



# 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, March 7<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am — 3:00 pm

AARP Tax Service | Hauser Room

10:00 am — 1:00 pm

Seeds Of Faith Lenten Godly Play,  
Trinity, Shepherdstown

**Daylight Savings Time begins this Sunday | Spring Forward one hour!**

### **Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

### **The Third Sunday in Lent**

*The flowers in the baptismal font are given to the glory of God by Linda Myers in loving memory of her father and mother Raymond and Susie Myers.*

**8:00 am — 9:00 am**

**Holy Eucharist : Rite I**

### **Scheduled to Serve**

Altar Guild

Dawn and Chris Pitzer

Lay Reader

Phil Porterfield

Ushers

Jim and Laurie Ruddy

Hospitality

Jim Ruddy, Linda Work

**9:15 am — 10:15 am**

**Bible Study | Hauser Room**

**10:30 am — 11:30 am**

**Scheduled to Serve**

Altar Guild  
Vergers  
Crucifer  
Torch Bearers  
Gospel Book  
Lay Reader  
Prayers of the People  
Lay Eucharistic Minister  
Ushers

**Choral Eucharist : Rite II**

Jamie and Lee Wilson  
Lee Wilson  
Erin Delaney  
Isla Wildman, Rightly Wildman  
Winnie Wildman  
Ken Fanelli  
Greg Harp  
Greg Harp  
Sue Floyd, Jamie Wilson

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm

Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

**Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 am — 9:45 am

Exercise Class | Gym

**9:00 am — 2:00 pm**

**Making Room for Ministry | Education Bldg.**

**10:00 am — 11:00 am**

**Morning Prayer | Hayes Chapel**

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, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 am — 9:45 am

Exercise Class | Gym

10:00 am — 11:00 am

Exercise Class | Gym

**10:00 am — 11:00 am**

**Morning Prayer | Hayes Chapel**

5:30 pm — 6:30 pm

Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

7:00 pm — 8:00 pm

Beginning Biblical Hebrew | Online via Zoom

**Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am — 12:00 pm

Thrift Store

9:15 am — 10:45 am

Exercise Class | Gym

**12:00 pm — 1:00 pm**

**Holy Eucharist | Hayes Chapel**

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm

Exercise Class | Hauser Room

5:30 pm — 6:30 pm

Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

7:00 pm — 8:00 pm

**Vestry Meeting | Parlors**

**Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 am — 9:45 am

Exercise Class | Gym

10:00 am — 11:00 am

Exercise Class | Gym

**10:00 am — 11:00 am**

**Morning Prayer | Hayes Chapel**

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm

Exercise Class | Gym

**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am — 3:00 pm

AARP Tax Service | Hauser Room

**11:00 am — 2:00 pm**

**Memorial Service & Luncheon | Doris Whiting**

**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

8:00 am — 9:00 am

**Holy Eucharist : Rite I**

**Scheduled to Serve**

Altar Guild

Dawn and Chris Pitzer

Lay Reader

Richard Seckinger

Ushers

Sam and Lanette Byrer

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

Crucifer

Lee Wilson

Torch Bearers

Isla Wildman, Rightly Wildman

Gospel Book

Winnie Wildman

Lay Reader

Jamie Wilson

Prayers of the People

Kenny Floyd

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Kenny Floyd

Ushers

Eileen Davis, Joanne McIsaac

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...*

### **March Vestry Meeting Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

Our vestry will gather for its monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Parlors. To ensure a smooth and efficient meeting, all reports intended for the vestry should be submitted to the parish administrator. Please submit reports prior to Noon on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Timely submission of reports allows for adequate preparation and consideration of agenda items during the meeting.

#### **Update on Junior Warden's Position | A Word from Rev. Johanna**

If you regularly check the back of our service bulletin you may have noticed—or perhaps have already heard—that our Junior Warden's position is currently vacant. To keep everyone informed, on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, following our vestry meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup>, I received an email from Stephen Johnson, our newly elected Junior Warden. In his message, Stephen resigned his position as Junior Warden and indicated his need to step away from Zion, citing personal reasons for his decision.

After receiving Stephen's email, I reached out to him to express my disappointment and to wish him well in his future endeavors. I also made sure to inform our Senior Warden, Alice Ellis, as well as all our vestry members, about Stephen's resignation.

#### **Vestry Response and Next Steps**

Our vestry gathered after the 10:30 am service on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> to begin discussing how best to address the vacancy in our Junior Warden's position.

Recognizing the significant responsibilities involved in maintaining our buildings and grounds, our vestry is now actively working to assemble a committee of individuals who have the time, passion, and skills needed to help care for our property and handle essential maintenance tasks. It has been suggested that once this committee is formed, its members might then recommend one individual from among themselves to the vestry to serve as our new Junior Warden.

This approach—forming a committee before appointing a new Junior Warden—aims to set the expectation that our Junior Warden will work alongside a group of committed individuals, rather than being solely responsible for all related duties. By doing so, we hope to ensure our Junior Warden receives the necessary support and that the needs of our parish buildings and grounds are effectively met.

If you have an interest in serving on our property committee, please speak with any member of our vestry (the names of our vestry members are listed on the back of our service bulletin) or Rev. Johanna.

### *Opportunity to Serve...*

#### **Making Room for Ministry!**

**Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am | First Floor Educational Building**

We're cleaning up some space on the first floor of our Educational Building to make room for two new ministries: a revitalized quilting ministry and an new outreach ministry to support our immigrant neighbors. Mark your calendars for Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am and plan to come help sort through items which have collected in two of the rooms on the first floor of our Educational Building. All are welcome, come as you are able!

### *Lenten Formation Opportunities...*

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

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

**Wednesdays in Lent 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. 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.

**Wednesdays in Lent at 7:00 pm | Resumes March 18<sup>th</sup>**

### *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!

### *Email/Text Scam Alert...*

Hopefully you have received word about the scam emails and text messages requesting a gift card or requesting that you respond to them because Rev. Johanna needs to have a private conversation with you. While these emails and text messages appear to have been sent by Rev. Johanna, they have not been sent by her.

**It is very important that:**

- **you do not respond to the requests contained in emails /text messages.**
- **Please be vigilant in checking to see what email address or phone number is actually being used to contact you regardless of the name associated with the email or text; and**

If in doubt, please pick up the phone and call Rev. Johanna!



**Zion contributed 45 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...**

Raymond and Susie Myers

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

Donna Coulter, 3<sup>rd</sup>

Brandon Truitt, 7<sup>th</sup>

Maggie Slover, 22<sup>nd</sup>

Travis Jenkins, 3<sup>rd</sup>

Joshua Burke, 15<sup>th</sup>

Elizabeth Wells, 22<sup>nd</sup>

Philip Steptoe, 3<sup>rd</sup>

Jaclynn Courney, 20<sup>th</sup>

Scott Sudduth, 25<sup>th</sup>

Christopher Anderson, 4<sup>th</sup>

Amy Salisbury, 21<sup>th</sup>

Kathleen Willis, 25<sup>th</sup>

Kyle Custer, 7<sup>th</sup>

Nancy Spensley, 21<sup>st</sup>

Wanda Perry, 30<sup>th</sup>

Sally Smith, 7<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@zionaepiscopal.net](mailto:office@zionaepiscopal.net) or call him (304) 725-5312, to add your birthday to our list!*