



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...

Saturday, October 25th

11:00 am — 12:30 pm Zion Meal Ministry | Social Hall

Sunday, October 26th Pentecost 20 | Stewardship Presentation

The candles on our Holy Table and reredos are given to the glory of God by Rebecca Vickers Custer in loving memory of Christopher Aaron Custer.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Doris Whiting in loving memory of her husband, Edgar Whiting.

8:00 am — 9:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I

Scheduled to Serve

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

9:15 am — 10:15 am Bible Study | Hauser Room

9:15 am — 10:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II | St. Philip's

10:30 am — 12:00 pm

Scheduled to Serve

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

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm

Monday, October 27th

8:45 am — 9:45 am
10:00 am — 11:00 am
5:00 pm — 6:00 pm

Tuesday, October 28th

8:45 am — 9:45 am
10:00 am — 11:00 am
7:00 pm — 8:00 pm
5:30 pm — 6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 29th

9:00 am — 12:00 pm
9:15 am — 10:45 am
5:00 pm — 6:00 pm
5:30 pm — 6:30 pm

Thursday, October 30th

8:45 am — 9:45 am
10:00 am — 11:00 am
5:00 pm — 6:00 pm

Friday, October 31st

11:00 am — 12:30 pm

Choral Eucharist: Rite II

Sue Floyd and Family
Lee Wilson
Mindy Maye
Isla Wildman, Rightly Wildman
Winnie Wildman
Julia Yuhasz
Julia Yuhasz
Brenda Whittington
Sue Floyd, Jamie Wilson

Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

Exercise Class | Gym
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Exercise Class | Gym
Beginning Biblical Hebrew | Online via Zoom
Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

Thrift Shop Open
Exercise Class | Gym
Exercise Class | Hauser Room
Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

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Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

Sunday, October 26th

Commemoration of All Saints Day

8:00 am — 9:00 am

Holy Eucharist: Rite I

Scheduled to Serve

Altar Guild

Laurie Ruddy, Linda Work

Lay Reader

Phil Porterfield

Ushers

Jim and Laurie Ruddy

Hospitality

Jim Ruddy, Linda Work

9:15 am — 10:15 am

Bible Study | Hauser Room

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Holy Eucharist: Rite II | St. Philip's

10:30 am — 12:00 pm

Choral Eucharist: Rite II

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Sue Floyd and Family

Verger

Lee Wilson

Crucifer

Colin Harp, Lucy Peyton

Torch Bearers

Isla Wildman, Rightly Wildman

Gospel Book

Winnie Wildman

Lay Reader

Don Twyman

Prayers of the People

Jamie Wilson

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Jamie Wilson

Ushers

Steven Hall, Urath Gibson

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm

Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

Stewardship News...



Sunday, October 26th

Stewardship Presentation at 8 am and 10:30 am

Phil McDonald, Presenter

Join us for worship this Sunday as our Stewardship Committee presents this year's goal of our Annual Pledge Campaign. Phil McDonald will be speaking at both our 8 am and 10:30 am services. A time for questions and answers will follow the presentation.

Stewardship Committee News...

Singing Gratitude

By The Rev. Lester V. MacKenzie



**Tell Out
My Soul**



Music is breath. It is heartbeat. It is the voice that rises from within, unfiltered, raw, and real. Sometimes joyful. Sometimes aching. Always true.

The Xhosa melody *Ndisondele Kuwe* walks with me. It is more than a song—it is a doorway, an invitation into sacred spaces. The words mean *I draw near to You*. A hymn, yes, but more than that. A Prayer. A surrender. A call not to seek answers, but to seek God. To move toward the divine, not from a place of strength, but from exhaustion, from the longing that lives in every human soul.

When this song is sung, something happens. The air changes. A quiet wind moves through the room. Voices tremble, crack, and finally break open. Long-held burdens slip through the cracks. In that moment—vulnerable, stripped bare—the Holy Spirit meets us. Guides us. Pulls us closer to God, and closer to one another.

This is stewardship. To step forward with what we have, trusting that it is enough. Gratitude gives us the courage to give without fear, to pour ourselves out while still holding onto the song that makes us who we are. We do not shrink when we give. We do not lose ourselves. We grow.

Gratitude makes it possible to sing. To share. To let go.

And when we sing together, each voice rising with its own story, we find something greater than ourselves.
Uxolo!

Questions for Reflection:

I wonder, how does gratitude help you to dare to share your song? *Yebo!*



The Reverend Lester V. Mackenzie, AHC serves as the Chief of Mission Program in the office of The Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe. He is fed by desert spirituality, a musician, capoeirista and an Associate of Holy Cross (AHC), drawn always to the ocean.



THE EPISCOPAL
NETWORK FOR
STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Corner...

Tell Out My Soul

By Phil McDonald



Some of you may remember in the 50's and 60's when Zion's nave was full every Sunday waiting to hear the message from the future Bishop Alan Bartlett. John Merchant led a full staff of acolytes to perform their duties, and we were numerous and anxious group. Multiple services were enjoyed, including a family service in the Parish Hall prior to Sunday School. Friday evenings were a delight to experience with Turner Ramey and Donald Smith leading the "Brotherhood" of St. Andrew. Our visits from Bishop Campbell were always a joy and inspiration, as were our gatherings at Camp Peterkin in its early years. Sadie Hawkins Day is a personal camp event I won't expound upon. These are but a few examples of the experiences that forged my relationship with Zion. Most of these events still occur to this day.

The theme of this year's stewardship program for the national church is "Tell out my soul" from Luke 1:46. When Mary met Elizabeth, after the Immaculate Conception, and John first moved in her womb it caused Elizabeth to honor Mary as "Blessed art Thou among women." Mary's response was "My soul doth magnify the Lord" (KJV), more recently translated to "Tell out my soul," forming the introduction to the Magnificat.

