



KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – June 2023

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FOLLOWING THE LAMB WHEREVER HE GOES

Revelation 14:1-5

1 And I saw, and behold a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him a hundred forty-four thousand, having His Father’s name written on their foreheads.

2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of great thunder; and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps.

3 And they sang as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four animals, and the elders; and no one was able to learn the song except the hundred forty-four thousand who had been bought from the earth.

4 These are they who were not polluted with women, for they are virgins; these are they who follow the Lamb wherever He goes; these were bought from men, the firstfruits to God and the Lamb.

5 And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are spotless before the throne of God.

Apocalypse Revealed 612

“These are they who follow the Lamb wherever He goes,” signifies that they are conjoined with the Lord by love and faith in Him, because they have lived according to His commandments.

Arcana Coelestia 3325.6

“Virgins” denote the good of love to the Lord and of charity toward the neighbor, thus those who are in innocence, which is also signified by “following the Lamb.”

PASTOR’S NOTES

This year as we prepare for celebrating the birth of the New Church, we can think about how the Lord is described as a lamb in the book of Revelation. This helps us see that the Lord is innocence itself and that the New Church is a church that will be drawn to innocence—a church that is willing to follow the Lord wherever He goes.

But innocence is not something that is gained all at once and it is certainly something that can be lost and then regained. The more we see where we have made mistakes, the more innocent we can become as we choose to follow the Lord in ways we haven’t before.

Following the Lamb is something we can do more and more throughout our lives, but it is not something we do perfectly here on earth from start to finish. We have to work hard at becoming more innocent, at following the Lord wherever He goes.

To become more innocent is a choice. So as we celebrate the beginning of the New Church this June 19th, let’s celebrate innocence and look for ways to become more innocent ourselves.

HOLY SUPPER will be offered this month on Sunday, June 18th at 7:30 p.m. at the church. This service will be similar to the one we do before Easter. There will be extended readings about the establishment of the New Church from the *Book of Revelation* and *Apocalypse Revealed*.

Happy are they who have been called to the wedding supper of the Lamb.
Revelation 19:9

WE WILL CELEBRATE NEW CHURCH DAY on Monday, June 19, at 5:00 P.M. See “June Worship” for details.

SUMMER “SUNDAY SCHOOL” SERVICES: 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 1st-2nd, 5th-6th, and 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 25, July 30, August 27, and September 24), 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, Calvin, Lawson, and I are offering a four class series on "What the Heavenly Doctrine Testifies Concerning Itself." The classes are based on a collection of passages first put together in 1902 by Rev. Carl Theophilus Odhner. In 1960 the Rev. Hugo Odhner published the set of passages again and wrote:

"The object in the present compilation is to present, simply and clearly, those teachings which most directly describe the nature of the revelation given through Swedenborg, who subscribed himself 'the Servant of the Lord Jesus Christ.'"

We hope you will enjoy the classes. We will have the collection of passages available before the first class.

Location: Old School Village Lounge

Dates (Mondays): July 7, July 31, August 7, August 21

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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, June 4, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service.
Usher/Setup: Rich Sidella*

*Sunday, June 11
9:00 a.m. Young Child's Marionette Service.
Setup: Dale and Tovah Smith*

10:00 a.m. Sermon Service.
Usher/Setup: RC Storch.

This service will be like the second half of a Sunday School Service (lessons from the Word and the Heavenly Doctrine followed by a sermon). All are welcome to attend.

*Sunday, June 18
10:00 a.m. Sermon Service. Usher/Setup: Gavin Stewart
7:30 p.m. Holy Supper. Usher: TBD*

*Monday, June 19, 5:00 p.m. New Church Day Pageant. Ushers: Brandon Jungé, Brahm Cole
Followed by gifts for the children and a bring-your-own picnic with potluck dessert.*

*Sunday, June 25
If not raining:
9:00 a.m. Family Service Indoors
10:00 a.m. Woods Service. Usher/Setup: Curtis McQueen, Theo Judson
If raining:
9:00 a.m. Family Service
10:00 a.m. Family Service Indoors. Usher/Setup: Curtis McQueen, Theo Judson*

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, June 7, 7:30 p.m.

Men's Conjugal Love class (with Judah Synnestvedt) at Old School Village Lounge.

Wednesday, June 14, 7:30 p.m.

Men's Conjugal Love class (with Judah Synnestvedt) at Old School Village Lounge.

Wednesday, June 21, 7:30 p.m.

Men's Conjugal Love class (with Judah Synnestvedt) at Old School Village Lounge.

Wednesday, June 28, 7:30 p.m.

Men's Conjugal Love class (with Judah Synnestvedt) at Old School Village Lounge.

From Your CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

Great News!

- We are ahead of Budget on Basket Contributions
- We are ahead of Budget on Regular Contributions
- We are on track for all Other Fundraising
- We are ahead of Budget for Tuition

Thanks are due to all our volunteers for keeping the operations lean. Thanks to all our contributors, both local and remote, for their dedication and determination to help the Kempton New Church remain financially balanced.

And a particular note of thanks for all the folks who have come before us in the society for their collective support. Your School and Maintenance endowments are testaments to the foresight and generosity and careful planning of many.

If you would like to join us as a contributor, please speak to Treasurer Kenan Smith or a member of the Contributions Committee.

Many hands make light work. Every contributor helps spread the load and helps demonstrate support for the work of your church. Thanks for considering an annual contribution.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thaddeus Glenn

Roger Schrock

Kenan Smith, Treasurer

Mark Wyncoll, Chair

EVENTS

You are invited to the wedding of

Jared Owen Malachi Eads

And

Natalie Beatrice Buick

On Saturday, June 17th at 5 p.m.

Special Music begins at 4:30 p.m.

You are welcome to join in the celebration and festivities at an outdoor reception directly following the ceremony.

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Ladies Handwork: Every Wednesday, at 3:00 p.m., at Old School Village.

Weeding at the church/school: Every Tuesday, starting at 9:00 a.m., from June 13 through the end of the summer. All are welcome!

Dance Night will be on Saturday, June 24th in the Society Room. Short lesson period from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. followed by social dance from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Feel free to bring a snack to share.

Family Soccer will be held every Sunday from 3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. starting June 25th through the end of Autumn Weekends next fall. Come play (all ages and abilities welcome), or watch and socialize. Maybe you could even hold a baby! Contact Jordan Cooper with questions.

Feast of Charity: Friday, June 23, 6:30 p.m. Supper, 7:30 p.m. presentation by Theo Judson. The topic will be his recent trip to Morocco, where he studied for a semester.

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS**Children's Gifts for New Church Day on June**

19th: It's almost here, and I have a few important requests:

1. If your children cannot attend the 5:00 P.M. June 19th service, PLEASE let me know so I can hold their gifts separately for pickup another time. It is a small thing that really makes the job easier. Call or text me.
2. Please let me know of any visitors that will be attending the service, as we like to give a gift to every child.
3. We always seek donations to make the purchase of gifts and materials possible. If you are inspired to give to this use, please make checks to *Heart and Hand* and send to Judy Synnestvedt at 72 Mountain Road, Kempton, PA 19529. Thanks.
4. Finally, if your child no longer uses a gift or book from previous years, I am always glad to recycle, reuse, or rehome.

– Heather King (484-860-0973)

Congratulations: Jordan and Becky Cooper welcomed a girl, *Diana Gwendolyn*, on May 28, 2023. Best wishes to the family!

If you would like to make them a meal, follow the link below.

Recipient's last name: Cooper

Password: 2374

Link to Meal Schedule:

www.TakeThemAMeal.com/DUYO5279

Graduations:

CW2 Kendal S King graduated from the US Army Flight School with honors at Fort Novosel (formerly Fort Rucker) AL on 18 May, 2023. He is certified on the UH-60M model Blackhawk, and will soon begin his training with the PA Army National Guard as a Blackhawk Medevac pilot assigned to C Company, 2-104th AVN at Johnstown PA.

Phoenix King will graduate from the Lehigh Valley Charter School for the Arts, on June 12, 2023.

New Church Vineyard Update

General Church Education is excited to announce an update to our New Church Vineyard website. New Church Vineyard is an online library of resources to help children and adults learn about the Lord, His Word, and the purpose of life. The new interface, which has just been launched, offers a more visual, streamlined experience for users and a

wealth of new materials. Visit the site at www.newchurchvineyard.org <<http://www.newchurchvineyard.org>> to see our new collections, browse resources on key spiritual topics, and subscribe to our highlight emails. Let us know what you think.

