



KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – January 2026

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WAITING FOR THE CONSOLATION OF ISRAEL

Psalm 27:14

Wait for Jehovah; hold firm and He shall encourage thine heart; And wait for Jehovah.

Luke 2:25-32

And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was just and circumspect, waiting for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it was revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents were bringing in the little Child Jesus, to do for Him after the custom of the law, and he took Him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Now "sendest Thou" Thy servant away in peace, O Lord, according to Thy saying; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples; Light for revelation [to] the nations, and the Glory of Thy people Israel.

Apocalypse Explained 813

"The patience of the saints" signifies the temptation of the faithful, or of those who are made spiritual by the Lord, because "patience" signifies spiritual patience, which is patience in sustaining temptations; and those have that patience who fight in themselves against the falsities that are contained in the dogma of faith alone and that adhere to it; for that faith is confirmed by reasonings from the natural man and from the Word wrongly applied and thus falsified. The temptations that such sustain when they fight against falsities are meant by "patience."

Pastor's Notes

Simeon waited on the Lord and was comforted by His presence when he held the infant Jesus in his arms. We can be comforted by the presence of the Lord too, if we are like Simeon.

We can see from Simeon that waiting on the Lord, having spiritual patience, doesn't mean doing nothing while we anticipate consolation from Him. Simeon was a just and circumspect man while he was waiting it says (Luke 2:25). This means he was a good man working to thoughtfully do what was right—all the while hoping Israel would soon be comforted by the coming of the Messiah.

That is how the Lord gets us through the challenges of temptation too. If we keep working to do what is right even when the Lord may seem far off, then we will be comforted by the presence of the Lord as well.

As we embark on a new year, may we experience the consolation of Israel that Simeon was waiting for. As the Lord teaches us in Psalm 27, "Wait for Jehovah; hold firm and He shall encourage thine heart; And wait for Jehovah" (Psalm 27:14).

HOLY SUPPER will be offered this month on Sunday, January 4th, at the 10:00 a.m. church service, and on Friday, January 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

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

The Winter Study Topic will be on a portion of the Sermon on the Mount where the Lord says six times in succession, "You have heard that it was declared...but I say to you..." (Matthew 5:21-48). There will be a Feast of Charity on Friday, January 9th introducing the study and the first sermon on the series will be Sunday, January 11th.

If you would like to host a group and have seats to offer, or if you want to join a class, please let me or Jen McQueen know so we can help people get connected if needed.

The readings are available in the society room and digital versions along with audio recordings are available on the website as well.

(<https://www.kemptonnewchurch.org/Classes/StudyGroups/ButISayToYou/index.php>)

Thank You. We are grateful to those who provided our beautiful Christmas tableaux, it is such a wonderful worship service.

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WORSHIP

- 10:00 a.m. services live streamed: kemptonnewchurch.org.
- Services can be heard in the library. Parents with babies or little ones are always welcome to be there, where a basket of board books (not library books, please) is available. Please leave the room in orderly shape. Thanks!

Sunday, January 4, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service, with Holy Supper. Usher/Setup: James King

Sunday, January 11, 10:00 a.m. Family Service. Usher/Setup: Luke Heiter

Sunday, January 18
9:00 a.m. Young Children's Service.
Setup: Matt and Daelen Saltzer
10:00 a.m. Sermon Service. *Usher/Setup: Alex Walbert*

Friday, January 23, 6:30 p.m. Holy Supper at the church.

Sunday, January 25, 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 an internet connection), which will let you join by phone or video.

Thursday, January 8th, 10:00 a.m. Winter Study at OSV.

Thursday, January 15th, 10:00 a.m. Winter Study at OSV.

Thursday, January 22th, 10:00 a.m. Winter Study at OSV.

Friday, January 23rd, 7:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Youth Group CL class at John and Alexandra Cole's

Wednesday, January 28th, 9:30 a.m. Mom's Morning class at OSV.

Thursday, January 29th, 10:00 a.m. Winter Study at OSV.

CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

New Year, and a new charitable tax break for most Americans. Look for news about how your donations up to \$1,000 per person to your church will now be eligible for a significant tax break in 2026.

Thanks to all our volunteers, staff and members. What a team of dedicated readers of the Heavenly Doctrines!

Contributions Committee.

MEETINGS:

Tuesday, January 27th, 7:30 p.m. Board Meeting in the library.

RECURRING EVENTS

Choir Practice:

Join us in singing every Monday evening from 6:45 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. in the society room. Call, text or email Anni with any questions 215-892-5825 annipowellmusic@protonmail.com

Ladies Handwork: Wednesdays from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., at Old School Village.

Moms and Tots: Friday, January 9th and 30th, from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the gymnasium at OSV

YOUTH GROUP:

Friday, January 23rd, 7:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Youth Group Conjugial Love class at John and Alexandra Cole's.

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism: Congratulations to Raul and India Betancourt on the baptism of their son, *Diego Mark*, on December 28th, 2025.

Congratulations! James King graduated from Kutztown University in December, receiving a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

Hiring: Washington New Church School, Grade 3/4 Teacher (2026/27)

- Full-time homeroom teacher for a combined 3rd and 4th-grade classroom.
- Possible alternative job description focused on older grades, PE and math.

Key Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree and strong classroom management skills.
- Active, baptized member of the New Church, committed to its educational principles and doctrines.

Apply: Jan 10th, 2026 to Brian Smith at brian.smith@washnewchurch.org 301-850-3029.

Feast of Charity: Friday, January 9th. Potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m.; class at 7:30 p.m. Introduction to the Winter Study.

Announcing the Club that nobody wanted to join: Widows and Widowers Support Group

For those interested in joining or learning more about the group, please contact Penn Cooper at 610-763-7796 or pennview2@gmail.com. Our first meeting will be on January 12th, at 4:00 p.m. in the lounge at Old School Village.

Contact Information. Penn Cooper

Phone: 610-763-7796

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Caleb's Café will be open tomorrow, January 3rd, from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.! Come celebrate the holiday with friends and family and a latte!!

Free: Small, older 800-watt microwave. Works well! Perfect for your garage or wherever one needs another microwave. 484-793-0525 or 26. J. Synnestvedt

Teen Tinkering Shop Night: Friday, January 2nd, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., hosted by Gordon and Cedric McQueen. High school age boys are welcome. Bring a snack or drink to share, and bring a project to tinker on, if you want.

Shop Night: Gordon McQueen will be hosting a shop night on Friday, January 16th, 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. College age men and up are welcome.

Society Christmas Mailboxes: Please check your mailbox in the hall outside the society room!

Kempton New Church School information:

Monday, January 5, 2026. KNCS Resumes.

Monday, January 19. KNCS Semester Break. No school.

Saturday, January 24, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Work Party at the church and school.

ANNIVERSARIES

Love truly conjugal is the union of two minds, which is a spiritual union; and all spiritual union descends from heaven.

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Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

Eugene and Andri Muth
on the 2nd – 61 years

Mike and Amy Friday
on the 3rd – 12 years

Steve and Janis King
on the 20th – 53 years

