



# Zion Episcopal Church

*We share Christ's love and grace with joy, respect, and compassion.*

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## **Parish Office Hours**

Monday through Thursday | 9:00 am — 2:00 pm

## **Rector's Office Hours**

Monday through Thursday | 10:00 am — 3:00 pm, *or by appointment*

*If you have news you would like to share with our congregation, please send word to our Administrative Assistant, Kianna, at [office@zionaepiscopal.net](mailto:office@zionaepiscopal.net). News items received each week by Wednesday morning will be published in our Weekly Tidings on Friday.*

## *Upcoming Services and Events at Zion...*

**Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

**The Day of Pentecost**

*This week's altar candles are given for the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Strider, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest A. Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. James W. Strider, Sr. by Sarah Strider Seemann and Mr. and Mrs. J. William Strider. Our altar flowers today are given for the glory of God and in loving of Myra Ransick by Alice Ellis and Bill Coughlin by Sandy Coughlin.*

**8:00 am — 9:00 am**

**Holy Eucharist: Rite I**

### **Scheduled to Serve**

Altar Guild

Kathleen Willis

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Richard Seckinger

Ushers

Donald and Patsy Noland

Hospitality

Jim Ruddy, Linda Work

**9:15 am — 10:15 am**

**Bible Study | The Parlors**

**10:30 am — 11:30 am**

**Holy Eucharist : Rite II**

**Scheduled to Serve**

Altar Guild  
Lay Reader  
Intercessor  
Lay Eucharistic Minister  
Ushers  
Hospitality

Joanne McIsaac, Sandy Coughlin  
Kenny Floyd  
Brenda Whittington  
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Stephen Hall and Urath Gibson  
Sue Floyd

**Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Parish Office Closed | Memorial Day**

**Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am — 12:00 pm  
5:00 pm — 6:00 pm

Thrift Store  
Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

**Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am — 10:00 am  
5:00 pm — 6:00 pm  
7:00 pm — 8:00 pm

Rainbow School | Social Hall  
Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall  
Property Committee | The Parlors

**Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**

Parish Office Closed

**Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 am — 12:00 pm

Zion Meal Ministry | Social Hall

**Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

**8:00 am — 9:00 am**

**Pentecost 1 | Trinity Sunday  
Holy Eucharist: Rite I**

**Scheduled to Serve**

Altar Guild  
Lay Eucharistic Minister  
Ushers  
Hospitality

Kathleen Willis  
Phil Porterfield  
Jim and Laurie Ruddy  
Jim Ruddy, Linda Work

**9:15 am — 10:15 am**

**Bible Study | The Parlors**

**9:15 am — 10:15 am**

**Holy Eucharist: Rite II | St. Philip's**

**10:30 am — 11:30 am**

**Holy Eucharist : Rite II**

**Scheduled to Serve**

Altar Guild  
Verger

Joanne McIsaac, Sandy Coughlin  
Lee Wilson

Crucifer	Colin Harp
Torchbearers	Isla Wildman, Rightly Wildman
Gospel Book	Winnie Wildman
Lay Reader	Ken Fanelli
Intercessor	Don Twyman
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Don Twyman
Ushers	Eileen Davis and Joanne McIsaac
Hospitality	Candy Cane

*Diocesan News...*

**Grow Church 2026—2027: Registration Now Open!**  
*2026—2027 Registration for Grow Church, The Diocese of West Virginia's Congregational Development Program, is now open.*



**Grow Church** is a two-year program that gathers four times per year (eight times over two years) to form participants as a community and as members of the Diocese of West Virginia; teach congregational development skills including planned change, understanding levels of conflict, life cycles of organizations, and more; and offer opportunities for continued spiritual formation and worship. Click [here](#) to learn more or register.

*St. Philip's ECW News...*



*From left to right: Velma Twyman, ECW Keynote Speaker Sister Delores Jackson Foster, Ruby Lawson, Donny Twyman; Nancy Spensley, Lucy Bishop, and Susan Kraus.*

*From Rev. Johanna...*

*"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."* —1 Corinthians 12:4-7



Have you ever been in a room where someone else's gift was impossible to miss? I have. Last Sunday I was asked to offer the closing prayer and blessing before the meal at St. Philip's annual ECW gathering. From the start of the program, I could see I was surrounded by remarkable women. One young woman opened the program and held the room with effortless grace. A trio of soulful singers sang beautifully. The keynote speaker was gifted and engaging. And the women who organized the event did so with extraordinary care. Each of them revealed a God-given gift. As I watched, a quiet question arose — the kind many of us carry but rarely ask aloud: Does what I have to offer matter as much as what they have to offer?

