



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 4th

11:00 am — 12:00 pm Funeral Service for Ira Hale

Sunday, October 5th Pentecost 17

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 Candy Cain in loving memory of Harry "Diddy" James Cain, Jr. and by Richard Seckinger in loving memory of Charles Seckinger, Sr., Anna Seckinger, and Rae Schumann.

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
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10:30 am — 12:00 pm

Scheduled to Serve

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

11:45 am — 1:30 pm
5:00 pm — 6:00 pm

Monday, October 6th

8:45 am — 9:45 am
10:00 am — 11:00 am
10:30 am — 12:00 pm
5:00 pm — 6:00 pm

Tuesday, October 7th

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 8th

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 9th

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

Bible Study | Hauser Room

Holy Eucharist: Rite II | St. Philip's

Choral Eucharist: Rite II

Sue Floyd and Family
Lee Wilson
Greg Harp
Colin Harp, Lucy Peyton
Winnie Wildman

Ken Fanelli

Greg Harp

Greg Harp

Stephanie Harp, Randy Hilton

Stewardship Potluck Luncheon | Gym

Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

Rev. Johanna | Vacation

Exercise Class | Gym

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Finance Committee Meeting | Parlors

Exercise Class | Gym

Rev. Johanna | Vacation

Exercise Class | Gym

Exercise Class | Gym

Beginning Biblical Hebrew | Online via Zoom

Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

Rev. Johanna | Vacation

Thrift Shop Open

Exercise Class | Gym

Exercise Class | Hauser Room

Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

Rev. Johanna | Vacation

Exercise Class | Gym

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Sunday, October 12th Pentecost 18 | Rabbi Joe Murray, Preaching

8:00 am — 9:00 am Morning Prayer | Rite I
Richard Seckinger, Presiding

Scheduled to Serve

Altar Guild	Laurie Ruddy, Linda Work
Lay Reader	Phil Porterfield
Ushers	TBD
Hospitality	Jim Ruddy, Linda Work

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

10:30 am — 12:00 pm Morning Prayer: Rite II
Kenny Floyd, Presiding

Scheduled to Serve

Altar Guild	Sue Floyd and Family
Verger	Lee Wilson
Crucifer	Erin Delaney
Torch Bearers	Isla Wildman, Rightly Wildman
Lay Reader	Kenny Floyd
Prayers of the People	Jamie Wilson
Ushers	TBD

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

Stewardship Committee News...

Tell Out My Soul | Stewardship Program/Potluck Luncheon | Gym
Sunday, October 5th following our 10:30 am Service

You are invited to join us for a potluck lunch and enjoy fellowship with those who may attend a different service, those who may be new to our congregation, and those who may be looking for a congregation to call home.

Please plan to come to the luncheon and be sure to invite your family, friends, newcomers and any folks interested in learning about Zion our community!

We're pleased and excited by the promise of Tell Out My Soul and look forward to hearing your stories!

Tell Out My Soul Weekly Reflection...

**There is Little To Say That We
Cannot Say Through Song**
By Mickey McGroarty



**Tell Out
My Soul**



Questions for Reflection:

Does art need to be good to be valuable? We talk about sharing the gifts that God gave us – but what about the areas we are not especially gifted in – should we create art anyway – as we Tell Out Our Souls?



Mickey McGroarty is the keyboardist and Choir Director at Church of Our Saviour in Akron, OH in addition to directing the choir at the University of Akron, directing Sing Stark's Vox Audio, playing at Temple Israel in Fairlawn, and composing.



When I was in high school, my drama teacher told us that when we are creative—whether we are performing, drawing, playing music, etc.—we are participating in our own small way in the holy act of Creation in much the same way that God created all things. It had never occurred to me that something as simple as writing a song was an echo of God creating the universe.

The human voice is the vehicle of the soul—it is the means by which we communicate with one another from the moment we emerge screaming into the delivery room. Song is an illumination of that communication, a way to come together as an entity and speak with one voice. As a congregation, song is a means by which we breathe as one body and pray as one soul. As I've heard it said, "when we sing, we pray twice."

Composing music is not only my form of praying as an individual, but my way of bringing the choir together to pray as one with music written especially for them. It's my way of giving a gift to the congregation as well as using the gifts given to me to participate in my own tiny echo of Creation.

Music can serve as a vehicle for healing, for social justice, for experiencing grief, or for expressing great joy. We see senior choirs form for the benefits to the mind and body, choirs for the unhoused to feel the benefits of community, and social justice choirs form to spread the word of change throughout the world. There is little to say that we cannot say through song—and little more powerful than saying those things as a gathered community of love sharing in the act of Creation.

Community Outreach Opportunity...

Each year Martinsburg South Middle School organizes a full Thanksgiving Meal for students in need. The principal and the school's guidance counselors deliver meals to students' homes the week before Thanksgiving break.

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.

