



KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – January 2023

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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20:3, 7-8, 12

Thou shalt have no other gods before My faces¹....

Thou shalt not take the name of Jehovah thy God in vain; for Jehovah will not hold him innocent who takes His name in vain....

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be prolonged upon the ground that Jehovah thy God is giving to thee....

Thou shalt not murder.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not answer against thy neighbor as a false witness.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

True Christian Religion 282

There is not a nation in the whole world which does not know that it is wicked to murder, to commit adultery, to steal, and to bear false witness, and that kingdoms, republics, and every form of organized society, unless these evils were guarded against by laws, would be at an end. Who then can suppose that the Israelitish nation was so stupid beyond all others as not to know that these are evils? Anyone therefore may wonder that laws so universally known in the world should have been promulgated from Mount Sinai by Jehovah Himself in so miraculous a way. But listen: they were promulgated in so miraculous a way to make known that these laws are not only civil and moral laws, but also Divine laws; and that acting contrary to them is not only doing evil to the neighbor, that is,

¹ "The signification of 'faces,' when predicated of God, is love, mercy, peace, good, thus the Lord Himself, for it is the Lord from whom these are" (AC 8867).

to a fellow citizen and society, but is also sinning against God. Wherefore these laws, by their promulgation by Jehovah from Mount Sinai, were made also laws of religion. Evidently whatever Jehovah commands, He commands in order that it may be a matter of religion, and thus something to be done for the sake of salvation.

Pastor's Notes

This past Sunday we began a series of six Sunday services on the Ten Commandments. To go along with the topic of the sermon for each of these weeks, booklets on the Ten Commandments containing passages from the Sacred Scripture and the Heavenly Doctrine are available in the society room.

Several Winter Study groups have formed to meet and discuss these passages on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. If you would like to engage in a deeper study of the Ten Commandments with a group of fellow Kempton New Churchmen, I can connect you with an existing group or a new group can be formed.

This topic is of particular importance to our salvation and our efforts to truly be New Church. As the Lord teaches in *True Christian Religion* 282 "He commands in order that it may be a matter of religion, and thus something to be done for the sake of salvation."

HOLY SUPPER will be offered this month at Old School Village on Friday, January 20th at 4:30 p.m.

And Jesus said to them, I am the Bread of Life; he who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

John 6:35

Thank You. We are grateful to those who provided our beautiful Christmas tableaux, it is such a wonderful worship service. Special thanks to the Youth Group members who helped out so much this year too!

Another Thank You. Several of you spent a good part of your Christmas day helping fix a leak at the church and school. And some of you also spent a good portion of the week after Christmas finishing up the job. Thank you very much for taking time out of your Christmas to help us out!

West End Renovation Project. Here are the results of the West End Renovation vote:

Corner Entrance: 66 votes (61%)
Center Entrance: 24 votes (22%)
Other: 19 votes (17%)

Thank you all very much for participating in the process and thank you to the Building Committee and especially Wendy Wyncoll for all the hours and hours of work put into getting to this point.

The comments that you have provided will be forwarded to the Building Committee in the coming weeks so that the committee can begin the work of developing a detailed plan and cost estimate based on the corner entrance concept.

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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, January 8, 10:00 a.m. Family Service.
Usher/Setup: George Cauffman*

*Sunday, January 15, 9:00 a.m. Young Child's service. Setup: Matt and Sheila Heiter
10:00 a.m. Family Service. Usher/Setup: Cairn King*

Friday, January 20, 4:30 p.m. Holy Supper at Old School Village. Usher/Setup: Bengt Boyesen

Sunday, January 22, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service. Usher/Setup: Eli Heiter

*Sunday, January 29, 10:00 a.m. Family Service.
Usher/Setup: John Cole*

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, January 4, 10:30am.
Winter Study (with Lawson Smith) at Old School Village Lounge.*

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Winter Study (with Lawson Smith) at Old School Village Lounge.*

*Friday, January 20, 7:15 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Youth Group Conjugal Love class. At Cade and Caelwen Cole's.*

MEETINGS

*Tuesday, January 17, 7:30 p.m. Pastor's Council.
Location TBD.*

Tuesday, January 24, 7:30 p.m. Board Meeting. In the Library.

