



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...

Friday, November 14th

2:00 pm — Diocesan Convention | Glade Springs Resort
7:00 pm — 11:00 pm JCCM Fundraiser | Charles Town Moose Lodge #948

Saturday, November 15th

All Day Diocesan Convention | Glade Springs Resort

Sunday, November 16th

10:00 am St. Stephen's Beckley
Convention Eucharist and Ordination

Sunday, November 16th Pentecost 23 | Morning Prayer
Rabbi Joe Murray, Preaching

The candles on our Holy Table and reredos are given to the glory of God by Mrs. Roger Perry in loving memory of Roger Perry.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Jill N. Daniel in loving memory of Francis W. Daniel, Jr. and by Richard Seckinger in memory of Thom Potts

8:00 am — 9:00 am
Scheduled to Serve

Presider
Altar Guild
Lay Reader
Ushers
Hospitality

9:15 am — 10:15 am
9:15 am — 10:00 am

10:30 am — 11:30 am
Scheduled to Serve

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

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm

Monday, November 17th

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

Tuesday, November 18th

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

Morning Prayer: Rite I

Richard Seckinger
Kathleen Willis
Linda Work
Sam and Lanette Byrer
Jim Ruddy, Linda Work

Bible Study | Hauser Room
Holy Eucharist: Rite II | St. Philip's

Morning Prayer: Rite II

Kenny Floyd
Sue Floyd and Family
Lee Wilson
Colin Harp
Isla Wildman, Rightly Wildman
Julia Yuhasz
Kenny Floyd
Kenny Floyd
Eileen Davis, Joanne McIsaac

Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

Exercise Class | Gym
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Strategic Planning Committee Mtg | Parlors

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

Wednesday, November 19th

9:00 am — 12:00 pm	Thrift Shop Open
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, November 20th

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

Sunday, November 23rd **Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King**
In-gathering of 2026 Pledge Commitment Cards

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

Scheduled to Serve

Altar Guild	Kathleen Willis
Lay Reader	Richard Seckinger
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 **Choral Eucharist : Rite II**

Scheduled to Serve

Altar Guild	Sue Floyd and Family
Verger	Lee Wilson
Crucifer	Greg Harp
Torch Bearers	Colin Harp, Rightly Wildman
Second Crucifer	Lucy Peyton
Lay Reader	Greg Harp
Prayers of the People	Don Twyman
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Don Twyman
Ushers	Sandy Coughlin, Ken Fanelli

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!

Stewardship Committee News...

A Woven Prayer

By Mary Franklin

"For the joy of ear and eye, for the Heart of mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight, Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise,"

Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth"

I love fabric: the colors, the texture, the vast diversity of uses, and all of the connections that are made because of these beautiful possibilities. When I look back through the years of my life, bits of fabric wrap many of my memories...silk samples from an aunt's decorating business, given to me to play with, in colors too beautiful to cut up; scraps from garments my mother made, cottons and wool and corduroy; a yo-yo bed cover another aunt made me, bright and heavy, hugging me at night; someone's crazy quilt, all silks and velvets. These pieces, and so many more tied up in thread and yarn and ribbon, shared and created by women to express their love.

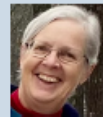
As I sit in a pew in church surrounded by the symbols of the love God has shown us in the words of our gospels, prayers, hymns, and in the color and beauty of hangings and vestments around me, I can feel the same kind of love wrapped around me.

When I was first given the opportunity to create a stole, and then a chasuble, a frontal, banners, and paraments, I felt like finally I could share some of the love I felt with those around me. God has gifted us with so much beauty, so much color, and so very much love that, for me, there are not enough words to express it all. But each piece of fabric art and beauty is piece of prayer in process and a mite of thanks for the blessings all around.



Questions for Reflection:

What are your activities or hobbies that you see as prayerful, or offer you an opportunity to channel your prayers?



Mary Franklin is a lifelong Episcopalian with a love of and fascination for fabric, color and words, especially words of praise and gratitude.



Stewardship Corner...

A Message Inspired by Mary Ann Thomson's Hymn *"O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling"*



Situated on the highest point in the City of Charles Town, Zion Episcopal Church has stood as a beacon of faith and hope for over two hundred years. From this sacred hilltop, we have heeded the high calling to spread God's message of love, compassion, and reconciliation.

Humanity has always needed to hear this message—and perhaps now more than ever. In these troubled times of division and unrest, the mission of Zion is not only relevant—it is essential. We are called to spread God's calling to love our neighbors as ourselves, to be instruments of peace, and to reflect the light of Christ in a world that longs for healing.

As the hymn, *"O Zion, haste"* reminds us:

"O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling,
To tell to all the world that God is Light!"

This is not just a poetic verse—it is our charge. And yet, we recognize our own human nature, prone to stray from God's calling. That is why this mission must be nurtured continuously, both in our community and within our own hearts. Stewardship is one of the ways we recommit ourselves to this sacred work. It is how we participate in the ongoing perfection of God's creation.

Your pledge is more than a financial commitment. It is a spiritual act of trust and thanksgiving. It is a way of saying, "Yes, I believe in the mission of Zion. Yes, I want to be part of the story God is writing here."

Let us continue to publish glad tidings—tidings of peace, of Jesus, of redemption and release. Let us give generously, serve faithfully, and live joyfully as stewards of this holy place and its enduring mission.

With gratitude and hope,
Randy Hilton

Stewardship Information...

Next Sunday: November 23rd
In-gathering of 2026 Pledge Commitment Cards | 8 am and 10:30 am

From Rev. Johanna...

On Sunday, November 23rd (Christ the King Sunday), we celebrate Christ's reign over all creation and mark the final Sunday of the Church year. As part of our worship at the 10:30 am service, we will also offer our thanksgivings and bid farewell to our Minister of Music, Alex Kunu.



Since August 2024, Alex's musicianship and competence, his kind and generous spirit, and his care for the people of Zion have been a true gift. Stepping into the role of Minister of Music during a season without a rector is no small task, and Alex did so with grace and humility. I—along with all of you—am deeply grateful for his ministry among us.

Since assuming my role as rector in April 2025, it has become increasingly clear that the ministry of Organist/Music Director at Zion is essential to our congregation's continuing growth. Our music program holds tremendous potential to welcome those both inside and outside our doors into deeper participation in our sacred liturgy. While there is no doubt that Alex has both the heart and the musical gifts for this work, his commitments beyond Zion do not allow him to fully invest in the time and scope this essential ministry requires.

Please be sure to gather with us next Sunday for worship and join me in expressing heartfelt gratitude to Alex for his service at our 10:30 am service. Light refreshments will follow the service offering an opportunity to extend your personal thanks and well-wishes to Alex.

Parish News...

Morning Prayer & Conversation in the Parlors

Monday — Thursday at 10 am | Come as you are able, all are welcome!

Mark Your Calendars and Save the Dates:

December 6th | Charles Town Christmas Parade

Join us at Zion as we extend holiday cheer and good will to parade goers. If you are available to participate in providing hospitality and welcome to parade goers, please contact Alice Ellis at: masudduth@mindspring.com.

December 13th | Sacred Spaces 3 pm—7 pm

Zion Church will be open to the public during the upcoming Sacred Spaces tour. If you have time to serve as a tour guide, provide some hospitality or share your musical gifts, please contact Rev. Johanna.

December 14th | Coffee & Cocoa *together with* Cookies & Carols in the Parlors

Bring a dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies and join us following our 10:30 am service to share in fellowship, enjoy some delicious holiday treats, and sing some of your favorite carols.

December 21st | Greening of the Church following our 10:30 service.

Caroling & Gathering at the Rectory beginning at 7 pm

Zion's Monthly Meal Ministry News...

If you wish to sign up to serve at our November Meal Ministry please click on the following link:

[**Zion's November 30th Meal Ministry Sign Up**](#)

Diocesan News...

**Seeds of Faith
Advent Godly Play Days
Saturday, November 22 | 10 am—1 pm
Trinity, Shepherdstown**



Seeds of Faith Initiative is having its first round of **Advent Godly Play Days**. This event we will have catechetical formation for both children and adults in preparation for the season of Advent. The day will include time for children — a Godly Play story and a craft — while adults get their own time of spiritual renewal. There will be an Advent prayer service and a shared meal. The cost of this event is being provided by the Lilly Endowment's Nurturing Children's Spirituality Initiative. Most of the formation is geared to children 0-12 and their families. But all ages are invited as we begin this new Advent tradition in our diocese!

Come and celebrate the beauty of this Advent season with all those around our Episcopal community. **Register for the Advent Godly Play Day using the QR code to the right.**



JCCM News...

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 71 pounds of food to JCCM last week!

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, 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, Bertie, and Brad.

For Those Who Have Died...

Walter Burke, Francis W. Daniel, Jr., Thom Potts and Roger Perry

For Those Celebrating Birthdays in November

Liz McDonald, 1 st	Bill Chesley, 13 th	Leigh Anne Cassell, 20 th
Debra Cornwell, 4 th	Janet Barker, 13 th	Chris Chesley, 21 st
James Gibson, 5 th	Bill Noble, 14 th	John Lustrea, 23 rd
Barbara Porterfield, 7 th	Donald Noland, 14 th	Rob Salisbury, 26 th
Susan Skinner, 9 th	Kenneth Fanelli, 14 th	Jill Beck, 27 th
Karen Shefner, 10 th	Faye Davenport, 17 th	Sandra Coughlin, 27 th