



KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – August 2026

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OUR SCARLET TWICE-DYED SINS CAN BECOME WHITE AS SNOW

Isaiah 1:16-20

Bathe, purify yourselves; put aside the evil of your actions from in front of My eyes; forbear to do evil; learn to do good; inquire after judgment; make happy the oppressed; judge for the orphan; plead for the widow. Go now, and let us dispute, says Jehovah; though your sins be as scarlet twice-dyed, they shall be white as snow; though they be red as crimson, they shall be as wool. If you are willing and hearken, you shall eat the goodness of the land.

Arcana Coelestia 9333.2

Whatever a man, from his earliest infancy, thinks, wills, speaks, and does, is added to his life and makes it. These things cannot be exterminated, but only removed, and when they are removed, the man appears as if he were devoid of sins, because they have been removed (n. 8393, 8988, 9014). In accordance with the appearance that man thinks and does what is good and true from himself, when yet it is not from himself but from the Lord, it has been said in the Word that he is "clean" from sins, and also "just;" as in Isaiah:

Though your sins have been as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they have been red like crimson, they shall be as wool (Isa. 1:18).

Pastor's Notes

The Lord can deliver us from evil, including delivering us from those evils that appear to us now as permanent—scarlet twice-dyed. Scarlet signifies, in a bad sense, the falsities that come from evil (AE 67.2) and the evil motivating these falsities (see AC 4922.7). These are lies we convince ourselves of in order to justify evil. When we are in these lies, they appear as scarlet twice-dyed—powerful, unchanging reasons to do what hell wants us to do. But this color in us can be made white as snow. The Lord can come into our minds and dispel these influences so that when we think about these same ideas from truth we can only see them as

abhorrent—the very same ideas we once were completely persuaded by.

The color red as crimson in *Isaiah* signifies evils of every kind and especially evils motivated by the love of self (AE 67, AC 3300.5). These are intentions and actions that come from evil desires. The Lord can change these in us too, even the evils that are red as crimson, the ones that we have done over and over and over again. The Lord really can make these white as white wool—the wool of lambs and sheep (AE 67). He can lead us from selfish actions to goods motivated by a willingness to follow the Lord, goods motivated by innocence. He can take our red as crimson sins and make them white as wool if we pray to Him to deliver us from evil.

What a merciful God!

“[T]hough your sins be as scarlet twice-dyed, they shall be white as snow; though they be red as crimson, they shall be as wool” (Is. 1:18).

HOLY SUPPER will be offered on Friday, August 21st at 6:30 p.m.

*Happy is he who shall eat bread
in the kingdom of God.
Luke 14:15*

SUMMER “SUNDAY SCHOOL” SERVICES:

August 2nd, August 23rd

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 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 (August 30, and September 27), 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 Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, July 14. We reviewed the budget for the past fiscal year. Last year's budget ended up with a surplus which we decided to mostly put toward the endowment. We also discussed the allocation of a gift to the school from the Glencairn Foundation as well as some suggestions made in an audit report. We looked at the model used for tuition and determined that it would be useful to discuss different models in an upcoming meeting that could reduce future tuition increases. And finally, we discussed the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The election of trustees and school council members will take place at the society meeting on October 15, 2026.

The members of the Board whose terms expire this year are Bracken Brown and Cedric Lumsden. Cedric has served one term and Bracken has served two. 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 Schuyler Heinrichs, Thos Powell and Doug Robertson (2027) and Mark Hendricks and Brandon Junge (2028).

There is an open seat for the School Council. Terms for the School Council are also for three years and like the terms for board members there are no term limits. The members of the School Council are Kathy Schrock and Dandridge Cole (2027) and Justin Hendricks and Amy Friday (2028). The members of the Nominating Committee are Mark Hendricks, chair, Curtis McQueen and Hayden King. Please speak to one of them if you have suggestions. A slate will be published in the September and October Newsletters.

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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, August 2, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service. Usher/Setup: Josiah Genzlinger

Sunday, August 9, 10:00 a.m. Family Service. Usher/Setup: Hunter Hendricks

Sunday, August 16

9:00 a.m. Young Children's Service.