From Your CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

Thank you to all our donors and volunteers for such a wonderful Christmas season of celebration and reflection. We all are warmed by the shared focus on the Lord's birth into our lives. Please consider supporting the work of the church with a recurring donation, easily made through our website by clicking on the offertory bowl icon, or simply by mailing directly from your financial institution to PO Box 140, Kempton, PA 19529. Have a happy New Year Friends! Mark for the Contributions Committee

EVENTS

Friday, January 27, FEAST OF CHARITY. Supper at 6:30 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., Rev. Matthew Genzlinger will be giving a talk on his November 2022 trip to Israel.

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS**Assistance for the families of fallen New Tripoli firefighters:**

As you may know, two members of the New Tripoli fire company tragically died entering a burning building looking for missing persons thought to still be inside. The concern now turns to the needs of the fireman's families. Zachary Paris, 36, was married for 12 years and has two daughters. Marvin Gruber, 59, was married for 35 years to his high-school sweetheart Karen. They had two children and two grandchildren. It was thought that a direct gift from the Kempton New Church might add a personal touch at a time when that might really be needed.

Donations to this can be written to Kempton New Church, earmarked for fireman fund, and sent to Kenan Smith our treasurer. Donations can also be dropped off to Jen at the secretary's desk.

Take-them-a-Meal: Sara Smith had surgery on her hand over a week ago, and Kit Cooper has kindly set up a meal schedule to help her out.

Recipient's Last Name: Smith

Password: 1719

Link to Meal Schedule:

www.TakeThemAMeal.com/FVEI7973

Baptism: *Felicity May Smith*, on December 4, 2022. Felicity is the daughter of Kenan and Kathleen Smith.

Baptism: *Logan Blair King*, on December 30, 2022. Logan is the son of Adam and Aven King.

Confirmation: *Laban Gustav Genzlinger*, on January 1, 2023.

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Revelation 22:17

Shop Night: Friday, January 13, 7:30-11:00 p.m., for a little comradery. Bring a drink or snack to share. Call with any questions. – Roger Schrock

Bryn Athyn Directories: \$2 each. If you would like one (or more) of these, please contact me right away, and I will order. Thanks – Jen McQueen

Wreath Fundraiser Update:

14 yards and properties offered for greens

+ 1 barn

+ 39 ladies of all ages

+ 59 wreaths (from a 4 foot mammoth to a 6 inch mini)

= \$1,272 for the Kempton New Church and School

Many thanks to all the support for this great cause from this fantastic community!

Katrin

Ladies' Handwork: Ladies' Handwork will resume 3-5:00 pm, Wed. Jan 11th at the OSV lounge, and continue weekly. Girls and ladies of all ages are invited to bring whatever crafts/handwork/art they wish. (You do not have to feel like you do "real handwork" in order to attend). Youngish boys and babies also welcome; there are toys and books for kids not interested in handwork, and puzzles for people who want something to do with their hands but don't have a craft. I like to make sure there are hot drinks and snacks, but would appreciate help providing them. If you wish specific help with knitting, Anna Volden is willing to teach whenever she's there. Additionally, if there's something else you've been wanting to try out, or would be willing to help teach someone, talk to me, Ayisha.Synnestvedt@gmail.com, 215-407-3001, as it would be neat to add occasional instruction for those eager to try new things or improve their skills. (I'd like to learn crochet, for instance, but don't have anyone to teach me.) I will also be adding a short story time in January. Come for the first hour if you'd like to hear a children's book read aloud.

SCHOOL NEWS

Friday, January 13. KNCS First Semester Ends.

Monday, January 16. NO SCHOOL for KNCS.
School resumes Tuesday, January 17.

Saturday, January 28, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
WORK PARTY at the church and school.

ANNIVERSARIES

Genuine conjugal love is not possible except between two consorts, that is, in the marriage of one man with one wife, and by no means with more than one at the same time; for the reason that conjugal love is mutual and reciprocal, and is the alternate life of the one in the other, so that they are as it were a one.

Arcana Coelestia 2739

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

Eugene and Andri Muth

on the 2nd – 58 years

Steve and Janis King

on the 20th – 50 years

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