



# Zion Episcopal Church

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

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## Parish Office Hours

*Parish Office Hours will resume when a new office administrator has been hired.*

## 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 Rev. Johanna at [priest@zionepiscopal.net](mailto:priest@zionepiscopal.net).*

*News items received each week by Wednesday morning will be published in our Weekly Tidings on Friday.*

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

### **Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 am — 12:00 pm	Monthly Meal Ministry   Social Hall
9:00 am — 12:00 pm	College for Clergy   Zoom
2:00 pm — 3:00 pm	Delaney/Grove Wedding   Church

### **Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

### **Easter 4**

*This week's altar candles are given for the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. Blackwell, Sr. by Eileen Davis. Our altar flowers today are given for the glory of God and in loving of James Cloud, Janice Thomas Cloud, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Webster, and Charles Thomas by Robert Cloud; and Priscilla Alden Young and Edward MacConnell Young by Jan Young and family.*

### **8:00 am — 9:00 am**

### **Holy Eucharist: Rite I**

### **Scheduled to Serve**

Altar Guild	Laurie Ruddy, Linda Work
Lay Reader	Phil Porterfield
Ushers	Sam and Lanette Byrer
Hospitality	Jim Ruddy, Linda Work

### **9:15 am — 10:15 am**

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

**Bible Study returns Next Week!**

**10:30 am — 11:30 am**

**Holy Eucharist : Rite II**

**Scheduled to Serve**

Altar Guild

Sue Floyd and Family

Verger

Lee Wilson

Crucifer

Colin Harp

Torch Bearers

Lucy Peyton, Isla Wildman

Gospel Book

Winnie Wildman

Lay Reader

Greg Harp

Intercessor

Kenny Floyd

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Kenny Floyd

Ushers

Sue Floyd, Jamie Wilson

Hospitality

Ken Fanelli

**Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

No Choir Rehearsal

**Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am — 11:00 am

Morning Prayer | Hayes Chapel

5:30 pm — 6:30 pm

Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

**Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am — 12:00 pm

Thrift Store

10:00 am — 11:00 am

Morning Prayer | Hayes Chapel

5:30 pm — 6:30 pm

Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

**Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am — 11:00 am

Morning Prayer | Hayes Chapel

**Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Office Closed**

**Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00 am — 12:00 pm

Churchyard Cleanup | Church

9:00 am — 2:00 pm

Thrift Shop Open

**Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Easter 4**

**First Sunday: Birthdays & Anniversary's**

**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**

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

**10:30 am — 11:30 am**

**Holy Eucharist : Rite II *together with* Holy Baptism**

**Scheduled to Serve**

Altar Guild	Joanne McIsaac, Sandy Coughlin
Verger	Lee Wilson
Crucifer	Lucy Peyton
Torch Bearers	Isla Wildman, Rightly Wildman
Gospel Book	Winnie Wildman
Lay Reader	Kenny Floyd
Intercessor	Jamie Wilson
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Jamie Wilson
Ushers	Betina Peyton, Ken Fanelli
Hospitality	Betina Peyton

***Property News...***

**Church Yard Clean Up  
Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am**

Please mark your calendars and plan to join in helping to clean-up our church yard. We will be gathering Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 9:00 am. Bring along a rake and don't forget to bring your gloves! Any time you are able to offer will be greatly appreciated! *Many hands make light work.*

***Bishop Matthew's Annual Visitation...***

**Bishop Matthew's Visitation  
Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> | 8 am & 10:30 am Services**

Bishop Matthew will preside and preach at both our 8 am and 10:30 am services on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to attend and to greet our Bishop during coffee hour immediately following our services.

*From Rev. Johanna...*

*"Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved."*



— Acts 2:46-47 (NRSV)

I love the feelings and images these verses bring to mind. Glad hearts. Generous hearts. People gathered around tables, sharing food, sharing life, praising God together — not in some grand, polished way, but rather day by day, in the ordinary rhythm of their days.

Now remember, these were people who had recently witnessed a transformative event. The Resurrection had happened. And, despite our not celebrating Pentecost until May 24<sup>th</sup>, The Holy Spirit had arrived with wind and fire. And now here they were spilling out into the world with an almost irrepressible joy and openness. They were Easter people! And it showed. It showed in the way they ate together. It showed in the way they held what they had with open hands. It showed in the gladness that radiated out of them.

We are still in the Easter season. Still lifting up our alleluias. And so, in reading these verses, taken from our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles this coming Sunday, I couldn't help but wonder: Does our Easter faith show in the same way?

Think about what happens when you light a single candle in a dark room. You don't have to coax the light or explain it. You don't have to convince the darkness to move. The light simply does what light does — it reaches out, naturally and effortlessly, and everything around it changes. That's exactly what Luke is describing in these verses. The early believers weren't running an evangelism campaign. They weren't strategizing about how to grow their numbers. They were simply living with glad and generous hearts — and people noticed.

For me, there is something about the way these first followers of Jesus moved through the world that is quietly, irresistibly attractive. Cultivating a generous spirit is like that; it creates warmth where there was cold; it opens doors that fear keeps shut. When we move through our days with genuine gladness — and I

don't mean a pseudo cheerfulness, but rather with deep, settled joy of people who know they are beloved — when we hold what we have, and even who we are, with open hands — something shifts in the air around us. And people feel it. They lean toward it, the way a plant leans toward the sun. This is how the Resurrection light spread in those first days of the early church. By the quiet, daily, luminous witness of people who had been genuinely changed.

