



KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – October 2023

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BUILDING OUR HOUSES ON A ROCK

Isaiah 26:4

Trust ye in Jehovah forever and ever; for in Jah
Jehovah is the Rock of ages.

Matthew 7:24-29

24 Therefore everyone who hears these words of
Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a prudent
man, who built his house on the rock.

25 And the rain descended, and the rivers came, and
the winds blew, and they fell upon that house; and it
did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

26 And everyone who hears these words of Mine,
and does them not, shall be likened to a foolish
man, who built his house on the sand.

27 And the rain descended, and the rivers came, and
the winds blew, and beat upon that house, and it
fell, and the fall of it was great.

28 And it came to pass when Jesus had ended these
words, the crowds wondered at His teaching.

29 For He was teaching them as one having
authority, and not as the scribes.

Apocalypse Explained 410.11

"The house founded upon a rock" means the church
and the man of the church who has founded his
doctrine and life upon the Divine truth, which is
from the Lord, thus upon those things that are in the
Word, consequently one who is in truths from good
from the Lord. It is said, "who is in truths from
good," because Divine truth is not received by
anyone who is not in good. To be in good is to be in
the good of life, which is charity; therefore it is said
"he that hears My words and does them;" "doing the
Lord's words" is the good of life, for truth, when a
man does it, becomes good because it then enters
the will and love, and whatever becomes of the will
and love is called good. Temptations, in which such
a man of the church does not fall but conquers, are
signified by "the rain descended, the floods came,
the winds blew, and beat upon the house, and yet it
fell not, for it was founded upon a rock;" for in the

Word "floods of waters" and "rains," and also
"tempests of wind," signify temptations.

PASTOR'S NOTES

The idea of a rock corresponding to truth is a very
familiar one in the New Church. And when we
think of building our houses on a rock, as Jesus
taught in the Gospels, we can think of truth being
the foundation upon which we live.

Truth from the Lord does not wear out. It does not
crumble. It does not crack or weaken. It is the best
spiritual building material there is. But it is not
enough on its own. Jesus said He was describing
everyone who hears His words and does them when
He gave this parable. To truly build our house on
the rock, knowing truth is not enough. We have to
be "in truths from good from the Lord" (AE
410.11). We have to love the Lord and love the
neighbor with the truths that the Lord gives us. That
is building our house on the rock. When we do this
we can weather all the storms that come!

HOLY SUPPER will be offered this month on
Friday, October 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

*Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of
God.*

Luke 14:15

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, September
12. The bulk of the meeting was spent receiving a
presentation from the chair of the Building
Committee, George Cauffman, on a detailed plan
and cost estimate for the West End Renovation
project. A funding plan was also presented by
Thaddeus Glenn, who I asked along with Peter
Genzlinger and Kenan Smith, to review the costs of
the project and present to the board a plan for
paying for it. After reviewing the building and
funding plans the board found them feasible and
voted unanimously to forward the plans to the
society for a decision on whether or not to go
forward. At the upcoming society meeting the same

presentations given to the board will be given to the society. (See the West End Renovation Project Update below for more information on the society meeting.)

The Pastor's Council met on Tuesday, September 19. We discussed festival services and how the processions for Thanksgiving and Easter might be able to happen a little faster. We also discussed the possibility of moving the Woods Service to 9:00 am next summer. While I will continue to consider the idea and receive more feedback about it, at this point due to the work by the ushers and musicians that has to be done beforehand to set up, it seems like 10:00 am is a good time for the Woods Service. The last thing we discussed was how the pastoral staff might best go about meeting with the congregation in individual meetings to discuss how the new things we have started doing over the last few years are going and why we are doing them and what other things might be good for the church going forward.

WEST END RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE

The renovation plan is complete, the costs have been finalized after many hours of work by the building committee, and an ad hoc funding plan committee has proposed a way to pay for it. The board has looked at the building plan, costs and funding plan and found them feasible. So on October 12 the bulk of the society meeting will focus on sharing with you what has been presented to the board. There will be no vote on whether to go forward or not with the project at the society meeting. The meeting will be an informational meeting only at which you will have an opportunity to begin to digest a lot of information and follow up with whatever questions and comments you have.

