jehovah.

And its poured offering shall be a fourth of a hin for the one lamb; in the holy place shalt thou pour out a poured offering of strong drink to Jehovah.

And the second lamb thou shalt make between the evenings; as the gift offering of the morning, and as its poured offering, thou shalt make it, a fire offering, a restful smell to Jehovah.

Numbers 28:1-8

Every delight corresponds to an odor, and in the spiritual world may be converted into it. Then the common delight in heaven is perceived as the odor of a garden varied according to the fragrance there from flowers and fruits.

Divine Providence 304

When it pleases the Lord the spheres of love and faith in the world of spirits are turned into spheres of sweet and pleasing odors, and are plainly perceived.

Arcana Coelestia 925

¹ “By... ‘the son of a year’ was signified that it then was a lamb, for when it exceeded a year, it was a sheep” (AC 10132:13).

² “By ‘between the evenings,’ here and in verse 8, is not meant the time between the evening of one day and the evening of another day; but the time between evening and morning, thus inclusively night or twilight” (AC 10135:5).

PASTOR’S NOTES

When the Israelites offered burnt offerings to the Lord, just the way He taught them to, it says that He received them as a restful smell. In the Heavenly Doctrine the Lord teaches us that “the Holy Supper includes and comprehends the whole of the Divine worship instituted in the Israelitish Church” (*New Jerusalem and Her Heavenly Doctrine* 214). When we take Holy Supper just as the Lord has taught us to, we can offer this most holy act of worship as a restful smell to the Lord too.

Although Holy Supper has been offered in smaller evening services throughout the time we have been worshiping in the midst of COVID, this Sunday is the first one in quite a while where Holy Supper will be offered during church. It will be a wonderful opportunity to humbly raise our minds up to the Lord as we ask Him to lead us in the life of repentance.

“In order that man in repenting might look to the Lord alone He instituted the Holy Supper, which confirms the remission of sins in those who repent. It confirms this because in that Supper or communion every one is kept looking to the Lord alone” (*Divine Providence* 122).

May our worship this Sunday be a restful smell to Jehovah.

Thank you, Carla and Chris! Carla Kerr and Chris Smith have informed Dale and me that they will be moving on to other uses this summer. Carla has been our wonderful church and school secretary for nine years. Chris has taught religion in the Kempton New Church School for six years and taught ASPIRE students for a number of years before that. We are so blessed that the Lord’s Providence included the service to the church and school that Carla and Chris have both provided. Here is a passage that comes to mind when I think of them:

Charity may be defined as doing good to the neighbor daily and continually, not only to the neighbor individually, but also to the neighbor collectively; and this can be done only through what is good and just in the office, business, and employment in which a man is engaged, and with those with whom he has any dealings (*True Christian Religion* 423).

They will both be greatly missed! Thank you, Carla and Chris!

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, April 19.

We primarily discussed a draft budget for the next fiscal year, which assumes a 3.5% payout from the endowment and an increase of \$5,000 to annual giving over last year. The salary and benefit costs are the biggest increase in the draft budget; the payout from endowed funds, however, is projected to cover most of those costs. We also discussed longer term strategies that might be useful if things become more turbulent during these uncertain times. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch.

Upcoming Semi-Annual Society Meeting:

7:30 P.M., Thursday, May 12, in the Society Room. We will hear reports from the pastor; KNCS assistant principal; business manager (review of year-to-date and a draft budget); and the chairs of the Investment and Contributions Committees. The minutes of our October 14, 2021 annual meeting are attached here for your approval at the upcoming meeting.

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

Sunday, May 1, 10:00 A.M. Sunday School Service with HOLY SUPPER
Usher/Setup: Ted LaMastra

Sunday, May 8, 9:00 A.M. Young Child's Service
Setup: Matt and Sheila Heiter
10:00 A.M. Family Service
Usher/Setup: Cade Cole

Sunday, May 15, 10:00 A.M. Family Service
Usher/Setup: Gavin Stewart
12:30 P.M. 40th Year Anniversary: Affirmation of Penn and Leesa Cooper's Wedding Vows. Picnic (provided) to follow. Klein's Hill. RSVP needed. Please see "Announcements" for details.