It is a deeply human question, and I think the Christians in Corinth were asking it too. You see, Paul wrote to a lively, complicated community where some gifts — speaking in tongues, prophecy, healing — were dramatic and visible, while others were quieter and easier to miss. Over time, they began to rank those gifts, treating some as more important or more spiritual than others. Paul answers their very human impulse with clear insistence: the same Spirit, the same Lord, the same God. Whatever gift you carry — whether it is noticed by many or seen by few — comes from the same source. And it is given not for personal glory, but for the common good, for the good of the whole.

Paul goes on to say that to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit. That means you. It means the person beside you. It means the quietest member of our community and the most outspoken one alike. Then Paul offers that beautiful image: one body, many members, all of them necessary, all of them belonging. The body needs every part of itself to be whole. This is not simply a lovely metaphor. It is a theological claim about how God works in the world — through all of us, through each of us, through the particular gift only you can bring to the particular moments only you will encounter.

Later that same day, after the ECW program at St. Philip's, Joe and I went for a walk through the neighborhood. As we passed through Jefferson Park, we saw a

young girl standing on the path with her bicycle helmet on. Her bicycle lay on the grass beside her, and she was holding its front wheel in her hands. When we stopped to say hello, she told us she had been riding along the path when her bike broke. First the spring on the front wheel came loose, then the bar holding the wheel in place came out, and now, she didn't know how she was going to get home. As she was explaining what had happened, it became clear that beneath all those practical details, she was frightened and upset. We told her we would help her get her bicycle home. She told us where she lived and that she had been looking for her brother in the park but never found him. As we walked with her, she began to relax, and we learned so much about her — how excited she was for summer, how she was joining the Pizza reading club, how she had already read two books and was now working through yet another about an ice dinosaur. We learned that she was in second grade, and that she had many interesting things to say.

We did not fix her bicycle. We did not find her brother. We simply stopped. We listened. We stayed present. We were kind. We walked her to her home. Ours was a rather ordinary gift of presence and kindness. But for that young girl standing alone in the park with her helmet still on and bicycle in pieces, it was exactly the gift that was needed.

This weekend we enter the long ordinary season of Pentecost — that great, sweeping season of the church year that begins with wind and fire and disciples pouring into the streets, speaking languages they had never learned. The story of the Day of Pentecost might make you think surely *this* is what the Holy Spirit looks like! Surely this is when and where and how the Spirit moves!

But the truth is that the Spirit who showed up that day in Jerusalem is the very same Spirit who nudged two people to notice a young child standing alone in the park while on a Sunday afternoon walk.

The gift of presence, the gift of kindness, the gift of showing up — these are holy gifts. May we learn to honor and admire the gifts of those we encounter and to trust that the gifts we carry are equally valuable. For it is the same Spirit who breathed life into the early church who breathes that same life into the beautiful, ordinary moments of our days — and that is more than enough.

Pace é bene,  
Johanna+

### *Zion's Community Care Pantry News...*

*Collaborating together to transform one another by welcoming the stranger, providing hospitality, and restoring community where all people are treated with dignity and respect.*

#### **Zion Welcomes Kay Kodak Community Care Pantry Coordinator**

Please welcome Kay Kodak to Zion's Community Care Pantry. Kay has graciously and generously offered her time and logistical experience to help move our Community Care Pantry ministry forward. Kay will be working to provide oversight of the pantry, organize and inventory donations, and schedule of packing and the delivery of groceries to our clients.



If you have been wondering how to get involved with any aspect of this important ministry, please contact Kay and let her know you are interested in learning how you can serve in the pantry.

**Kay's email address is: [kcnk88leo@gmail.com](mailto:kcnk88leo@gmail.com)**

The donations listed below are most need this week. Your generous donations may be brought to our parish office during parish office hours. Thank you for your generosity. **Food Items:** Maseca (corn flour), Beans, Lentils, Rice, Canned Tuna Fish and Chicken Breast, Fruit Packs. **Personal Care Items:** Diapers (Sizes Newborn, 3, 4, or 5), Enfagrow Formula (Toddler), Similac (0-12 M), Feminine Hygiene Products, Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Toilet Paper.

