



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.

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

Upcoming Services and Events at Zion...

**DUE TO THE PREDICTED WINTER STORM & ARCTIC BLAST
OUR SUNDAY SERVICES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED THIS WEEKEND.**

JOIN US INSTEAD BEFORE THE STORM FOR

A SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23 at 6 PM

301 East Congress Street

ALL ARE WELCOME!

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by The Ramey family in loving memory of Turner and Louise Ramey, Turner and Louise Dutrow Ramey, Marvin Lowman and David Hill.

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

From Rev. Johanna...

If all goes according to plan, I will be out of the office Monday, January 26th through Friday, January 30th visiting with my mother in Florida. Should the plans changed due to the weather, I will send word. Should you have a pastoral emergency, please call my cell phone: (978) 407-5341.

Our weekday prayer service will resume on Monday, February 2nd in our chapel in the Educational Building. All are welcome !

Weather permitting, our parish office will be open, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Monday, January 26th

8:45 am — 9:45 am Exercise Class | Gym
10:00 am — 11:00 am Exercise Class | Gym
5:00 pm — 6:00 pm Exercise Class | Gym
6:30 pm — 8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal | Church

Tuesday, January 27th

8:45 am — 9:45 am Exercise Class | Gym
10:00 am — 11:00 am Exercise Class | Gym
5:30 pm — 6:30 pm Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall
7:00 pm — 8:00 pm Beginning Biblical Hebrew | Online via Zoom

Wednesday, January 28th

9:00 am — 12:00 pm Thrift Store
9:15 am — 10:45 am Exercise Class | Gym
5:00 pm — 6:00 pm Exercise Class | Hauser Room
5:30 pm — 6:30 pm Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

Thursday, January 29th

8:45 am — 9:45 am Exercise Class | Gym
10:00 am — 11:00 am Exercise Class | Gym
5:00 pm — 6:00 pm Exercise Class | Gym

Friday, January 30th

5:30 pm — 6:30 pm

Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

Saturday, January 31st

11:00 am — 12:30 pm

Zion Meal Ministry | Social Hall

Sunday, February 1st

Epiphany 4

8:00 am — 9:00 am

Holy Eucharist : Rite I

Scheduled to Serve

Altar Guild

Linda Work, Laurie Ruddy

Lay Reader

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

Holy Eucharist: Rite II | St. Philip's

10:30 am — 11:30 am

Choral Eucharist : Rite II

Scheduled to Serve

Altar Guild

Joanne McIsaac, Sandy Coughlin

Verger

Lee Wilson

Crucifer

Torch Bearers

Gospel Book

Lay Reader

Prayers of the People

Lay Eucharistic Minister

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!

Annual Meeting News...

Zion's Annual Meeting of the Parish was held last Sunday, January 18th at 9:30 am during a combined service of Holy Eucharist.

Nominated to serve on our vestry as the Class of 2029 were:

Alice Ellis



Zion has been my church home and family for over 20 years. My sons, Jack and Andrew, were baptized and raised in the church, singing in the children's choir and serving as acolytes. I have volunteered at Zion in many capacities - from serving as a Trustee and Senior Warden of the vestry, to working with our social justice outreach programs, such as the Monthly Meal Ministry, and assisting with our annual auction and other events. I enjoy spending time with my church family and sharing God's love with our community through my work with Zion.

Stephen Johnson



I'm a Senior Superintendent with The Christman Company's DC region. We perform Historical Preservation on Capitol Hill and the Smithsonian Institute. I studied project management at Cornell University. I have lived with my wife Cheryl for 35 years in Berryville.

I, like most people from Virginia, like the outdoors, fly fishing, and competitive archery.

Stacy Lindberg



I have been a member of Zion since 2019 and have been attending the Episcopal Church most of my adult life. I have never felt more at home than I do at Zion. The fellowship is exactly what I have been looking for in a church home. It is important to me to give something back to the community through the church. I have a BS in political science from Shepherd University and a MA from Marshall University. I recently earned the Certified Securities Compliance Professional® designation. I have two adult children and live on a farm in Charles Town with husband Eric and dog Griff. I enjoy running and Biblical Hebrew class.

At the conclusion of the meeting, our 2026 vestry, trustees, delegates /alternate delegate to Diocesan Convention, and Keyman were duly elected.

Immediately following our annual meeting, our 2026 vestry members met in the choir room to elect our 2026 Officers and two Assistant Treasurers (Jim Ruddy and Richard Seckinger). Thank you to all for stepping up to lead our congregation in the coming year:

2026 Officers & Vestry Members:

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|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Senior Warden | Alice Ellis (Class of 2029) |
| Junior Warden | Stephen Johnson (Class of 2029) |
| Treasurer | Ned Wilson |
| Clerk of the Vestry | Kenneth Fanelli (Class of 2027) |
| Class of 2027 | Greg Harp Betina Peyton |
| Class of 2028 | Annette Hale Joanne McIsaac Dawn Pitzer |
| Class of 2029 | Stacy Lindberg |

2026 Trustees:

Henry Davenport
Alice Ellis
Donald Noland
John Skinner
Linda Work, Secretary

2026 Delegates to Diocesan Convention:

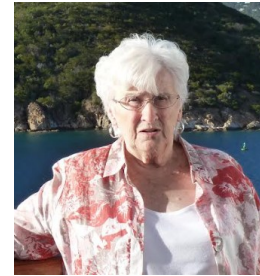
Chris Pitzer
Dawn Pitzer
Ned Wilson (Alternate)

2026 Keyman:

Greg Harp

Parish News...