Friday, May 20, 6:30 P.M. HOLY SUPPER

Sunday, May 22, 10:00 A.M. Sunday School Service
Usher/Setup: Gerald van Zyverden

Sunday, May 29, 10:00 A.M. Family Service
Usher/Setup: Steve Hendricks

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

Wednesday, May 4, 10:30 A.M., Charity #s 158-172
With Lawson Smith. Old School Village lounge

Tuesday, May 17, 7:30 P.M. Arcana. With Andy Heilman. We will focus on the courtyard of the tabernacle and the luminaries in Exodus 27:9-21. The teachings in the *Arcana Coelestia* that cover this section are AC 9470 - 9789. As we see from the "contents" (AC 9711 and 9712), the subject treated of is the ultimate heaven, which is represented and described by "the court." Lastly the subject treated of is the good of charity, through which the spiritual heaven is illumined by the Lord in the truths of faith; these things are signified by "the oil of olive" and by "the luminary." Location TBD

Wed., May 18, 10:30 A.M., Charity #s 173-198.
With Lawson Smith. Old School Village lounge

Friday, May 20, 7:15-10:00 P.M. Youth Group
Conjugal Love Class. Brett and Karla Buick's

Wednesday, May 25, 7:30 P.M. Society Class. Topic - Six Stages of the Last Judgment: Preparing for the New Church. With Lawson Smith.
Roy Odhner's

MEETING

Thursday, May 12, 7:30 P.M. Kempton New Church
Semi-Annual Meeting. Society Room

EVENTS

Every Wednesday, 3:00 P.M. Ladies and Girls
Handwork at OSV

Every Thursday, except not the 19th this month,
10:30 A.M. Chair Yoga at OSV

Sunday, May 8, DEADLINE for an RSVP to
Elizabeth Cooper. (See "Announcements" about
Penn and Leesa's renewal of wedding vows.)

Monday, May 9, 7:30 P.M. Senior Project
Presentations. Society Room. (See "Notices.")

Friday, May 13, 9th-12th grade boys take a weekend
trip to Lake Wallenpaupack

Sunday, May 15, 12:30 P.M. Penn and Leesa
Cooper's affirmation of wedding vows on their
40th anniversary. KNC's Klein's Hill. (See
"Announcements" for details, which include the
request for RSVPs by Sunday, May 8).

Thursday, May 19, 11:45 A.M.—12:30 P.M. and at 7:30 P.M. “Twelve Angry Pigs” presented by 9th-12th grade. Society Room

Tuesday, May 24, 11:45 A.M. KNCS K-8th Grade Concert. Society Room

Thursday, May 26, 11:00 A.M. 5th and 6th grade Country Fair. Society Room

Sunday, May 29, 2:00 and 6:00 P.M. Dance Steps Studio recital. Kempton Community Center. All are welcome. – Janina Smith

Monday, May 30, NO SCHOOL. Memorial Day

From the CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

- Please support our Kempton New Church School endowment drive. We are raising funds for the School Endowment for the remainder of our current fiscal year, that is, until June 30. Thank you for your consideration.
- If you have questions about monthly giving, IRA RMD gifts, or bequests, call Ian Keal, Treasurer, or Mark Wyncoll, Contributions Committee Chair.
- And as always, thanks to all our volunteers!

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessed Event: We celebrate the baptism of Theodore Elwood Heilman, which took place in Kempton on Sunday, April 24. Theodore, who was born on September 12, 2021, is the son of Stacy Armstrong and Tor Heilman. May the Lord keep His tender watch over Theodore now and always. *“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.” Ps 23:1*

Gratitude: Thank you to everyone who donated office and pet supplies for the Lehigh County Humane Society project for my 4-H Small Animal Club. As a school we raised roughly \$500-worth of supplies, with the club reaching a total of over \$1,000 dollars!! Just think of how many animals’ lives you’ve all impacted with these donations. Again, thank you. We couldn’t have raised this much without you. – Emma Lou Olmstead

Staff Updates: As Brett mentioned in his “Pastor’s Notes,” some of our beloved staff are moving on to new endeavors. I am pleased to announce that we have completed the hiring process for a number of important uses at KNC and KNCS. Here is a summary of the updates for the 2022-2023 school year:

- Tabitha Judson has accepted a full-time position teaching 7th & 8th grade Earth Science; 9th & 10th grade Introduction to Physical Science; and 11th & 12th grade Civics, Economics, and Current Events.
- Nathan Cole has been hired part time to teach 11th & 12th grade Chemistry and to conduct chapel a few times each month.
- Becky Cooper has been hired part time to teach 7th grade math.
- Rev. Matthew Genzlinger has been hired part time to teach 11th & 12th grade Religion.
- Jen McQueen has been hired to serve as the next secretary for the Kempton New Church and School, effective July 1.

