



# 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 parish administrator, Eric Ott, 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...*

### **Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am — 3:00 pm

AARP Tax Service | Hauser Room

1:00 pm — 3:00 pm

Soul Food Tasting & Fellowship | St. Philip's

### **Sunday, February 22<sup>th</sup>**

### **The First Sunday in Lent**

*The candles on our Holy Table and reredos are given to the glory of God by Denny and Jenny Sue Caling in loving memory of Marge Smith and Archie Smith.*

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Greg Harp in loving memory of Steve Harp, Earlene Harp, and Pearl Shaffer and Candy Cain in loving memory of Elizabeth "Libba" Wysong.*

**8:00 am — 9:00 am**

**Holy Eucharist : Rite I**

### **Scheduled to Serve**

Altar Guild

Linda Work, Laurie Ruddy

Lay Reader

Phil Porterfield

Ushers

Donald and Patsy Noland

Hospitality

Jim Ruddy, Linda Work

**9:15 am — 10:15 am**

**Bible Study | Hauser Room**

**9:15 am — 10:15 am**

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

**10:30 am — 11:30 am**

**Scheduled to Serve**

Altar Guild

Verger

Crucifer

Torch Bearers

Gospel Book

Lay Reader

Prayers of the People/LEM

Ushers

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm

**Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:45 am — 9:45 am

**10:00 am — 11:00 am**

10:00 am — 11:00 am

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm

6:30 pm — 8:00 pm

**Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 am — 9:45 am

10:00 am — 11:00 am

**10:00 am — 11:00 am**

5:30 pm — 6:30 pm

7:00 pm — 8:00 pm

**Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am — 12:00 pm

9:15 am — 10:45 am

**12:00 pm — 1:00 pm**

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm

5:30 pm — 6:30 pm

7:00 pm — 8:00 pm

**Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 am — 9:45 am

10:00 am — 11:00 am

**10:00 am — 11:00 am**

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm

**Choral Eucharist : Rite II**

Joanne McIsaac, Sandy Coughlin

Lee Wilson

Lucy Peyton

Rightly Wildman, Isla Wildman

Winnie Wildman

Jamie Wilson

Greg Harp

Sandy Coughlin, Ken Fanelli

Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

Exercise Class | Gym

**Morning Prayer | Hayes Chapel**

Exercise Class | Gym

Exercise Class | Gym

Choir Rehearsal | Church

Exercise Class | Gym

Exercise Class | Gym

**Morning Prayer | Hayes Chapel**

Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

Beginning Biblical Hebrew | Online via Zoom

Thrift Store

Exercise Class | Gym

**Holy Eucharist | Hayes Chapel**

Exercise Class | Hauser Room

Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

Lenten Fellowship & Reflection | On Zoom

Exercise Class | Gym

Exercise Class | Gym

**Morning Prayer | Hayes Chapel**

Exercise Class | Gym

**Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am — 3:00 pm

AARP Tax Service | Hauser Room

11:00 am — 12:00 pm

Zion Meal Ministry | Social Hall

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

**The Second Sunday in Lent**

**8:00 am — 9:00 am**

**Holy Eucharist : Rite I**

**Scheduled to Serve**

Altar Guild

Dawn and Chris Pitzer

Lay Reader

Linda Work

Ushers

Donald and Patsy Noland

Hospitality

Jim Ruddy, Linda Work

**9:15 am — 10:15 am**

**Bible Study | Hauser Room**

**10:30 am — 11:30 am**

**Choral Eucharist : Rite II**

**Scheduled to Serve**

Altar Guild

Jamie and Lee Wilson

Verger

Lee Wilson

Crucifer

Greg Harp

Torch Bearers

Colin Peyton, Lucy Peyton

Gospel Book

Winnie Wildman

Lay Reader

Eric Delaney

Prayers of the People

Jamie Wilson

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Jamie Wilson

Ushers

Stephanie Harp, Randy Hilton

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm

Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

*If you are unable to serve as scheduled, kindly find a replacement and let our parish administrator know so that our scheduling accurately reflects those serving!*

*Vestry News...*

**Vestry Meeting | Sunday, February 22 at 11:45 am — Choir Room**

There will be a brief vestry meeting immediately following our 10:30 am service this Sunday in the choir room.

*February is Black History Month...*



**Soul Food Tasting & Fellowship**

**Saturday, February 28, 2026**

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

411 South Lawrence Street, Charles Town

1:00 pm — 3:00 pm

*Lenten Formation Opportunities...*

**Lenten Lunchtime Worship, Fellowship, and Reflection**

*Exploring the Baptismal Covenant's "Will You?" Questions Together*

**Wednesdays in Lent beginning February 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm**

Pack a light lunch and join us on Wednesdays during Lent for a brief service of Holy Eucharist in Hayes Chapel, followed by lunch in our Social Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather, enjoy fellowship, and engage in meaningful conversation.

Each week, our lunchtime discussion will focus on one of the five "Will You?" questions from our Baptismal Covenant. The five "Will You?" questions invite us to reflect on our commitment to faith, justice, and community — topics we will explore together each week. The hope is that during this time of reflection, we will discover new ways to think about the promises we make to God, to each other, and to ourselves in baptism.