There will be a service to offer thanksgiving and celebrate the life of **Doris Whiting** at Zion on Saturday, March 14th at 11:00 am. Doris passed from this world to the next peacefully in the early morning hours on Wednesday, December 17th at Canterbury Center in Shepherdstown. Please continue to hold Doris' family in your prayer.



We have received word that **Karen Schefner** is convalescing at home following a recent fall. Cards and warm wishes may be sent to Karen at: 409 North Preston Street, Ranson, WV 25438.

We have learned **Sharon Steptoe** has experienced a significant case of the flu. While she continues to convalesce at home, cards and warm wishes may be sent to: 500 South Mildred St., Charles Town, WV 25414.

Candle and Altar Flower Memorials...

If you would like to offer the candles on our reredos and altar in memory of a loved one, the months listed below remain available. Candles may be purchased for \$15.00 per month.

Months Available: January, March, July, September, October, December

If you would like to offer our altar flowers in memory of a loved one, the following dates listed below remain available. The cost per vase is \$30.00.

| Month | Weekend | Vases | Month | Weekend | Vases |
|----------|-----------------|-------|-------------|-----------------|-------|
| February | 2 nd | 1 | July | 4 th | 1 |
| March | 1 st | 1 | August | 4 th | 1 |
| March | 2 nd | 1 | November | 1 st | 1 |
| March | 3 rd | 1 | March 29 | 5 th | 2 |
| June | 1 st | 1 | November 29 | 5 th | 1 |

Please contact Richard Seckinger at (304) 671-2686 to make arrangements for candles or flowers.

Community Outreach Opportunity...

Hospice of the Panhandle

Share a little love through snacks!

Each year on Valentine's Day to show appreciation to the many professional doctors, social workers, facility staff, pharmacists, funeral directors, and others—who walk alongside patients and their families, Hospice of the Panhandle pauses to recognize the incredible people who help fulfill their mission.

To keep this tradition going, Hospice of the Panhandle is collecting individually wrapped, store-bought snacks to share with our partners. These small treats brighten long shifts and remind our colleagues that their work is deeply appreciated.

The following donations are welcome: Granola or protein bars, snack-size chips, popcorn, or pretzels, individually wrapped nuts or trail mix, wrapped snack cakes, brownies, or cookies, and hard candies, candy bars, or gum.

Items may be dropped off during our parish office our office hours, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm through Monday, February 9th.

Peterkin News...

Apply to be a Peterkin Counselor or CIT
Come build holy community in God's wilderness

[Click here for a 2026 Summer Application](#)



Save the Date!

Women's Retreat at Peterkin

April 16—19, 2026

AARP Free Tax Preparation...

Beginning Saturday, February, 7, 2026, Zion will once again provide space in our social hall for **AARP's Free Tax form Preparation Assistance**. The service will begin on Saturday, February 7th and continue every Saturday thereafter through Saturday, April 11, 2026. Goodwill offerings are accepted and appreciated.

Shopping List for JCCM: Food Items: Spaghetti Sauce, Ramen, Crackers, Canned Meat (chicken, tuna, beef stew, chili) Canned Vegetables, Cereal, Hearty Soups, Canned Pasta (Ravioli, Spaghetti O's, etc.) Rice, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Bottled Water.



Non-food items: Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, Shampoo, Body Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Conditioner, Deodorant, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper.

Zion contributed 52 pounds of food to JCCM last week!

Prayer Requests...

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, Emma Anne and Nick, 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, Walter, Bob, Alison, Ned, Richard, Dennis, Renee, Lori, Evan, Bertie, Brad, Robert, Rusty, and Joshua.

For Those Who Have Died...

Turner and Louise Ramey, Turner and Louise Dutrow Ramey, Marvin Lowman and David Hill

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| Philip Fanelli, 1 st | Leslie Slover, 13 th | Tom Floyd, 18 th |
| Colin Harp, 2 nd | Linda Work, 14 th | Evan Miller, 19 th |
| Taylor Seibert, 6 th | Sharon Steptoe, 17 th | Mindy Maye, 24 th |
| Betsy Splawn, 6 th | Mary Davis Roxer, 17 th | Sandra Raymond, 26 th |
| Jane Tarner, 7 th | Phil McDonald, 17 th | Shannon Jenkins, 28 th |
| Katie McGivern, 12 th | | |

For Those Celebrating Birthdays in January:

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: