



# Zion Episcopal Church

*We share Christ's love and grace with joy, respect, and compassion.*

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## *This Week at Zion...*

### **Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**

### **Pentecost 6**

*Our altar flowers today are given for the glory of God and in loving of Mr. and Mrs. E.L. McDonald, Jr. and Page Athey Stern, by their family and Julia Davis Adams and William Leavell Clark by Mary Ann McDonald Hetzer.*

**8:00 am — 9:00 am**

**Holy Eucharist: Rite I**

#### **Scheduled to Serve**

Altar Guild

Laurie Ruddy, Linda Work

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Linda Work

Ushers

Jim and Laurie Ruddy

Hospitality

Jim Ruddy, Linda Work

**9:15 am — 10:15 am**

**Bible Study | The Parlors**

**10:30 am — 11:30 am**

**Holy Eucharist : Rite II**

#### **Scheduled to Serve**

Altar Guild

Joanne McIsaac, Sandy Coughlin

Verger

Lee Wilson

Torchbearers

Isla Wildman, Rightly Wildman

Gospel

Winnie Wildman

Lay Reader

Brenda Whittington

Intercessor

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Brenda Whittington

Ushers

Joanne McIsaac, Ken Fanelli

Hospitality

Ken Fanelli

**5:00 pm — 6:00 pm**

**Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall**

### **Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am — 12:00 pm**

**Zion Ecumenical Food Pantry | Ed. Building**

**Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am — 12:00 pm

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm

Thrift Store Open

Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

**Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Office Closed**

**Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am — 3:00 pm

Healing Hearts Ministry | Ed. Bldg.

**Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am — 9:00 am

**Pentecost 8**

**Holy Eucharist: Rite I**

**Scheduled to Serve**

Altar Guild

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Ushers

Hospitality

Laurie Ruddy, Linda Work

Phil Porterfield

Sam and Lanette Byrer

Jim Ruddy, Linda Work

9:15 am — 10:15 am

**Bible Study | The Parlors**

10:30 am — 11:30 am

**Holy Eucharist : Rite II**

**Scheduled to Serve**

Altar Guild

Verger

Crucifer

Torchbearers

Lay Reader

Intercessor

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Ushers

Hospitality

Joanne McIsaac, Sandy Coughlin

Lee Wilson

Colin Harp

Porter Yuhasz, Levi Yuhasz

Julia Yuhasz

Donny Twyman

Donny Twyman

Eileen Davis, Betina Peyton

Beverly Raines

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm

Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

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

Requested donations for JCCM: Food Items: Canned chicken/tuna, canned meat (beef stew, chili, SPAM, Chef Boyardee, and Jelly. Personal Care Items: Shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, dish soap, laundry detergent, and razors. This past week Zion donated 47 pounds of food to JCCM.



### *Youth Group Pool Party News...*

**Eastern Deanery—Youth Pool Party for 6<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> Graders**

**August 2<sup>nd</sup> | 5:30 pm—7:30 pm**

**Lambert Park Pool, 273 Woodbury Ave, Martinsburg, WV**

This upcoming pool party is an opportunity for current youth attending any Episcopal church in the Eastern Panhandle, kids who have attended Peterkin and want to keep in touch with friends, those who may be interested or thinking about checking out an EP church, and friends who may want to join in a youth group formation experience. A parent, guardian, or supporting church leader needs to stay for the evening and join the fun. Please **RSVP** by Friday, **July 31<sup>st</sup>**.



Click on the pool party above to register!

### *Healing Hearts Quilts News...*

**Healing Hearts Ministry**

**Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> | 9:00 am — 3:00 pm**

**First Floor of the Educational Building**

*All are welcome!*

Healing Hearts quilts are now available to be picked up from our parish office and taken to those in need of comfort and prayers. Please be sure to sign them out and let us know who to hold in our prayers. Quilts may be picked up during our parish office hours: Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 2 pm.

### *Zion Ecumenical Food Pantry (ZEFP) News...*

If you wish to donate items to ZEFP, please drop your items off at our Parish Office: Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 2 pm. Requested donations for ZEFP: Similac 360, Shelf Stable Milk, Diapers: Newborn, Sizes 4 and 5, Sugar, Cumin, Coffee, Fruit Juice, Canned Meats, Plain Rice, Dried Beans/Lentils, Paper Towels, and Toilet Paper.