After this meeting I will begin to assess the feedback from the society to determine what the best next steps are, such as whether another informational meeting would be useful as well as whether, when and how to call for a vote on the project.

Information about an assembly of the denomination (the General Church of the New Jerusalem):

When: June 27-30, 2024

Where: Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania

What: Various presentations and workshops. To offer a workshop go to <https://forms.gle/2qACrZyhh89Wninu6> (applications are due by November 1, 2023)

Point of Contact: Emily Hasen at gcassembly2024@newchurch.org

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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, October 1, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service. Usher/Setup: Mark Hendricks

Sunday, October 8, 10:00 a.m. Family Service Usher/Setup: Cairn King

Sunday, October 15
9:00 a.m. Young Child's Service.
Setup: Matt and Daelen Saltzer
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.

Friday, October 20, 6:30 p.m. Holy Supper Service. Usher: Roy Odhner

Sunday, October 22, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service. Usher/Setup: Dag Boyesen

Sunday, October 29, 10:00 a.m. Family Service. Usher/Setup: Rob Zimmerman

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.

Thursday, October 5, 10:00 a.m. Heaven and Hell class at OSV. Read numbers 126-140, on the Sun of Heaven (with Lawson Smith).

Friday, October 13, 7:15 p.m. Youth Group
Conjugal Love class at Seth and Heather King's.

Tuesday, October 17, 7:30 p.m. Arcana Class
The next Arcana Class will be on the 17th of October at 7:30 p.m. at Kate Pitcairn's house. The subject will be the sin offering of a bullock, and the burnt offering of a ram at the inauguration of Aaron and his sons into the priesthood, AC 10020-10055. If you would like a zoom link, please let me know.
Andy

Wednesday, October 18, 7:30 p.m.
Men's Class (with Judah Synnestvedt) at Old School Village Lounge.

Thursday, October 19, 10:00 a.m. Heaven and Hell class at OSV. Read numbers 141-153 (with Lawson Smith).

Wednesday, October 25, 7:30 p.m.
Men's Class (with Judah Synnestvedt) at Old School Village Lounge.

MEETINGS

Thursday, October 12, 7:30 p.m. **Kempton New Church Annual Meeting.** Society Room.

From the Nominating Committee: For the two open seats on the Board of Trustees, the Nominating Committee nominates **Bracken Brown and Cedric Lumsden** for three-year terms. Cedric Lumsden recused himself from the discussion of nominees for the Board of Trustees once his name was put forward.

For the open seat on the School Council, the Nominating Committee nominates **Matthew Saltzer** for a three-year term. Brandon Jungé recused himself from the discussion of nominees for the School Council once Matt's name was put forward.

-Brandon Junge (chair), Schuyler Heinrichs, and Cedric Lumsden

EVENTS

Feast of Charity: Friday, October 6. 6:30 Supper, 7:30 Presentation given by Andy Heilman on understanding Physics from a New Church perspective.

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.

Trunk or Treat: Saturday, October 28th, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the lower parking lot of the Kempton New Church. More details to come later in the month! Jen McQueen

Youth Group Events:

Conjugal Love Class on Friday, October 13, 7:15 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Hosted by Seth and Heather King

Pizza Fundraiser:

Dear Kempton New Church Community,

The Kempton New Church Youth Group is pleased to share that the last pizza fundraiser was a wonderful success! Thank you!

It was so productive that we have decided to provide another affordable, delicious, easy-meal pizza opportunity for you!

Date: Sunday, October 15th
Place: Kempton New Church School
Price Cheese - \$12
Pepperoni - \$14
Veggie - \$14

If you have NOT been contacted by a youth group member by Wednesday, October 11th, remedy the situation!

Contact Shane or Rafe so that we can take excellent care of your pizza needs.

Shane (484) 507-7382

Rafe (484) 784-8515

With Sincere Appreciation,
Shane Glenn and Rafe McQueen on behalf of the
Kempton New Church Youth Group

General Church in Canada Sponsored Youth Group Weekend: *October 27-29*, hosted by the Kempton New Church Society.

