



The Country Courier

News from The Sower's Chapel

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FROM OUR REGIONAL PASTOR

As October 10th – 12th features our traditional celebration of the founding of the Academy of the New Church in Philadelphia in 1876, it may be useful to reflect a little on the benefits of an education in the light of New Church teachings. This, after all, is why the institution was created, and this is the use that the present administration of the college, in particular, is striving to emphasize and reinforce.

Coincidentally, a major symposium has been planned by a group studying what they call “theistic science,” in Bryn Athyn, for the whole of Saturday, October 25th. Featured will be books and presentations about how the whole world of nature testifies to the love and wisdom of the Lord in His creation, especially as illustrated in the Heavenly Doctrines. New Church physics? You bet! The Rev. Andy Heilman will have a special talk on how that works, and why Sir Isaac Newton was actually wrong about many things! New Church biology? Absolutely! A whole panel of medical and scientific scholars will highlight their insights from studying the doctrines as applied to their special fields. For more information about the day, go to the website at <https://swedenborg-philosophy.org/> and look under the “News and Events” tab or the “Theistic Science” tab. There you will see the whole list of speakers and their particular topics, and you can register for the program and even book lunch.

The point of these remarks is to feature the power and detail of what has been revealed to us in our New Church teachings. Some have said, we don’t learn science from revelation, but in fact we can and do learn the laws and principles that govern all creation, and these can and should be applied to all our studies of the natural world, even including psychology and the social sciences!

And what a blessing we have been offered by those who have labored in this field and for over 138 years financially supported this vital work.

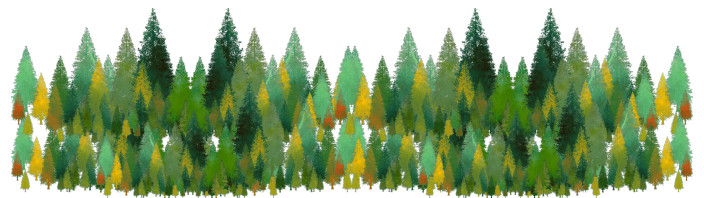
—Mike Gladish (mgladish@gmail.com)

A THOUSAND THANK YOUS

From the beginning of our visiting ministers rotation Dan Heilman has been a tireless host to our visiting ministers almost every weekend. Read that again; *almost every weekend*. Even when out of town, he has most graciously made his home available to these men, sometimes including wives, sometimes including a child or two. He has fed them, entertained them, and given them a place to lay their head. His contribution to our efforts during this difficult and long transition is incalculable.

Dan has asked for nothing. And we owe him much.

Thank you, Dan; From all of us; From the bottom of our hearts. Please know your efforts, support, and kindness are so very much appreciated.



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KID'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING THIS MONTH

Focus: The Life of the Lord

I met with students and teachers to find the best time for a Bible Study for the kids grades 6 and up. We will be studying Bishop De Charms' The Life of the Lord, which offers a detailed study of New Testament stories and the Lord's Gospel message.

We will meet during the Sunday School class period at church on the 1st Sunday of the month and at my home (186 Iron Bridge Road) at 4 PM on the 3rd Tuesday or Wednesday, TBA, as the kids' sports and play practice schedules allow. The regular Sunday School classes will continue for the younger kids with our regular teachers, as scheduled. Thanks to all the teachers, and I look forward to teaching your kids again!

— *Trish Lindsay*

WE COULD USE YOUR HELP WITH THE CHURCH SIGN!

Thank you to the family teams who helped with the church sign this summer! Calvin and Marion Lindsay sorted and washed the letters and learned how to place a message on the sign. Kyrie and Kaydence Kronen thought of a catchy message to invite people to join us and placed it on the sign. The message read:

WE'RE NOT THE D.Q.
BUT WE HAVE GREAT SUNDAYS!
JOIN US ON SUNDAY AT 10 AM.

Please call Chris Bown (412-352-6332) or Trish (724-584-6515) if you'd like to help with messages on the sign.

OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS & VISITING MINISTERS

- Sun, Oct 5: Rev. Chris Bown
Tue, Oct 7: 1 PM - Bible Study @ Ken & Zarah Blairs'
Sun, Oct 12: Rev. Nathan Cole
Tue, Oct 14: 1 PM - Bible Study @ Ken & Zarah Blairs'
7 pm - Board of Trustees
Wed, Oct 15: 4 PM - Kid's Bible Study @ Trish Lindsay's
Sun, Oct 19: Rev. Dan Calvo
Tue, Oct 21: 1 PM - Bible Study @ Ken & Zarah Blairs'
Sun, Oct 26: Rev. Lou Synnestvedt
Tue Oct 28: 1 PM - Bible Study @ Ken & Zarah Blairs'

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