



KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – July 2022

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FREEDOM OF CHOICE

Luke 13:19-31

And there was a certain rich man, and he wore crimson and fine linen, making merry splendidly every day. And there was a certain pauper named Lazarus, who was laid at his gate with sores, and longing to be satisfied from the crumbs which fell from the table of the rich man; but even the dogs came and licked his sores.

And it came to pass that the pauper died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died, and was buried; and in hell, lifting up his eyes, being in torments, he sees Abraham from far off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

And calling out he said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am grieved in this flame.

But Abraham said, Child, remember that thou didst receive thy good things in thy life, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted, but thou art grieved. And besides all these things, between us and you a great gulf is fixed, so that they who will to pass from hence to you cannot, neither can they cross over from thence to us.

And he said, I beseech thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

Abraham says to him, They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them. And he said, No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead went to them, they will repent.

And he said to him, If they hear not Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one should rise again from the dead.

True Christian Religion 500

If man could have been created without freedom of choice in spiritual things, what would have been more easy for an omnipotent God than to lead all the inhabitants of the world to believe in the Lord? Could He not have implanted this faith in everyone, both without means and by means, without means by His absolute power and its irresistible operation, which is unceasing in its efforts to save man; or by means, through torments brought upon man's conscience, or through mortal convulsions of the body and awful threats of death, if he did not receive that faith; or still further, by the opening of hell and the presence of devils therefrom holding frightful torches in their hands, or by calling forth therefrom the dead whom they had known, in the forms of fearful specters? But to all this there is a reply in the words of Abraham to the rich man in hell: *If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rose from the dead* (Luke 16:31).

PASTOR'S NOTES

Like the rich man in this parable, we have Moses and the Prophets. The Lord gives us the Word and the Heavenly Doctrine. He gives us freedom and rationality. And He loves us too much to force us against our will to live according to His Word. We have to decide to do that. And we have to decide to do that here on earth.

The Lord will not force us to repent through a miracle. That will not change our loves. Only choices from the Lord, based on His Word, will truly make us better people. As the Lord teaches in *True Christian Religion*, "that which is not received by man in freedom of choice does not remain" (TCR 500).

Freedom is such a fundamental aspect of order that the Lord could not even create us for heaven without giving us the freedom to choose. As we celebrate freedom on the 4th of July this year, we can also celebrate the freedom the Lord has given us to be able to choose Him.

HOLY SUPPER will be offered this month on Friday the 22nd at 6:30 P.M. “When in a holy state a man thinks of bread, as for instance of the bread in the Holy Supper, or of the ‘daily bread’ in the Lord’s Prayer, then the thought which the man has about bread serves the angels who are with him as an objective representative for thinking about the good of love which is from the Lord” (AC 3735).

COMBINED SERVICES in the SUMMER:

Parents, please note that combined services are coming up on July 3 and 24, and on August 7.

These begin with a children’s talk, as with a Sunday School Service, but 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 adult sermon (making sure people outside are not within the view of worshippers inside). All children, wherever they are, must be supervised by adults to protect them from hurting others or being hurt. Thank you to parents for pulling together to maintain a safe and orderly environment.

In the case of rain, certain indoor spaces may be used in addition to the barn, but please remember that close supervision matters in these spaces that are developed, used, and cared for by those who work in the school. All places should be left as you find them. **Available in bad weather only:** 1st-2nd, 5th-6th, and 7th-8th classrooms, and the Commons, located on the far (east) end of the school addition.

WOODS / OUTDOOR SERVICES: On Sunday July 31, August 28, and September 25, 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** (this is a change from last summer, when the 9:00 A.M. service would be cancelled on a rainy day).

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.

PASTOR’S COUNCIL MTG. of JUNE 12: We discussed the Klein’s Hill property and what sorts of church uses it could serve. Based on the feedback I received, I have decided that logistical factors as well as the heat of the summer make the current

Woods Service location the best place for outdoor worship for now. But I am considering holding a Friday evening Holy Supper at the Klein’s Hill location this fall. Stay tuned for more information on that.

We also discussed various LGBTQ demonstrations that occurred this past spring at educational institutions associated with the General Church. The discussion focused on what we can learn from these demonstrations about how to do things differently here. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

The JUNE 19TH CELEBRATION was LOVELY.

Thank you to Becky and Jordan Cooper and all the volunteers who took part in bringing us such a precious pageant. Thank you also to Heather King and the whole team of people who made the beautiful New Church Day gifts for the children. *“The Lord, God Jesus Christ reigns, whose kingdom shall be for ages and ages” (TCR 791).*

SUMMER DOCTRINAL CLASSES: We are offering three classes on the 1877 three-fascicle publication called *Words for the New Church* (the authors were not named).