### *JCCM Food Pantry News...*

JCCM is asking for specific donations of the following food items: spaghetti sauce, canned meat, cereal, jelly, rice, instant mashed potatoes, cases of bottled water. Also the following personal care items are requested: laundry detergent, dish soap, shampoo and conditioner, and deodorant. This past week Zion contributed 88 pounds of food to JCCM's food pantry.



### *WV Fest News...*

**WV Fest, Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Outreach Opportunity | 10:00 am — 5:00 pm**

**WV Fest Sign Up**

Our vestry has once again affirmed Zion's hosting a water station during WV Fest. The water station will be in front of our Gym on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm (set up begins at 9:30 am). We are still in need of individuals/families to serve at the water station between the hours of 12 pm and 5 pm. Sign up for a time slot by clicking on the link below to help us make a positive impact!

### *Parish News...*

#### **JCCM Shelter Settles into Zion's Hauser Room**



On Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, JCCM moved its shelter into our Hauser Room. Thank you to Senior Warden Alice Ellis and vestry member Stacy Lindberg for serving as liaisons between Zion and JCCM. The shelter is open daily from 6 pm to 7 am and is managed by JCCM staff.

#### **Zion's Facebook Page**

Have you ever wondered who is taking all the lovely photos and videos and then posting them on our Facebook page? This past week we captured a rare photo of our elusive photographer! Thank you to **Rabbi Joe** for his keen eye and willingness to promote Zion's services, music ministry, outreach, and fellowship on our Facebook page by posting regularly on Facebook.



### *Prayer Requests...*

*"Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed."*  
—Matthew 8:8

### **For Those Who Are Housebound...**

Marian Auer, Jean Hale, Earl and Bertha Kelican, Edna Phillips, Doris Starks.

### **For Those on our Parish Prayer List...**

Those in nursing homes, assisted living, and rehabilitation centers, Alex, Edna, Doris, Annette, Pat, Doug, Michael, Mary Bruce, Jim, Leo, Peggy, Donna, Lucas, Ava, Owen, P.T., Tom, Sharon, Jim, Mary Jane, Bobbie, Don, Cassidy, Kelly, Ruth, Lousie, Becky, Barbara, Wanda, Jennifer, Karmen, Tyler, Bob, Alison, Ned, Richard, Dennis, Renee, Lori, Evan, Bertie, Brad, Robert, Rusty, Joshua, Diane, Michele, Patrick, Karen, Brian, Joyce, Phil, Melissa, Velma, Ruby, Debbie, Chris, Donna, Kimberly, Megan, and Thomas.

### **For the Men and Women Serving in our Armed Forces...**

Andrew, Amy, Blake, Bill, Bridget, Sean, Dakotah, and Andrew.

### **For Those Who Have Died...**

Mrs. James W. Strider, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest A. Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. James W. Strider, Sr., Myra Ransick, Bill Coughlin, and Jan Skewes.

### **For Those Celebrating Birthdays in May:**

Laurie Ruddy, 5 <sup>th</sup>	Henry "IV" Davenport, 13 <sup>th</sup>	John A. Kirby, 24 <sup>th</sup>
Alexander Peyton, 5 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew Brashear, 14 <sup>th</sup>	Lillian Kirby, 24 <sup>th</sup>
Shea Smith, 5 <sup>th</sup>	Locke Wysong, 16 <sup>th</sup>	Stone Sinnett, 25 <sup>th</sup>
Lucy Weatherholtz, 6 <sup>th</sup>	Laurie Delaney, 17 <sup>th</sup>	Robbie Salisbury, 29 <sup>th</sup>
Ellie Splawn, 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sandy Burke, 21 <sup>st</sup>	Edna Philips, 30 <sup>th</sup>
Cody Truitt, 8 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Pitzer, 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Lyn Widmyer, 30 <sup>th</sup>
Sarah McGivern, 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sonja James, 23 <sup>rd</sup>	

*If you are celebrating a birthday this month and your name does not appear on the list above, please send an email or call our parish office so that we can add your birthday to our birthday list! (Email: [office@zionaepiscopal.net](mailto:office@zionaepiscopal.net) or phone: (304) 725-5312)*