Setup: Dale and Tovah Smith

10:00 a.m. Sermon Service. Usher/Setup: Doug Robertson

Friday, August 21, 6:30 p.m. Holy Supper Service. Usher: Brandon Jungé

Sunday, August 23, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service. Usher/Setup: Thaddeus Glenn

Sunday, August 30

9:00 a.m. Family Service Indoors. Usher: Anders Smith

10:00 a.m. Woods Service. Ushers/Setup: Schuyler Heinrichs, Otto 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, August 13, 10:00 a.m. Heaven and Hell class at OSV. Read HH 582-588 (Appearance of the Hells)

Thursday, August 27, 10:00 a.m. Heaven and Hell class at OSV. Read HH 589-596 (Equilibrium between Heaven and Hell)

CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

Thanks for all the volunteers keeping our gardens, library, chancel, ushering, piano playing, choir and so many uses all going strong. Your work helps keep our costs down as we ask folks to support the church in Kempton. Thanks to our donors too!

RECURRING EVENTS

Weeding at the church and school every Tuesday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

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

Sunday Soccer: There is no soccer on July 26th, August 2nd or August 9th. Contact Jordan Cooper (301 821 6938, jordan.cooper@kncs.org) with questions, or if you'd like weekly reminder texts.

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Autumn Weekends

We have a few announcements regarding Autumn Weekends 2026!

First, there is going to be a kitchen cleaning party on **Friday, August 21st** starting at 7:00 p.m. We are

going to focus on cleaning the back wall of the kitchen. Cleaning the back wall includes washing dishes and cleaning off the shelves. We will also be taking inventory.

Secondly, the dates for Autumn Weekends this year are going to be *October 10th, 11th, 17th, and 18th*! We will be sharing more announcements regarding AW soon.

And we wanted to thank everyone who worked on the new picnic tables! They look amazing and we are so excited to use them this year!

Have a great rest of your summer!
Schuyler and Sarah Heinrichs

Going Away Bags: There are 8 students leaving Kempton for school this fall, and moving into dormitories (6 boys and 2 girls), and we'd like to send them off with some useful items and our best wishes. Please leave items in the labeled bags in the kitchen (at the church). We will give them to the students at church on **Sunday, August 16th**.

Laurel's Free, Wild, Volunteer Nursery! Among the perennial "weeds" I keep saving in case you want them are Peach trees, Comfrey, Lemon Balm, Strawberries. These are all hardy, self-propagating varieties that I have grown for many years. I am now transplanting them to a holding area so they'll be easy to plop into a pot. I have lots of tiny pots, but if you want a bargain bucketful, bring your own bucket. Call 610-562-8506, and please leave a message.

Purple Martin Colony Home for Kempton New Church School

We've raised \$500 so we need \$1,100 still. Did you know these brave little birds go south of Rio de Janeiro in the winter...allowing Rev. Andy Heliman to see them when he visits the General Church society there?

Call Bracken Brown or Mark Wyncoll for any questions.

Caleb's Café: Closed this weekend, July 24th and 25th. August hours are Friday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Looking for an affordable, small to medium sized car for sale. Please email us at dandridgecole@yahoo.com, or call or text Dandridge (215-868-1731) or Tamar (610-756-3110).

Men's Shop Night: Friday, August 7th, 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Bring a snack or drink to share if you can! Contact Gordon McQueen 484-256-1246

SCHOOL NEWS

Saturday, August 22, 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Work Party at the Kempton New Church

ANNIVERSARIES

That genuine conjugal love is heaven is represented in the kingdoms of nature; for there is nothing in all nature that does not in some way represent the Lord's kingdom in general, since the natural kingdom derives all its origin from the spiritual. *Arcana Coelestia* 2758

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

Matt and Sheila Heiter
on the 2nd – 18 years
Schuyler and Sarah Heinrichs
on the 3rd – 8 years
Judah and Lydia Synnestvedt
on the 9th – 16 years
Dan and Erika Brown
on the 10th – 30 years
Bradley and Suzanne King
on the 11th – 42 years
Calvin and Maggie Odhner
on the 14 – 44 years
Dag and Shayne Boyesen
on the 17th – 35 years
Dale and Tovah Smith
on the 17th – 13 years
Mark and Wendy Wyncoll
on the 17th – 41 years
Rich and Suzanne Evans
on the 18th – 38 years
Luke and Brittany Price
on the 19th – 20 years
Andrew and Carrie Heilman
on the 21st – 50 years
Yorvar and Ruth Synnestvedt
on the 28th – 72 years
Gerald and Jenna van Zyverden
on the 31st – 7 years

