



# 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*

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*Dear good people,*

*On Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, I received a letter of resignation from our Office Administrator, Eric Ott. Eric's final day with us will be Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.*

*Eric has diligently served our community for nearly two years as Office Administrator, providing valuable support to my ministry as rector in numerous ways. Throughout his tenure, he has demonstrated grace, professionalism, and a consistent commitment to being helpful and courteous. His positive presence in the office will be greatly missed.*

*I fully support Eric's decision to pursue a career path that offers full-time employment and medical benefits. I am appreciative of the opportunity to have worked alongside Eric in his role, and I encourage each of you to join me in expressing gratitude for his dedicated service and in wishing him success in his future endeavors.*

*Pace é bene,  
Rev. Johanna*

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

### **Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am — 12:00 pm

Thrift Store

9:00 am — 3:00 pm

AARP Tax Service | Hauser Room

### **Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

### **Easter Day**

8:00 am — 9:00 am

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

*with final hymn and Organ Postlude*

**Scheduled to Serve**

Altar Guild  
Lay Reader  
Ushers  
Hospitality

Linda Work, Laurie Ruddy  
Richard Seckinger  
Sam and Lanette Byrer  
Jim Ruddy, Linda Work

**10:30 am — 11:30 am**

**Holy Eucharist : Rite II *with Holy Baptism***  
*Organ, Choir, and Guest Musicians*  
*Easter Egg Hunt Following the Service*

**Scheduled to Serve**

Altar Guild  
Verger  
Crucifer  
Torch Bearers  
Gospel Book  
Lay Reader  
Prayers of the People  
Ushers  
Hospitality

Sue Floyd and Family  
Lee Wilson  
Lucy Peyton  
Levi Yuhasz, Porter Yuhasz  
Colin Harp  
Julia Yuhasz  
Brenda Whittington  
Joanne McIsaac, Betina Peyton  
Delaney Family

**Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am — 2:00 pm

Eric Ott's Last Day

**Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Office Closed**

**Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Office Closed**

9:00 am — 12:00 pm

Thrift Store

10:00 am — 11:00 am

Deanery Meeting | Zoom

5:30 pm — 6:30 pm

Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

**Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Office Closed**

**Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Office Closed**

**Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am — 3:00 pm

AARP Tax Service | Hauser Room

**Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am — 9:00 am**

**Easter 2**

**Morning Prayer : Rite I**

*Linda Work, Presiding*

**Scheduled to Serve**

Altar Guild

Linda Work, Laurie Ruddy

Lay Reader

Phil Porterfield

Ushers

Hospitality

Jim Ruddy, Linda Work

**10:30 am — 11:30 am**

**Morning Prayer : Rite II**

*Donaldson Twyman, Presiding*

**Bible Study Resumes April 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Scheduled to Serve**

Altar Guild

Sue Floyd and Family

Verger

Lee Wilson

Crucifer

Colin Harp

Torch Bearers

Isla Wildman, Rightly Wildman

Lay Reader

Ken Fanelli

Prayers of the People

Ken Fanelli

Ushers

### *Parish Office News...*

Rev. Johanna will be away on vacation visiting with her family in Massachusetts from Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> through Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact our Senior Warden, Alice Ellis at (703) 727-2985.

### **Parish Office Closed**

**Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> through Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

Please be sure to attend our Morning Prayer services next Sunday and support Linda Work and Donny Twyman as they lead worship services for us at 8 am and 10:30 am, respectively.

*From Rev. Johanna...*

**Reflection on Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

On Easter morning at our 10:30 am service, our choir will sing the appointed verses of Psalm 118. Following each verse, the gathered community will join with the choir in the singing of the refrain:

*This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*



(NKJV)

Notice with me that the psalmist tells us “This is the day.” Not yesterday. Not tomorrow. This day. The one you woke up to this morning. The one already underway, with all its ordinary weight and all its quiet possibility. This is the day that the Lord has made. I invite you to hold these words close to your heart as your day unfolds.

Throughout this past week, I’ve been waking up earlier than usual. Earlier enough to have the opportunity to see the sun rise. I’ve noticed that there is a moment — just before the light fully breaks — when the sky begins to soften at its edges. And I’ve noticed that the darkness doesn’t disappear all at once. It yields, slowly and gently, to something warmer. Something that was always coming, even when I couldn’t yet see it.

We know that every single morning, without fail, the light returns. It doesn’t ask whether we slept well. It doesn’t wait for us to have everything figured out. It simply arrives, steady and unhurried, as if to say — here we are again. A new beginning. A fresh threshold. Another chance to step forward into the day that God has made.

The thing is — we often imagine that fresh starts require big moments. At least I admit, I do. A new year, a new chapter, a dramatic turning point. But the Psalmist doesn’t say that. The Psalmist simply points to this day. Today. The one right in front of us. That is a remarkable and tender gift.