Stewardship entails applying our time, talent and treasure toward the support and enhancement of both the physical and spiritual edifice of Zion. The buildings, programs, events, even our staff require our support to maintain the form and function of our goal of a community spiritual center. Stewardship is the fuel for this engine, or fire, if you will. It determines the outcome of all of our good intentions and dreams. Pledges are the manifestation of the "Treasure" portion of stewardship; certainly, no more important than Time or Talent, but without the treasure portion, we soon run out of fuel. If this is new to you, or unclear, a Pledge to Zion is a commitment to donate a specific amount of money on a repeating interval, be it weekly, monthly or yearly. The

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goal of the Stewardship drive is to register pledges for the coming year to fund our budget, similar to United Way, Rotary and other community supported organizations.

Please consider including Zion in your regular giving plan. Whether it be through regular pledging, electronic pledging through Tithley, non-pledged donations, occasional gifts or estate endowments, Zion welcomes your treasure and strives to put these gifts to the best use for the community.

JCCM News...

**A Night For Neighbors | Charles Town Moose Lodge #948
Featuring Chad Laughlin Band
Friday, November 14th | 7 pm to 11 pm**

Plan to attend JCCM's upcoming fundraiser, *A Night For Neighbors!* Enjoy live music, dancing, concessions, and raffles—all while helping neighbors in need. Tickets are \$15.00/per person. All proceeds benefit Jefferson County Community Ministries. Zion will be providing a 'Coffee and Tea' basket for the raffle. If you would like to contribute to the basket, gift cards and/or appropriate items may be dropped off at our parish office by November 10th.



Thank you for your abundant generosity in supporting those in our community in need.

Shopping List for JCCM: Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti/Pasta, Ramen Noodles, Crackers, Canned meat (chicken, spam, ham, tuna), Canned vegetables (not green beans/corn), Hearty soups, Canned Pasta (Ravioli, Spaghetti O's, etc.), Canned Chili, Canned Fruit, Cereal, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Sugar, Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Conditioner, Deodorant, Copy Paper, Paper towels, Toilet Paper, and Feminine Hygiene products.



All items collected in our red wagon on Sunday mornings are delivered to the JCCM food pantry during the week.

Parish News...

Zion will be hosting our monthly meal ministry this weekend on Saturday from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. All are welcome to participate, join us in the kitchen!

Community Outreach Opportunity...

Each year Martinsburg South Middle School organizes a full Thanksgiving Meal for students in need. This outreach to those in need cannot be done without the generosity of the entire staff of the school and the community. This year the school is hoping to provide 25 to 30 meals. There are a number of ways you can contribute to this worthy project. You may wish to purchase items from the list below, donate a gift card for local grocery stores, or purchase a whole meal—either by buying everything or donating the money for it to be purchased. The cost of each meal is approximately \$75.00.

You may bring your donation to our parish office by Tuesday, November 11th during our normal operating hours: Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 2 pm. The following food items are currently needed:

Turkey (18 to 24 pounds)	1 Large Box of Instant Potatoes
3 Cans of Green Beans	1 Large Roasting pan for Turkey
3 Cans of Corn	1 Can of Evaporated Milk
3 Boxes of Stuffing	1 Large Can of Yams
2 Large Jars of Turkey Gravy	

Community News...

The Kazakh National String Quartet and Timur Mustakimov will be performing works of Mozart and Brahms on Sunday, November 2nd at 3:00 pm at Asbury United Methodist Church, 110 W North Street, Charles Town, WV 25414. The Quartet is currently on its 30th Anniversary World Tour, which will culminate in a recital at CARNEGIE HALL, where Timur Mustakimov will join with them to perform Brahms's Piano Quintet in F minor, Op. 34. The very same program will be performed here at Asbury, making this occasion especially meaningful for our local community. The concert will be filmed as part of a documentary which follows the Quartet's journey through Spain, France, and the USA. All proceeds will benefit JCCM.

Prayer Requests...

For Those Who Are Housebound...

Marian Auer, Jean Hale, Edna Phillips, Doris Starks, and Doris Whiting.

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, Doris, Michael, Mary Bruce, Jim, Leo, Peggy, Donna, Lucas, Ava, Kevin, Owen, P.T., Tom, Sharon, Jim, Mary Jane, Bobbie, Don, Kassidy, Kelly, Ruth, Lousie, Becky, Laurie, Barbara, Wanda, Jennifer, Karmen, Karen, Tyler, Walter, Nancy, Bob, Alison, Michele, Ned, Richard, Dennis, Renee, Lori, Evan, and Bertie.

For Those Who Have Died...

Christopher Aaron Custer, Edgar Whiting

For Those Celebrating Birthdays in October.

Holy God, thank you for the strength you provide, the grace you extend, and the mercy you grant us. May those celebrating birthdays this month always feel your presence, knowing that they are deeply loved and cherished by you. Grant them wisdom for the days ahead, strength for life's challenges, and a heart that continually seeks after you. May their faith grow stronger, and may they be a source of light and inspiration to those around them. May they continue to grow into the person You made them to be. Amen.

David Strider, 1 st	Cricket Morgan, 14 th
Aaron Smore, 2 nd	Gaby Smith, 20 th
Steven Longerbeam, 2 nd	Nancy McCormick, 20 th
Tabatha Chesley, 6 th	Patsy Noland, 24 th
Joyce Baker, 7 th	Marian Auer, 25 th
William Floyd, 7 th	Eileen Davis, 25 th
Jean Hale, 11 th	Polly Slover, 25 th
Royal Wilson, 12 th	Ethel Barrow, 30 th
Stephanie Custer, 14 th	Sharon Lewis, 30 th