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School Schedule: The Sunday School schedule is ready and is included as an attachment in your email, along with the Newsletter and Calendar.

Autumn Mornings are coming soon! Picture a crisp sunny morning, sitting at a picnic table with friends and family, sipping a steaming hot latte and enjoying a home baked goodie. There is a warm fire crackling beside you, while the children play under a beautiful blue sky, fall colors lighting up the pinnacle! Then on your way out, grab some delicious food to take home for lunch! **ONE MORE WEEK** and it all begins Saturday, **October 7th, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.!**

Ways to Volunteer: setting up, taking customers at the tables (cashier), supplying and running a fire for the day, clean up, baking goodies or whole pies or soups, etc. Please check out our sign-up sheet on the church website (follow the maple leaf). In order to sign up, you must make a login and password. You are also welcome to call Roxanne and she can put your name on the schedule (610-662-3902).

Food: If you are bringing food, please have everything packaged. All food can be dropped off at the café each Friday until 3:00 p.m. or can be brought to my house anytime. I will have containers, and packaging materials at the café for anyone to use. You can even package your items there in the manse and then leave them with me. Soups and chilis etc. can be packaged in quart containers. Baked goods should be individually wrapped, cookies can be wrapped individually or 2 per bag. Whole pies or whole batches should be wrapped or in a container with a lid. Please fill out a card with the name of the item. You can include ingredients, but it isn't required. Please **DO** include any special information such as gluten free, egg free, vegetarian, dairy free, etc.

Leftover food: Anyone who donated food is welcome to take leftovers of their items. At the end of each Saturday, we plan to collect all the food left and will put it out after church on Sunday for people to take *with a donation left for the church*. So please

come prepared, remember we are trying to raise funds for our church!

How much to make: Please make the quantity that you feel you can truly donate, even if it is one batch of something. Just remember that we may get some people from the general public. Tabs- We will not be doing tabs for people this year, again please come prepared to pay for what you buy each day! We will be able to take cash, checks and cards. **THANK YOU ALL** who have helped so far, and we hope to see you there!

For Sale: Hello friends! Selling homemade organic kombucha. To name just a few flavor options: cinnamon apple, vanilla mango, tart cherry vanilla, and blueberry lavender. Flavor requests welcome. ~Kathleen (ksmith66x@gmail.com or 240-682-6490)

Beef Raffle: It's that time of year! **Win a chance to fill your freezer with locally grown beef! Perfect for stew, chili and all of your favorite beefy fall comfort foods! Please see details below, and if interested, call/text Michele Brown at 484-548-3750, see one of the Brown Girls or catch up with Chandler at the school.**

BERKS SOUTHEAST CATTLEMEN'S ASSOC. – BEEF RAFFLE DRAWING WILL BE ON 11/2/2023

Eight tickets will be drawn. 1). 1/4 beef with processing (value \$500). 2). 1/4 beef with processing (value \$500). 3). 1/8 beef (value \$250). 4). 1/8 beef (value \$250). 5). box of beef cuts (value \$125). 6). box of beef cuts (value \$125). 7). box of beef cuts (value \$125). 8). box of beef cuts (value \$125).

Only 500 tickets printed. Processing done by Bur-Pak Family Foods, Inc.

Winner need not be present to win. Pickup will be the winner's responsibility. (Must pick up within 15 days).

**DONATION - \$10 PER TICKET
Proceeds will benefit Berks Southeast
Cattlemen's junior activities.**

SCHOOL NEWS

KNCS Parent-Teacher Conferences: October 30th – November 3rd. No school for all grades on Friday, November 3rd.

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:

Tom and Carla Kerr

on the 2nd – 40 years

Kerry and Sabrina Wenrich

on the 11th – 15 years

Kenan and Kathleen Smith

on the 13th – 6 years

Toby and Anni Powell

on the 19th – 10 years

Thos and Laurel Powell

on the 23rd – 41 years

Luke and Sarah Heiter

on the 25th – 20 years

Dandridge and Tamar Cole

on the 27th – 21 years

