



KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – September 2023

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BEWARE THE LEAVEN OF THE PHARISEES

Exodus 12:18-20

18 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, in the evening, you shall eat what is unleavened, until the one and twentieth day of the month, in the evening.

19 Seven days, yeast shall not be found in your houses; for all who eat that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, among the sojourner, and among the native of the land.

20 You shall not eat anything leavened; in all your dwellings you shall eat unleavened bread.

Matthew 16:6-12

6 And Jesus said to [the disciples], See ye and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

7 And they reasoned within themselves, saying, It is because we have not taken bread.

8 And Jesus, knowing, said to them, Why do you reason within yourselves, O you of little faith, because you have not taken bread?

9 Do you not yet consider, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets you took?

10 Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets you took?

11 How do you not consider that it was not concerning bread that I said to you, You should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees?

12 Then they understood that He did not say they should beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Arcana Coelestia 7906

The frequent prohibition against eating what is leavened... involves that the utmost caution is to be used against falsity. This utmost caution against falsity is to be used in order that man may be in good. Falsity does not agree with good, but destroys good; for falsity is of evil, and truth is of good. If

falsity is appropriated, that is, firmly believed, there is no reception of the good of innocence, consequently no liberation from damnation.

PASTOR'S NOTES

This Sunday, September 3, is a Holy Supper Service. When we think about what the Lord says about leaven in the law of the Passover given in *Exodus* and about the leaven of the Pharisees in the gospels, we can see why unleavened bread is what the Lord used when He instituted the Holy Supper and why we follow His example in this most holy act of worship.

The Lord teaches in the *Arcana* that “‘bread’ signifies in general all celestial and spiritual food, thus celestial and spiritual things in general.... That these should be free from everything impure was represented by bread without leaven; for ‘leaven’ signifies that which is evil and false, by which celestial and spiritual things are rendered impure and profane” (AC 2342).

Leaven especially seems to be the false idea that anything good and true can come from us (AC 7902). And as the Holy Supper is an act of worship dependent upon correspondences (TCR 701), an awareness of what leaven means can help us enter more interiorly into the uses and benefits of Holy Supper. If we can take the unleavened bread of the Holy Supper, thinking of the pure good that comes from the Lord, knowing that all good is from Him alone, we will be able to be conjoined more closely with Him.

HOLY SUPPER will be offered this month during the Sunday Service on September 3 and Friday, September 15 at 4:30 p.m. at Old School Village.

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

SUMMER “SUNDAY SCHOOL” SERVICES (LAST ONE): Parents, please take careful note about these services, **which will happen one more time during the summer (September 3).** 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 (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.

The theme at KNCS this year is based on *Joshua* 24:15. “And if it be evil in your eyes to serve Jehovah, choose for yourselves today whom you

will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve Jehovah.” During chapel we will be focusing on the books of *Joshua* and *Judges*. And you are always welcome to join us for a KNCS morning chapel service.

This year’s Winter Study will be on Memorable Relations. Memorable Relations are the parts of the Heavenly Doctrine where the Lord gives us accounts of experiences Swedenborg had in the spiritual world. The Lord actually commanded Swedenborg to relate these to us as we can see in *Apocalypse Revealed* 962 where it says, “Since it has been given me by the Lord to see the wonderful things which are in the heavens and below the heavens, I must, from command, relate what has been seen.”

I look forward to studying this series together!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The election of trustees and school council members will take place at the society meeting on October 12, 2023.

The trustees whose terms expire this year are George Cauffman and Bracken Brown (2023). Terms are for three years. There are no term limits in the Bylaws, so they can be re-nominated indefinitely.

The other members of the Board are Thos Powell, Doug Robertson and John Cole (2024), Brandon Junge and Mark Hendricks (2025).

The member of the School Council whose term is expiring is Mark Wyncoll (2023). Terms for the School Council are also for three years and like the terms for board members there are no term limits. The other members of the School Council are Kathy Schrock and Dandridge Cole (2024) and Vera Cole and Sheila Heiter (2025).

The members of the Nominating Committee are Brandon Junge, chair, Cedric Lumsden and Schuyler Heinrichs.

Please speak to one of them if you have suggestions. A slate will be published in an upcoming Note Home and the October Newsletter.