The readings for the first two classes are attached here. Paper copies can be picked up on the counter at the church office. Readings for the third class will be attached to the August newsletter.

Location: Old School Village lounge, at 7:30 P.M.
Dates (Wednesdays): July 13 (Brett Buick), August 3 (Lawson Smith), and August 17 (Andy Heilman)

Words for the New Church is what got the Academy movement started and led to the establishment of the General Church. (For a further explanation of this, feel free to contact Lawson, Andy, or me.) The prologue begins:

“The Heavenly Doctrines as unfolded in the Writings of Swedenborg we joyously take as our guide in conducting the serial. Indeed as we come into a more searching culture of these Writings, we discover more and more the vastness of their scope. They find us everywhere. And these Doctrines being themselves Divine are the measure of all else...What more therefore can we have...than these grand disclosures which are the final analysis of all that has respect to GOD, and to Man, and to the relation between the two?”

JULY 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, July 3, 10:00 A.M. COMBINED SERVICE
Please see “Pastor’s Notes” regarding this kind of service. *Usher/Setup:* George Cauffman

Sunday, July 10, 10:00 A.M. Family Service
Usher/Setup: Theo Judson
(Family Soccer this day at 3:00 P.M.)

Sunday, July 17, 9:00 A.M. Young Child’s Service
Location: Commons in the school addition
Setup: Matt and Daelen Saltzer
10:00 A.M. Family Service
Usher/Setup: Kenan Smith
(Family Soccer this day at 3:00 P.M.)

Friday, July 22, 6:30 P.M. HOLY SUPPER
Usher: Roy Odhner

Sun, July 24, 10:00 A.M. COMBINED SERVICE
Please see “Pastor’s Notes” regarding this kind of service. *Usher/Setup:* Derrick Lumsden

Sunday, July 31

If not raining:

9:00 A.M. Family Service. Live streamed
10:00 A.M. WOODS Family Service
Usher/Setup for Woods: C. McQueen & James King

If raining:

9:00 A.M. Family Service
10:00 A.M. Woods Service indoors. Live streamed
Usher/Setup: 10:00 AM Curtis McQueen & James King
(Family Soccer this day at 3:00 P.M.)

CLASS

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, July 13, 7:30 P.M.

“Words for the New Church” Part 1 (with Brett Buick). See “Pastor’s Notes.”
Location: Old School Village lounge (3656 Rt 737)
Readings are attached here and can also be picked up at the church office counter.

MEETING

Tuesday, July 12, 7:30 P.M. Board Meeting. Library

EARLY AUGUST CLASSES and WORSHIP

Wednesday, August 3, 7:30 P.M., Doctrinal class:
“Words for the New Church” Part 2 (with Lawson Smith). See “Pastor’s Notes.”
Location: Old School Village lounge (3656 Rt 737)
Readings are attached here and can also be picked up at the church office counter.

Sunday, August 7, 10:00 A.M. COMBINED SERVICE
Please see “Pastor’s Notes” regarding this kind of service. *Usher/Setup:* Ted LaMastra

EVENTS**REGULAR THINGS:**

Every Tuesday, 9:00-10:00 A.M. Weeding at the church and school – with the EXCEPTION of July 5.

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

Every Friday & Saturday, 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Caleb’s Café – with the EXCEPTION of the first two weekends of July (1st/2nd and 8th/9th)

Friday, July 1, Movie Night at Old School Village
6:30 P.M. – doors open. 7:00 P.M. movie starts.
See “Announcements” for more detail.

Saturday, July 2

You are invited to the wedding of
Bennett Buick and Alison Cole

4:00 P.M. at the Kempton New Church
Special music begins at 3:30 P.M.

“From Jehovah this has been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes.”

Psalm 118:23



Sunday, July 3 – NO Family Soccer

Monday, July 4, 4:00 P.M. onward. Independence Day gathering at Chris and Heather Smith’s (741 Old Philly Pike, Kempton).
See “Announcements” for the glorious details.

Tuesday, July 5 – No weeding at the church and school today.

Friday, July 8, Movie Night at Old School Village
6:30 P.M. – doors open. 7:00 P.M. movie starts.
See “Announcements” for more detail.

Sunday, July 10, 3:00 P.M. Family Soccer

Friday, July 15, Movie Night at Old School Village
6:30 P.M. – doors open. 7:00 P.M. movie starts.
See “Announcements” for more detail.

Sunday, July 17, 3:00 P.M. Family Soccer

Friday, July 22, 8:00 A.M.

DEADLINE for submitting notices for the August newsletter. This may seem a bit early, but the summer plans of those in the Pastor’s Office require it. Thanks for looking ahead.