Whatever you’re carrying — whatever feels unresolved — God is not asking you to have it all sorted before you can step into something new. The invitation is simpler and far more gracious than that. It is the invitation of dawn itself. To begin again, right here, right now, in this very day that the Lord has made. Rejoice and be glad in it.

Not because everything is easy. Not because the road ahead is perfectly clear. But because this day — with all its unknowns, all its ordinariness, all its hidden grace — belongs to God. And that means it is held. It is purposeful. It is enough.

I invite you, sometime between now and Easter morning, to find a quiet moment, and ponder where in your life — right now — you're longing for or perhaps have already begun to sense a fresh start. Lean into the question, sit with it. There's no need to rush toward an answer. Write it down and come back to it or simply let it settle in your heart. Hold whatever comes up with openness and with kindness toward yourself. Know that God is already at work in that place, even now, even before the light has fully broken through.

May you carry with you the quiet confidence that *this day* was made by God. When the light feels thin, remember the dawn. Remember that the light always returns. May you know the grace of beginning again today. May you find, in even the smallest moments, reasons to rejoice and be glad. And may you rest in the assurance that this day — this one, ordinary, unrepeatable day — is held in the hands of a God who loves you deeply.

Pace é bene,  
Johanna+

**Easter Day | Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Holy Eucharist: Rite I | 8 am**

— *with final hymn and Organ Postlude*

**Festival Eucharist: Rite II with Holy Baptism | 10:30 am**

— *with Organ, Choir, and Guest Musicians*

*There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children following our 10:30 am service!*

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

**Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> | 8 am & 10:30 am Services**

Bishop Matthew will be present with us for his annual visitation on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. He will preside and preach at both our 8 am and 10:30 am services. All are welcome to attend and to greet our Bishop during coffee hour immediately following our services. If you are interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, please speak with Rev. Johanna.



### *Healing Hearts Ministry News...*

#### **Healing Hearts Quilting Ministry Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm | Educational Building, Lower Level**

Zion Church is restarting Healing Hearts, a quilting ministry that creates lap quilts to support parish members facing illness or hardships. We will meet on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm in the Lower Level of the Education Building to sort fabric and set a regular monthly meeting date—likely Saturdays to accommodate working members. All are welcome to participate.



For more information, contact Sue Floyd at [suecat37@yahoo.com](mailto:suecat37@yahoo.com) (304.261-3646) or Laurie Ruddy at [lruddy05@gmail.com](mailto:lruddy05@gmail.com) (304.676-2873), or come and join us on the 11<sup>th</sup>!

### *Vestry News...*

Thank you to Lanette Byrer, Alice Ellis, Jim Ellis, Stephen Hall, and Joanne McIsaac who showed up to clean bins for our Food & Basic Human Needs Pantry for our immigrant neighbors.

#### **Mark Your Calendars!**

#### **Property Committee Meeting Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm | Parlors** *Calling All Interested Property Committee Members!*

Anyone interested in serving on our property committee is invited and encouraged to attend a general information meeting on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the parlors. Below is a short property committee job description.

#### **Property Committee Job Description**

Many people wonder what joining the property committee involves, including the time commitment and skills required. Serving on this committee means collaborating with others to keep our facilities in good condition. Property committee members can be expected to attend at least one monthly meeting to assess the needs of our facilities and develop action plans. Committee members may carry out some manageable tasks themselves, while other tasks might

require contacting contractors for estimates. Recommendations are then made to the vestry, and the committee supervises the approved projects. The committee also maintains and updates a list of priorities for upcoming work. Whether your strengths are hands-on work like carpentry, painting or gardening, or skills like organizing and project management, there's a role for you on the property committee. If you have an interest in serving on our property committee, please speak our Senior Warden, Alice Ellis.

**Church Yard Clean Up**  
**Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am**  
*Many hands make light work.*

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!

*Date of April Vestry Meeting Changed...*

**April Vestry Meeting | Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**  
**Please Note the Change in Date from April 8<sup>th</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup>**

Our April vestry meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Please note that this month's meeting is set for the third Wednesday, not the second Wednesday!

*Outreach News...*

Alongside our ongoing support for JCCM's Food Pantry, we are preparing to gather donations for a new Outreach Ministry to assist neighbors facing difficulties. The Basic Human Needs and Food Pantry will be located in a newly cleaned space—the first room on the left when entering from Mildred Street—on the ground floor of our Educational Building.

St. Agnes Catholic Church, EPPOP, and Zion have partnered to launch this new ministry. Both groups assisted in preparing the space and will help stock shelves with essentials.

Details on how to participate or support the ministry will be shared soon. For more information, contact Alice Ellis or Rev. Johanna.

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

**Thank you for your abundant generosity in helping to support those suffering from food insecurity.** 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, Tyler, Bob, Alison, Ned, Richard, Dennis, Renee, Lori, Evan, Bertie, Brad, Robert, Rusty, Joshua, Diane, Michele, Patrick, Karen, and Brian.

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

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

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

Eleanor Worth

### **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 Buettin, 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*