WEST END RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE

The Building Committee has refined building plans and costs for the West End Renovation project. And I have appointed a finance committee of Thaddeus

Glenn (chair), Peter Genzlinger and Kenan Smith to present a funding plan to the Board of Trustees at our September 19th board meeting. If the board endorses the funding plan, the building plan and funding plan will then be presented to the society in October with a vote to occur at later meeting in the fall or winter.

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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, September 3, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service with Holy Supper. (Children's talk, followed by sermon. **Children supervised outside. No formal Sunday School until October**). *Usher/Setup: Steve Hendricks*

Sunday, September 10, 10:00 a.m. Family Service
Usher/Setup: Gordon McQueen

Friday, September 15
4:30 p.m. Holy Supper Service at OSV. *Usher: Bengt Boyesen*

Sunday, September 17
9:00 a.m. Young Child's Service.
Setup: Dale and Tovah Smith
10:00 a.m. Sermon Service. *Usher/Setup: Dandridge Cole. 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, September 24
If not raining:
9:00 a.m. Family Service Indoors
10:00 a.m. Woods Service. *Usher/Setup: Curtis McQueen, James King*

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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.

Tuesday, September 19, 7:30 p.m. Arcana Class. Arcana Class is starting up again on September 19th at 7:30. Location TBD. We will begin with the last part of chapter 28, concerning the second earth in the starry heaven, AC 9967 - 9973, as we did not quite get to this in May, this will be the end of Volume 11, unless you bought a copy of the HDPF Arcana. Then we will begin chapter 29, AC 9974 - 10,019, first with the section from the Doctrine of Charity and Faith concerning merit, and then the first 9 verses about how Aaron and his sons are to be inaugurated into the office of the priesthood. I will be sending out a zoom link for those who would like to attend remotely.

Wednesday, September 6, 7:30 p.m.
Men's Conjugal Love class (with Judah Synnestvedt) at Old School Village Lounge.

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Thursday, September 21, 10:00 a.m. Heaven and Hell class at OSV. Read numbers 125-140, on the Sun of Heaven (with Lawson Smith).

Friday, September 22, 7:15 p.m. Youth Group Conjugal Love class. Location TBD.

MEETINGS

Thursday, September 7, 7:30 p.m. School Council Meeting, in the Library.

Tuesday, September 19, 7:30 p.m. Board Meeting, in the Library.

Tuesday, September 26, 7:30 p.m. Pastor's Council Meeting, in the Library.

EVENTS

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

Family Soccer will be held every Sunday from 3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Contact Jordan Cooper with questions.

Caleb's Café: Starting Thursday, September 7th, our new hours will be Thursdays 7:30-1:00, Fridays 7:30-1:00, and Saturdays 9:00-1:00. Thank you to everyone who comes to our cafe! We are grateful for you! Any café questions call me at 610-662-3902- Roxanne

An Evening of Whittling at Roger's Shop:

Friday, September 15, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. High school age and up are invited for an evening of whittling. If you have tools or a carving project, bring that along. If not, no worries - Roger has knives, patterns and projects. And lots of band-aids! Contact Roger Schrock with any questions at 484-390-1922.

Shop Night: Friday, September 29, 7:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m., for a little comradery. Bring a drink or snack to share. Call with any questions. – Roger Schrock

Dance Night on Saturday, September 30, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the society room. The first part of the dance will be a lesson, so if you only want to come to the social dance, come at 7:45. Event ends at 9:00. Feel free to bring a snack to share.

Youth Group Events:

Youth Group Opening Event on Friday, September 8, 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at Matthew and Eliza Genzlinger's.

Pizza Fundraiser on Sunday, September 10

Conjugal Love Class on Friday, September 22, at 7:15 p.m.

Pizza Fundraiser:

Hello, Kempton community! The Kempton New Church Youth Group is very pleased to announce that we are making arrangements for a service trip this March to the Boynton Beach society in Florida! Over the next six months, there will be a series of fundraisers coordinated by Rafe McQueen and Shane Glenn.

We are in the process of collecting orders for a pizza fundraiser, on September 10th. If you would like to order a pizza, and have not been contacted by a member of the Youth Group, please call Rafe at 484-784-8515 or Shane at 484-507-7382.