Sat., July 23, Movie Afternoon at Old School Village
2:00 P.M. – doors open. 2:30 P.M. movie starts. See “Announcements” for more detail.

Sunday, July 24 – NO Family Soccer

Sat., July 30, Movie Afternoon at OSV
2:00 P.M. – doors open. 2:30 P.M. movie starts.
See “Announcements” for more detail.

Sunday, July 31, 3:00 P.M. Family Soccer

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Such Joyous News: We celebrate the June 24th birth of Abigail Marie, infant daughter of Sarah and Schuyler Heinrichs. May the Lord bless Abigail and her family always. “Sweet joy I call thee; Thou dost smile. I sing the while; Sweet joy befall thee.” - Blake

Warmest Congratulations! With much happiness, Seth and Heather King announce the engagement of Levi King and Kayla Swartley. “*This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.*” (Psalm 118:24)

Enrolled in Heaven: Maraika Celestin Hendricks was baptized into the New Church on Sunday, June 12. May the Lord bless Maraika forever. “*And Jesus, calling a little child, set him in the midst of them and said, Amen I say to you...whoever shall receive one such little child in my name receives Me....*” (Matt 18:1-5)

Thank You: Dear Friends, We are excited to be new members of the Kempton New Church. Thank you so much for your warm welcome and thoughtful gift box. We have already begun using your gifts as we unpack and organize our house. We look forward to getting to know everyone and becoming active in the uses of the Kempton New Church congregation. Sincerely, Cedric and Janice Lumsden

ANNIVERSARIES

The [angel] wife appeared through the crystal partition and said to her husband, “Speak, if you please.” And when he spoke, the life of wisdom from his wife was perceived in his speech; for her love was in the tone of his voice. Thus experience bore witness to truth (Conjugal Love 56:5).

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

Ken and Ingrid Klicker

on the 2nd – 39 years

Gavin and Anthea Stewart

on the 5th – 25 years

John and Alexandra Cole

on the 7th – 15 years

Matt and Daelen Saltzer

on the 12th – 14 years

Brandon and Char Jungé

on the 16th – 39 years

Anders and Juliet Smith

on the 18th – 7 years

Thaddeus and Kaemmerle Glenn

on the 20th – 20 years



From Your CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

Thank you to all our donors and volunteers who helped us achieve a balanced budget for the year which just ended June 30th. We are blessed by your generosity. If you haven’t started donating to the Kempton New Church yet, please reach out to Mark Wyncoll, Contributions Chair, or Ian Keal, Treasurer, to discuss a giving level and cadence that works for both your budget and desire to support the church.

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS cont.

Listening: Would you like to start your morning listening to passages from the Word? “All the Year Round” is a podcast that features a daily reading from the Sacred Scripture and the Heavenly Doctrine of the New Church. You can find it at alltheyearround.buzzsprout.com, or by searching for “All the Year Round” on your favorite podcast app. I hope you find it useful! – Rev. Coleman Glenn

LET FREEDOM RING! You're invited to celebrate Independence Day on July 4th at Chris and Heather Smith's! (**If it rains**, festivities will happen in the pavilion.)

Order of events (come to some or all!):

- 4:00 P.M. – Start showing up
- 4:15 P.M. – **Parade** on Smith's property – walking people, cars, and trucks all welcome! Put together a float or just wear your best red, white, and blue swag!
- **Races** to follow, led by Calvin and Maggie Odhner
- 6 P.M. – **Flag presented** by Laif Judson, followed by the Pledge and a song
- **Picnic** to follow. Please bring your own picnic, drinks, and chairs.

Smiths are providing tables for bring-and-brag desserts, coolers with ice for general use, restrooms, and trash cans.

If this fun line up hasn't enticed you to come yet, Torrey and Kit Cooper are bringing water balloons for the balloon toss, Calvin Heinrichs (with Liza and Siegfried) is bringing a volleyball net, and Seth King is deciding which of his awesome vehicles will come along. And SpaceX's newest rocket may be in the parade before heading off to Mars!

Feel free to call any one of us with questions – Heather Smith, Katrin Jungé, and Maggie Odhner



MOVIE NIGHTS & MATINEES AT OLD SCHOOL VILLAGE:

We at OSV invite you watch some movies and TV shows with us during July! Some at night, some in the afternoon. **Every family has different standards about what their kids watch. For more specific details about a movie, contact Ayisha Synnestvedt.**

- Friday evening, July 1
Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (1939)
6:30 PM - doors open. **7:00 PM - movie starts promptly.**

In preparation for Independence Day, we offer this celebration of American ideals. Down-home, idealistic Mr. Smith gets appointed senator by shady politicians who think he'll be too naive to get in their way. But Mr. Smith enters so eagerly into his job that he unwittingly begins to threaten their underhanded schemes. Family friendly apart from some inebriation, but probably most interesting to middle school on up.