Brett and I are feeling blessed that these folks are willing to serve the church and school in these ways!

– Dale Smith, Assistant Principal

Senior Project Presentations: On Monday, May 9, beginning at 7:30 P.M. in the Society Room, we will hear from Nathaniel Cole on “Constructing a General Church Map”; Leilah Glenn on “Learning the Art of Video Storytelling”; and Laif Judson on “Teaching an Introduction to Weight Lifting.”

Affirmation of Penn and Leesa Cooper’s Wedding Vows - ON their 40th Anniversary 😊: 12:30 P.M., Sun., May 15. All are invited. The ceremony and picnic luncheon (provided by the Coopers) will be held on KNC’s Klein’s Hill. Please RSVP to Elizabeth Cooper by Sunday, May 8, so they can prepare (lcooper1982 or text 484-507-3636). Casual dress. Bring blankets or chairs. There is parking on the hill. If driving, enter Penny Rhodes’ and Judah and Lydia Synnestvedt’s shared driveway at 136 New Bethel Church Road, Kempton, and then stay to the left. No special vehicle is required to reach the top of the hill, but someone can take you there from the church parking lot—through the fields in an open all-wheel-drive conveyance—if you prefer.

If it rains, the event will be held in the church.

ANNIVERSARIES

An angel husband, speaking about the cause of the beauty of the feminine sex, said: “Women are created beauties for the sake not of themselves but of men, that men, of themselves hard, may be softened; that their minds, of themselves severe, may become mild, and their hearts, of themselves cold, warm; and they do become such when they become one flesh with their wives.”

Conjugal Love 56:4

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

Tom and Sandie Capparell

on the 1st – 30 years

Cade and Caelwen Cole

on the 1st – 23 years

Peter and Roxanne Genzlinger

on the 6th – 21 years

Paul and Nina Schorran

on the 9th – 35 years

Elijah and Amanda Heiter

on the 14th – 11 years

Penn and Leesa Cooper

on the 15th – 40 years

Jeff and Gayle Britland

on the 16th – 23 years

Arne and Emily Bau-Madsen

on the 17th – 52 years

Hugh and Janina Brown

on the 20th – 50 years

Roger and Kathy Schrock

on the 25th – 48 years

R.C. and Christine Storch

on the 25th – 20 years

Ariel and Erin Powell

on the 25th – 9 years

Tyler and Katrina Long

on the 30th – 13 years

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS cont.

High School Play: Come see “Twelve Angry Pigs” on Thursday, May 19, at 11:45 A.M. or 7:00 P.M.—or at both times! Society Room. “In this comical yet surprisingly educational parody of *Twelve Angry Men*, a certain wolf is on trial for blowing down a pair of houses owned by the Three Little Pigs. A Jury of Swine must now decide if they will oink in favor of conviction, or declare the wolf not guilty.”

A Thorough Report on KNCS’s Reading Day:

On Wednesday, April 27, our K-6th graders enjoyed a morning-long event that celebrated reading. The students began with reading the Word individually in their classrooms, attended an especially beautiful whole-school chapel about our need for the Word, and then moved—in mixed-age groups—through six activities.

- Poetry Theater. Each group did a script reading, in costume, of “The Tale of Custard the Dragon” by Ogden Nash.
- Tea Party. Children enjoyed a book reading and Poetry Theater performance (while partaking of tea and delectable comestibles at a table properly set with delicate formal china and flowers!).
- Made Posters – to advertise and share favorite KNCS library books (these illustrations are already up on the hall walls).
- Campfire! Listened to stories, did nature identification, and played mad libs while sitting on hay bales and roasting hot dogs.
- T-Shirt. Everyone painted their own shirt to remember Reading Day.
- Reading Café (with gingham tablecloths, place settings, and accordions playing quietly in the background). Children moved between tables at timed intervals to “taste” different genres.