Orders are due by 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday,

September 6th. Each pizza is \$10, and there are 3 choices for toppings: Pepperoni, Plain Cheese, and Veggie. Pick up times are assigned according to the person from whom you bought a pizza.

Your support is what enables us to do this, and we thank you for any help you can give!

Sincerely,

Rafe and Shane, on behalf of the Kempton New Church Youth Group

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Mark and Genta Hendricks on the birth of their son, Lee Weston, on August 10, 2023.

Let the little children come to Me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God.

Mark 10:14

Sunday School: As the Sunday School Coordinator, I am getting the schedule together for the new school year. The first Sunday School will be on October 1st. If you have not taught Sunday School before and would like to, please feel free to contact me (Karla Buick 215-421-2489). I would be very happy to talk to you about it.

Still Seeking Autumn Weekends Captain(s):

This is your last chance! No one (yet) has stepped forward to lead Autumn Weekends. Please talk to Brett if you are interested.

Albany Township: It's Our Township – Let's Take Care of It

Okay, township meetings are not always exciting, but business is conducted there every month that's important to all residents — sometimes surprisingly important. Our township leaders work hard to protect and enhance our surroundings, sometimes wrestling with difficult issues. To do this effectively, they need to know what we the residents think. Please consider coming to meetings.

These are the meeting times of the various township bodies. All meetings are held at the Kempton Fire Company on the first Monday of every month (on the second Monday if the first is a federal holiday).

Board of Supervisors — 7:30 p.m. Planning Commission — 8:00 p.m.

Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) — 7:30 p.m. Recreation Board — 7:30 p.m.

Currently, there's an issue around the placement of a large CAFO (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation) in the township. Call Tom Kerr if you have questions.

Happening In (or Near) Kempton

As a service to the community, the Kempton Community Center publishes irregular email blasts to locals for whom we have an address. These promotional pieces advertise (for free) special events sponsored by non-profits and some others (but not grocery-store specials, for example) that could be of interest to the general community. If you would like to receive these promos, please send me (tjkerr3@gmail.com) your email address. The promos come through Mailchimp (an online email manager) and are completely safe from unwanted distribution. Tom

In a Recycling Mood: I'd like to acquire an electric rice cooker and an immersion (stick) blender. Done with yours? Am taking this stab at buying used items instead of new ones. Carla (610-756-4376)

SCHOOL NEWS

Tuesday, September 5: First day of school for KNCS. Start time is 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, September 13: Back to school parent meetings for grades 1 – 6.

6:30-7:00pm: 1st & 2nd grade classroom meeting

7:00-7:30pm: 3rd & 4th grade classroom meeting

7:30-8:00pm: 5th & 6th grade classroom meeting

Thursday, September 14: Back to school parent meetings for grades 7 – 12.

6:30-7:00pm: 7th & 8th grade classroom meeting

7:00-8:00pm: High School meeting (Commons)

First Day of School: Families attending school opening at 9 a.m. are cordially invited to stay in the society room afterwards to visit and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea. ~Tovah Smith

Student Arrival at KNCS:

On September 5, the first day of school, please have your children arrive by 8:45 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.

On regular school mornings, teachers will be prepared to receive 1st-12th graders starting at 7:45 a.m. Kindergartners are welcome to arrive

starting at 9:15 a.m. Thank you to parents for not dropping off their children any earlier.

Reminder: there will be no bus from **Kutztown** on the first day of school (Sept. 5). 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 Librarians: This year the school library time for preschoolers and homeschoolers is **10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** You are welcome to borrow books for your children. We ask that you are respectful of the school classes before and after library time.

ANNIVERSARIES

Few know from what origin conjugal love comes forth. They who think from the world believe that it comes forth from nature; but they who think from heaven believe that it comes forth from the Divine in heaven.

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Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

Mark and Genta Hendricks
on the 1st – 5 years

Jeremy and Judy Synnestvedt
on the 2nd - 51 years

Torrey and Kit Cooper
on the 4th – 13 years

Glen and Brittany Boyesen
on the 9th - 11 years

Michael and Charis Ahlert
on the 10th - 18 years

Sal and Joan Tuccio
on the 18th - 58 years

Matthew and Eliza Genzlinger
on the 21st – 21 years

Bergen and Megan Jungé
on the 21st - 10 years

Matt and Carrie Olmstead
on the 29th – 16 years