- Friday evening, July 8
It Started with Eve (1941)
6:30 PM - doors open. **7:00 PM - movie starts promptly**
A son visits his father's deathbed and, unable to find his new fiancée at a crucial moment, hires a baggage check girl to play her for just one evening. Instead of dying, his father shows marked improvement and of course expects to see his supposed future daughter-in-law the next day, and the next. And a very quotable comedy ensues. Family friendly, but check with Ayisha.

- Friday evening, July 15
Amazing Grace (2007)
6:30 PM - doors open. **7:00 PM - movie starts promptly.**
This story of William Wilberforce's fight to end the slave trade in the UK is politically fascinating and periodically heart-wrenching. As it includes a lot of Parliamentary debates, and also deals with some rough subjects, we recommend High School on up.

- Saturday matinee, July 23
The Adventures of Robin Hood (1938)
2:00 PM - doors open. **2:30 PM - movie starts promptly.**
This Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland movie is deservedly a classic. Fighting injustice and oppression; fabulous costumes and score; epic swordplay -- what's not to love? Family friendly.

- Saturday matinee, July 30
The Life and Legend of Wyatt Earp (1955-1961)
2:00 PM - doors open. **2:30 PM - films start promptly.**
This wholesome series was the first TV western geared towards adults as well as kids (i.e. horses get groomed and watered; deaths cause grief; Wyatt actually has a fast draw), and it was soon followed by many others, though *Wyatt Earp* is modest and gentle compared to the gritty dramas that came after it: there's no cynicism and no gore, though there are plenty of gun- and fist-fights. We'll watch several 25-minute episodes from the Dodge City days. Family friendly. If kids come, Ayisha's stuffed animal Owly will probably host and commentate, as this is his favorite TV series.

Lost and Found: This thing. On the church lawn.
Call church office to claim.



Reminder to KNCS Parents: Deadline for student health forms to be sent to the school office is Friday, August 5. Please be in touch if you can't meet it. Thanks!

Resurrection Services in Bryn Athyn: If you would like to be notified of resurrection services that happen in Bryn Athyn, the KNC office can pass this information along to you. Please contact this office to be added to the email list.

A BIT MORE

Concord Hymn

By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,
Here once the embattled farmers stood,
And fired the shot heard round the world,
The foe long since in silence slept,
Alike the Conqueror silent sleeps,
And Time the ruined bridge has swept
Down the dark stream which seaward creeps.
On this green bank, by this soft stream,
We set to-day a votive stone,
That memory may their deed redeem,
When like our sires our sons are gone.
Spirit! who made those freemen dare
To die, or leave their children free,
Bid time and nature gently spare
The shaft we raise to them and Thee.

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

Heron Rises from the Dark, Summer Pond

So heavy
is the long-necked, long-bodied heron,
always it is a surprise
when her smoke-colored wings

open
and she turns
from the thick water,
from the black sticks

of the summer pond,
and slowly
rises into the air
and is gone.

Then, not for the first or the last time,
I take the deep breath
of happiness, and I think
how unlikely it is

that death is a hole in the ground,
how improbable
that ascension is not possible,
though everything seems so inert, so nailed

back into itself--
the muskrat and his lumpy lodge,
the turtle,
the fallen gate.

And especially it is wonderful
that the summers are long
and the ponds so dark and so many,
and therefore it isn't a miracle

but the common thing,
this decision,
this trailing of the long legs in the water,
this opening up of the heavy body

into a new life: see how the sudden
gray-blue sheets of her wings
strive toward the wind; see how the clasp of nothing
takes her in.

– Mary Oliver

Singing in Chains

“Time held me green and dying
Though I sang in my chains like the sea.”

– Dylan Thomas

If the earth's oceans must crawl
responsive to the laws of the moon,
all seed and soil alter to the sun,
and the old disrupted crust,
earth's mantle, work its way in chunks
to a changing surface
by force of changing heat
and the prodding of unnumbered
smaller rocks—
this would seem law enough
for us to render court.
But natural law derives its course
from spiritual law too perfect to observe
but by an affirmation of the soul.
Laws, limits, chains direct us in the world—
but it is not these that so much chafe
as the small dictation of our own desires
that never rest, are not seasonal,
but wake us with craving every day
and order our dreams to slave
for excess all the endless nights;
until we finally rise
hungry for something finer
and try our hearts at choosing chains more kind—
the hand as in a dance
beneath which we consent to bow.

– Janna King

I shall be satisfied with Thy semblance when I awake. Ps 17:15