Rachel Glenn

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Notice from the Heavenly Doctrines Publishing Foundation: Graduation or June 19th Gifts: if you are looking for a truly special gift, consider the following offerings available through the Heavenly Doctrines Publishing foundation and the Kempton Project:

-- A New Church translation of the Word, see thesacredscripture.org/theWord/

-- Newly available print-on-demand copies of classic translations of True Christian Religion, Conjugal Love, and Divine Love and Wisdom. See <https://heavenlydoctrinepublishing.org/books-for-purchase/>.

-- Good-quality, vintage, used copies of classic translations of the Heavenly doctrines, contact Gideon and Loretta Alden at algoose2@verizon.net
Regards, Dandridge Cole on behalf of the HDPF

Bekah Bumble Bee Studios: Hello everyone, this is Rebekah King. I am happy to announce that I've started a greeting card company. You can go to my Etsy shop and buy a digital download of a water-colored card, which you then can print at home. And, if you want physical cards, you can find some at Wanamaker's General Store.

Etsy Shop: [bekahbumblebee.etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com/shop/bekahbumblebee)

Official Website: bekahbumblebee.com

Gmail: bekahbumblebees@gmail.com

From the Albany Township Historical Society:

Next year is Kempton's 150th anniversary and the Albany Township Historical Society is planning a celebration. At this point, ideas are being presented ranging from doing several small events to one big one; another idea was that various organizations that already hold a yearly event could put a "150th spin" on it (i.e. Autumn Weekends). The committee is also looking for someone to lead it. For further

information, questions, or to join the 150th planning committee, contact Katrina Long at kdasmiley@yahoo.com, or call or text at 484-764-6916.

BACT (Bryn Athyn Community Theater) presents “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown”. Featuring Phoenix Fritch as Snoopy (he is also the music director!) See flyer attached to the email.

Help wanted: female to help elderly woman get ready for bed. It will be about 1 hour starting about 7:30 PM. Please call Susan at 756-6719 or 484-357-2192

For the taking - HISENSE electric portable air conditioner. Rolls from room to room. Digital temperature adjustment. Lightly used. Call Powells at 610-562-8506. Leave message.

SCHOOL NEWS

Kempton New Church School:

10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 9th is school closing. All are invited. Parents, please have your children in their classrooms between 9:45 and 9:55 a.m.

7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 9th. **High school Graduation.** All are invited. Lawn outside the Society Room.

Parents of KNCS students who use the bus: there will be no busing on Friday, June 9th.

Pretzel and Bake Sale: The KNCS Cooking elective is hosting a Pretzel and Bake Sale to raise money for the ingredients we used.

Friday June 9th: After School closing, we will be serving Homemade soft pretzel bites and root beer floats. Bring Cash!!

Sunday June 11th: The bake sale will be after church. There will be cookies, brownies, cakes, and other delicious goodies for purchase.

We hope to see you there! - KNCS Cooking Elective

Yearbooks for Sale: There are 5 extra yearbooks for sale (\$15 each). Call Jen or Leona if you’d like one!

ANNIVERSARIES

It was shown me how the delights from conjugal love advance... into blessedness and happiness continually more and more... and this with the greatest freedom, for all freedom is from love; and thus the greatest freedom is from conjugal love, and is heavenly freedom itself. *Arcana Coelestia* 2744

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

Jamen and Briana Schrock
on the 1st – 21 years

Bob and Marilyn Hunsaker
on the 7th – 65 years

Steve and Denise Hendricks
on the 7th - 48 years

Jordan and Becky Cooper
on the 9th – 16 years

Hugh and Margaret Heinrichs
on the 10th - 62 years

Josh and Shannon Weil
on the 11th - 7 years

Ian and Wellesley Keal
on the 12th – 47 years

Josh and Michele Brown
on the 13th - 25 years

Aaron and Anna Asplundh
on the 14th - 26 years

Dale and Gray Glenn
on the 21st - 54 years

Gale and Emily Smith
on the 24th - 63 years

Jesse and Leona Fritch
on the 27th - 25 years

Seth and Heather King
on the 29th - 27 years

Justin and Anndwyn Hendricks
on the 29th - 15 years

Cairn and Seni King
on the 30th - 16 years

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