- Purchase items from the list below.
- Donate a gift card for local grocery stores.
- 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.

However you choose to contribute, you may bring your donation to our parish office 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)
- 3 Cans of Green Beans
- 3 Cans of Corn
- 3 Boxes of Stuffing
- 2 Large Jars of Turkey Gravy
- 1 Large Box of Instant Potatoes
- 1 Large Roasting pan for Turkey
- 1 Can of Evaporated Milk
- 1 Large Can of Yams

Items will be collected by our parish through Tuesday, November 11th.

A Word to The Episcopal Church from the House of Bishops...

Dear people of God,

The bishops of The Episcopal Church gathered in Juan Dolio, Dominican Republic, send greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. We are deeply grateful for the generous hospitality offered by our siblings in Christ in the Dominican Republic, and we give thanks for the faithful and visionary leadership of their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Moisés Quezada Mota, and his wife, Mary Jeannette. We also give thanks for the presence and leadership of our presiding bishop, the Most Rev. Sean Rowe, and we renew our commitment to the work of missional partnership and collaboration as together we seek to be a wholesome example for the entire flock of Christ.

While gathered, we have been keenly aware of the pain, fear, and uncertainty experienced by many in this present moment across our various contexts. On the first day of our meeting, we received reports of yet another school shooting, followed by the news of yet another politically motivated killing. The disturbing increase in political violence; the ongoing atrocities associated with war and global conflict; the continued starvation of God's children; the intimidation and persecution of the vulnerable and those who have been marginalized; and the rise of authoritarianism across the globe all require a robust Christian response.

We believe this response must be grounded in the Good News of the Gospel that injustice, violence, suffering, and ultimately death itself, are not the last word. We commit ourselves and invite the whole church to boldly proclaim by word and example that the cross and empty tomb stand forever as signs of the decisive victory of God's love over the forces of evil. We are being called to embody the values and imperatives expressed in the teachings of Jesus, the One we proclaim as Lord, who always stands with the poor, the vulnerable, the grieving, and the oppressed.

In light of this, we are engaged in deep conversations concerning our voices as bishops in our respective dioceses as well as our collective voice as the bishops of The Episcopal Church. These conversations have been faithful and challenging and have revealed to us both the possibilities and limits that exist with regard to speaking with a shared voice as your bishops. And yet, in this moment, we are choosing possibilities over limitations. We believe we are called to bear witness with clarity and unity to the power of the Gospel, and to the healing and transformative work of the Holy Spirit in our lives, in our church, and in our world.

The challenges before us are myriad and varied according to our respective contexts. Our time in the Dominican Republic has underscored for us that The Episcopal Church is composed of many countries and cultures. Moreover, within our countries and cultures, we hold a diversity of views concerning the challenges we face. And yet, we are one in Jesus Christ, bound together by grace and our shared commitment to the fullness of our baptismal covenant.

We give thanks for the deep affection and friendships that exist among us as a community of bishops. Cultivating such communities of disciples is a critical component of our witness to the healing and reconciling power of God's love in this present moment. We wish to express to the whole church our profound gratitude for the countless ways in which this witness is already made manifest, and for the immense trust you have placed in us as your bishops.

In the hope of Jesus, the One who is making all things new.

Parish News...

Rev. Johanna on Vacation October 6th through October 13th

Rev. Johanna will be away on vacation visiting with family in Massachusetts from Monday, October 6th through Monday, October 13th. Richard Seckinger will be presiding at our 8 am service of Morning Prayer on October 12th, while Kenny Floyd will be presiding at our 10:30 am service of Morning Prayer. Rabbi Joe will be preaching at both services on the 12th. Biblical Hebrew on Tuesday evening and Bible Study between services will continue as usual!

Property Committee News...

Iron Railings Being Repaired

Perhaps you have noticed something is happening outside our Educational Building. Thank you to Phil McDonald for his good stewardship of our property. Phil has been instrumental in the repair of our iron railings outside the Educational Building and in seeing that they are re-installed following their repair.

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, 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, Aidan, Nikki, Nancy, Bob, Alison, Michele, Ned, and Richard.

For Those Who Have Died...

Christopher Aaron Custer, Harry "Diddy" James Cain, Jr., Charles Seckinger, Sr., Anna Seckinger, Rae Schumann, and Ira Hale.

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, 1st
Aaron Smore, 2nd
Steven Longerbeam, 2nd
Tabatha Chesley, 6th
Joyce Baker, 7th
William Floyd, 7th
Jean Hale, 11th
Royal Wilson, 12th
Stephanie Custer, 14th

Cricket Morgan, 14th
Gaby Smith, 20th
Nancy McCormick, 20th
Patsy Noland, 24th
Marian Auer, 25th
Eileen Davis, 25th
Polly Slover, 25th
Ethel Barrow, 30th
Sharon Lewis, 30th