For those unavailable during the lunch-time hour, an opportunity to engage the "Will You?" questions will be offered Wednesday evenings during Lent, online via Zoom. A link to join the conversation will be provided each Wednesday morning via MailChimp.

**Lenten Fellowship and Reflection**

*Exploring the Baptismal Covenant's "Will You?" Questions Together*

**Wednesdays in Lent beginning February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm | Online via Zoom**

### *Lenten Devotions Available...*

#### **Imagination in Motion: Lenten Devotions for Every Family**

*A Creative Journey through Lent*

Each Sunday throughout Lent, you'll find fresh Lenten devotion guides in the Narthex to take home and use during the week. These devotions are thoughtfully crafted for families of all shapes and sizes—children, teens, and adults alike. With flexible content designed to accommodate your unique family needs, you can customize your experience without feeling pressured to complete every activity. Just set aside time each week to come together and then dive in and explore what resonates. Each guide features scripture, meaningful reflections, and invites your family to practice three spiritual disciplines: embodiment, advocacy, and joy. Every devotion wraps up with a short prayer and even includes a coloring page to spark creativity! Plus, you'll find links to online media kits for further enrichment. If you prefer your materials delivered digitally, reach out to our parish office and let us know!

### *Seeds of Faith, Lenten Godly Play...*

Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at Trinity, Shepherdstown | 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

What to Expect: Age-appropriate activities for children 0-12, adult formation time, and a fellowship meal. Cost: Free. All are welcome, come as you are!

### *JCCM News...*

#### **The Unity Campaign: Join Us in Making a Difference!**

The Unity Campaign is a fundraising initiative organized by the United Way of the Eastern Panhandle. During this event, all local nonprofits come together and collaborate to raise funds in a concentrated, two-week period from March 1<sup>st</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. The United Way's funder matches a percentage of the total funds raised. This means your donation can go even further. For example, if JCCM raises \$10,000 during the campaign, JCCM could receive up to \$12,000 thanks to matching funds!

#### **Get Involved: Join Our Fundraising Team**

If you are interested in participating as a member of a small fundraising team, please reach out to Sarah Higgins at [sarah@jccm.us](mailto:sarah@jccm.us) to sign up and receive more information.



**A Prayer for Lent**  
*by Kimberly Knowle-Zeller*



Dear God,

When the ashes are felt upon our head, draw us closer to you.

When we gather for prayer and ask for forgiveness, draw us closer to you.

When we taste your goodness in bread and wine, draw us closer to you.

When we sing and join our voices as one, draw us closer to you.

In the wandering and wondering, draw us closer to you.

In the hope of peace, draw us closer to you.

In the fervent prayers for our neighbors, draw us closer to you.

In the wrestling with your scriptures, draw us closer to you.

In the sharing of our time and talents, draw us closer to you.

In offering our hands and hearts, draw us closer to you.

In sharing a meal, draw us closer to you.

In caring for our children, draw us closer to you.

In seeing the children of the world as our children, draw us closer to you.

In lighting a candle, draw us closer to you.

In moments of silence, draw us closer to you.

In moments of tears and frustration and cries, draw us closer to you.

In the questions, draw us closer to you.

In the learning and growing, draw us closer to you.

This Lent, draw us closer to you,

to your heart, your forgiveness,

your grace, your hope, your peace. Amen.

*Kimberly Knowle-Zeller is an ordained ELCA pastor. She lives with her family in Cole Camp, MO.*

**Zion contributed 69 pounds of food to JCCM last week!** We have learned that JCCM is requesting more soup, body wash, shampoo, hair conditioner, soap, and deodorant. *Thank you for your generosity!*



### *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, Karen, Tyler, Bob, Alison, Ned, Richard, Dennis, Renee, Lori, Evan, Bertie, Brad, Robert, Rusty, Joshua, Diane, Michele, and Patrick.

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

Marge Smith, Archie Smith, Steve Harp, Earlene Harp, Pearl Shaffer, Elizabeth "Libba" Wysong.

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

Jack Sudduth, 1 <sup>st</sup>	Nancy Longerbeam, 11 <sup>th</sup>	Jospeh McCormick, 18 <sup>th</sup>
James Davenport, 4 <sup>th</sup>	Erin Delaney, 12 <sup>th</sup>	Lindy Davis, 19 <sup>th</sup>
Stephen Burke, 7 <sup>th</sup>	Earl Carson, 13 <sup>th</sup>	Analea Noble, 25 <sup>th</sup>
Elizabeth Lutton, 8 <sup>th</sup>	Suellen Cassell, 16 <sup>th</sup>	Henry Davenport III, 26 <sup>th</sup>
Andrew Sudduth, 9 <sup>th</sup>	Audrey Davis, 16 <sup>th</sup>	Erin Neve, 26 <sup>th</sup>
Michael Spensley, 11 <sup>th</sup>	Phil Porterfield, 16 <sup>th</sup>	
Lee Wilson, 11 <sup>th</sup>	Marshall McCormick, 18 <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 to our parish administrator, Eric: [office@zionepiscopal.net](mailto:office@zionepiscopal.net) or call him (304) 725-5312, to add your birthday to our*