It is easy to read a passage like this and imagine that generosity of spirit belongs to some larger, grander version of our lives. The version where we have more time, more energy, more resources. The version where everything isn't quite so complicated or tiring. But notice with me what Luke emphasizes: *day by day*. Not in great, sweeping moments of heroic faith — day by day. In the ordinary. In the repetitive.

In fact, generosity of spirit lives in very small places. It lives in the patience we offer when someone is slow, and we are in a hurry. It lives in our asking the genuine question — *how are you*, followed by our willingness to then stay and listen to the answer. It lives in the encouraging word we choose to speak instead of the critical one we are holding. It lives in bringing our whole, present, attentive self to whoever is in front of us.

These are not small things. In the light of the Resurrection, they are acts of profound witness. They are the candle being lit, again and again, day by ordinary day. And just as the risen Christ appeared not in the temple but on a road, in a garden, beside a breakfast fire on the lakeshore, so the Easter light we carry tends to shine most brightly in the texture of our everyday life.

Here's what we ought to remember: God is still doing what God was doing in those early, wonder-filled days of the church. Adding to the story, drawing people toward the light, working through the ordinary faithfulness of ordinary people living with glad and generous hearts. And, *we* are the Easter people of the twenty-first century.

May we move through Eastertide with open hands and glad hearts trusting that the same Spirit who moved through those first Easter people moves through us. And may we always remember that in every small, generous act, the Risen Christ is made visible in the world once more.

Pace é bene,  
Johanna+

### *Vestry News...*

Please join our vestry in welcoming Paul Bishop as our new Junior Warden! In this role, Paul will help to create and oversee a property committee which tends to the care and upkeep of our church buildings and grounds. Please be sure to support Paul in his new role by asking him how you can help with the good stewardship of our buildings and grounds!



*Paul is the husband of Lucy, a father of six, and has lived in Shannondale since January 2023. While new to Zion, he previously attended St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Virginia. He is a graduate of the four-year Education for Ministry program and has been an EfM mentor since 2019 with his wife, Lucy. Paul is an IT Program Manager for a government contractor and has a background in Facilities Management and Facilities Operations.*

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

Plan to join us for WV Fest! 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). This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our community by offering free water and friendly conversation to festival goers. Event organizers provide the tent and all necessary supplies. We invite you to come be a welcoming presence and represent Zion.

Sign up for a time slot by clicking on the link below to help us make a positive impact!

### **WV Fest Sign Up**

### *St. Philip's News...*

#### **Annual Women's Day Program | Women Dedicated to God's Work Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm at St. Philip's Episcopal Church**

**The** Episcopal Church Women of St. Philip's Episcopal Church cordially invite you to join them for Worship and Fellowship on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at St. Philip's Church, 411 S. Lawrence Street in Charles Town. Sister Delores Jackson Foster of Mt. Zion AME Church in Knoxville, MD will be speaking. Light refreshments and fellowship will follow the program.

*JCCM News...*

**Thank you for your abundant generosity in helping to support those suffering from food insecurity. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. This past week Zion contributed 21 pounds of food to JCCM's food pantry.**

*Emerging Outreach Ministry News...*

**Zion's Community Care Pantry**

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

We have made great strides in establishing our new food and basic human needs pantry to support our neighbors in need of assistance and are now ready to take our next steps:

- Begin shopping for essential items to stock the shelves of our pantry.
- Create a list of individuals who are available to shop for pantry supplies.
- Develop a list of individuals who are available to deliver groceries to our clients.

For those who may wish to begin shopping, below is a list of items which would be useful:

Maseca (corn flour)	Fruit Cups	Diapers (Sizes 3, 4, or 5)
Beans	Applesauce	Enfagrow Formula (Toddler)
Lentils	Juice Boxes	Similac (0-12 M)
Rice	Cooking Oil	Feminine Hygiene Products
Pasta	Shelf-stable Milk	Soap
Spaghetti Sauce	Shelf-stable meat/fish	Shampoo & Conditioner
Canned Vegetables	Dental Care Products	Deodorant
Canned Fruit		Toilet Paper

Donated items should be brought to our parish office. In the interim between office administrators, please call the office before delivering your donations so we know to expect you (304) 725-5312. If you are available to shop for groceries or deliver groceries, please send an email to Rev. Johanna and be sure to include how you would like to serve and the days/times you are available.

### *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, and Joyce.

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

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

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

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clift, Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Corregan, Virginia Gesner, Gertrude G. Jones, Ruth S. Clift, Dr. and Mrs. H. Robert Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Skinner, Sr., Elizabeth Skinner Gough, and Jane Gibson Helmick.

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

Fred Everman, 1 <sup>st</sup>	Tess Truitt, 12 <sup>th</sup>	Adele Chesley, 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Julia Yuhasz, 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Melinda Maye, 13 <sup>th</sup>	Beverly Shepp, 24 <sup>th</sup>
Susannah Buckles, 5 <sup>th</sup>	Betina Peyton, 17 <sup>th</sup>	Kate Salisbury, 26 <sup>th</sup>
William Rogers, 6 <sup>th</sup>	Lizzie Fanelli, 19 <sup>th</sup>	Claire Johns, 28 <sup>th</sup>
Erin Hilton Buetin, 10 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Seckinger, 21 <sup>st</sup>	John Kirby, 28 <sup>th</sup>
Stephen Hall, 11 <sup>th</sup>	Jerry Bowers, 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sarah Lustrea, 30 <sup>th</sup>
Linda Poston, 11 <sup>th</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)*