We wholeheartedly thank all the moms for the tremendous work they did to make this day fabulous! To help us in person were Shayne, Sarah, Sheila, Daelen, Carrie, Tabitha, Karla, Jen, Eloné, Kit, Heather, and Becky, and there were others who helped behind the scenes with things like setting up and providing amazing food. Mr. Stewart was there, too, taking pictures for the yearbook. The kids loved the event, and the sphere in the school was marvelous. Thank you so much for all the support!

– Leona Fritch (3rd/4th), Suzanne King (K), Vivienne Riley (5th/6th), and Anthea Stewart (1st/2nd)

The High School Had Fun Too: Also on Wednesday, the 9th-12th grade enjoyed the second in a speaker series on Pathways to Jobs, designed to broaden our knowledge of what jobs are out there and how we all follow different paths after we leave school. Whatever our fields of interest, we can benefit from hearing about others’ experiences. Yesterday we heard from Schuyler Heinrichs (a consultant in logistics), Kiri Rogers (on psychology and social work), and Steve King (on being a prosthetist). Thank you to our speakers for their stimulating presentations.

2022-2023 Kempton New Church School Calendar is attached.

KNC/KNCS Still Seeks Someone willing to change light bulbs, fluorescent tubes, and fluorescent light-fixture ballasts from time to time. Would not require any purchasing. Please call Dale Smith or Carla Kerr at 610-756-6140 if you think you can help. Thanks for considering it.

New Church Day Craft Sale: Saturday, June 11. Society Room. New Church Day commemorates the day (June 19, 1770) the Lord sent His disciples around the spiritual world to preach the gospel that the Lord God Jesus Christ reigns (TCR 791), so this seems a good time of year to encourage the making of beautiful and useful things—to share with others—that reflect the doctrines of the New Church. Whether it's traditional artwork, household items, or adornments, it would be really neat to have items inspired by stories or concepts from the Sacred Scripture or the Heavenly Doctrine available, and we'd like to involve all ages in the endeavor. So, crafters and artisans—start thinking about and creating church-themed things to share! More details to follow. Please contact me (Ayisha) if you're interested in having a table for your work. - Ayisha Synnestvedt and Natalie Buick

From Caleb's Café: Starting on Monday, May 2, the café will be closed for just a few weeks that will be tricky for our family. We will return later in the month, so watch for the date. At that time, we'll also share our changing hours for the summer months, and possibly have some new menu items! Thank you for your understanding. We will miss seeing our customers but will be back before you know it! – Roxanne and Caleb

Chair Yoga Classes! *With the exception of May 19*, classes are happening on Thursdays at 10:30 A.M. at Old School Village. Again, anyone and everyone can benefit from this, even the most inflexible of us. In fact, the more inflexible you are, the more you need this easily accessible yoga which will open up your energy channels and improve all aspects of your life. Classes are donation based, one smile being the sole entry requirement, which if you can't muster before the class, I'm guessing you'll be able to by the end, so you might as well give it a try. If interested, please contact me. – Kerry Smith

A BIT MORE

What are heavy? Sea-sand and sorrow:
What are brief? To-day and to-morrow:
What are frail? Spring blossoms and youth:
What are deep? The ocean and truth.

– Georgina Christina Rossetti

The Bird's Nest

I know a place, in the ivy on a tree,
Where a bird's nest is, and the eggs are three,
And the bird is brown, and the eggs are blue,
And the twigs are old, but the moss is new,
And I go quite near, though I think I should have heard
The sound of me watching, if I had been a bird.

– John Drinkwater

Afternoon on a Hill

I will be the gladdest thing
Under the sun!
I will touch a hundred flowers
And not pick one.
I will look at cliffs and clouds
With quiet eyes,
Watch the wind bow down the grass,
And the grass rise.
And when lights begin to show
Up from the town,
I will mark which must be mine,
And then start down!

– Edna St. Vincent Millay

Hushabye my darling
Don't you make a peep
Little creatures everywhere
Are settling down to sleep

Fishes in the millpond
Goslings in the barn
Kitten by the fireside
Baby in my arms

Listen to the raindrops
Singing you to sleep
Hushabye my darling
Don't you make a peep.

– Clyde Watson