*From Rev. Johanna...*

*The following letter was shared with the vestry at its July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and sent to members of the congregation immediately afterward.*



*As the news of my pending departure continues to settle, I pray that as the coming weeks unfold, we will receive them as a time of grace: an opportunity to give thanks for all God has done among us, to lift up the faithful work and accomplishments we have shared, and to say goodbye to one another with tenderness, honesty, gratitude, and love.*

*There is, of course, discomfort in facing the uncertainty of what lies ahead. It is not easy to stand in a threshold place, carrying gratitude and grief, memory and hope, love and unanswered questions all at once. This is holy work, and it cannot and should not be rushed. In the midst of what feels unsettled, may we give ourselves permission to breathe, to be still, and to rest in the promise that God is near.*

*Your Senior Warden, Alice Ellis; Junior Warden, Paul Bishop; and your entire vestry are equipped and prepared to guide Zion through the coming months of prayerful discernment about its future. Together with Bishop Matthew, Canon Chad, and the diocesan staff, they will help lead Zion into its next season.*

*Please trust that Zion is in good and faithful hands, and step gently into the future, knowing that God is already at work.*

*Pace é bene,  
Johanna+*

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Dear good people of Zion,

In my years as a priest, I have written many letters, but few have been as difficult as this one. After prayerful discernment and conversations with our bishop and my spiritual director, I have decided to resign my position as rector of Zion Episcopal Church, effective August 10, 2026. I will begin two weeks of vacation on Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>.

This decision comes solely from my need to live close enough to nurture and deepen my relationship with my granddaughter, Eleanor.

When I accepted the call to serve as your rector, I believed regular visits with Eleanor would allow our relationship to grow and flourish. I have learned, however, that traveling amid the demands of priestly ministry is more difficult than I anticipated. I have also come to understand that occasional visits, while wonderful, are not the same as being present when needed, nor can I sustain the ongoing costs of travel and lodging.

I understand that my departure after such a short time as your rector may come as a surprise and may bring disappointment, perhaps even anger. My sincere hope is that, in time, you will understand my decision and give thanks for the time, ministry, and relationships we have shared.

Please know it has been an honor and privilege to serve as your priest and rector. Over these past fifteen months, we have moved together from disorientation and uncertainty into grace and joyful celebration. Ground yourselves in that joy, trusting that God is doing far more than we can hope for or imagine.

As for me, my ministry has been forever enriched by our time together. As I take my leave, I carry precious gifts from you that will continue to shape my priestly ministry.

Please be assured that Bishop Matthew, Canon Chad, and the Diocesan Staff will walk with you as you discern your future path. I trust you will be well cared for as you listen for where God is calling you and your shared ministry. I encourage you to remain in conversation with one another and with Bishop Matthew as you seek God's call.

Until my departure, I will continue to serve you faithfully as your priest and rector and remain available to you.

Yours in Christ,  
*Johanna+*

### *A Request from Bishop Matthew...*

#### **Facilities Manager | Peterkin Camp & Conference Center Romney, West Virginia**

Peterkin is seeking a full-time Facilities Manager to help care for and maintain our beloved camp facilities, grounds, water and wastewater systems, pool, and shared spaces. For a full job description, please contact our parish office (304) 725-5312.

### *Prayer Requests...*

#### **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 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, Jennifer, Karmen, Tyler, Bob, Alison, Richard, Dennis, Renee, Lori, Evan, Bertie, Brad, Robert, Rusty, Joshua, Diane, Michele, Patrick, Karen, Brian, Joyce, Phil, Melissa, Ruby, Chris, Donna, Kimberly, Megan, Thomas, Royal, Lisa, Claudia, and Reggie.

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

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

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

Mr. and Mrs. E.L. McDonald, Jr., Page Athey Stern, Julia Davis Adams, and William Leavell Clark.

#### **For Those Celebrating Birthdays July:**

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| Paula Turner, 1 <sup>st</sup>     | Fred Kratz, 16 <sup>th</sup>        | Jamie Wilson, 23 <sup>rd</sup>   |
| Jack Coulter, 5 <sup>th</sup>     | Andrew Skinner, 16 <sup>th</sup>    | Adie Amore, 26 <sup>th</sup>     |
| Hsiu Liacos, 8 <sup>th</sup>      | Porter Yuhasz, 17 <sup>th</sup>     | Rebecca Morgan, 26 <sup>th</sup> |
| Victoria Sinnett, 7 <sup>th</sup> | Ashley Longerbeam, 17 <sup>th</sup> | George Olen, 29 <sup>th</sup>    |
| Derek Neve, 9 <sup>th</sup>       | Becky McGivern, 19 <sup>th</sup>    | Dawn Pitzer, 29 <sup>th</sup>    |
| Marie Everman, 10 <sup>th</sup>   | Bertha Kelican, 20 <sup>th</sup>    | Ann Paonessa, 30 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Alice Ellis, 13 <sup>th</sup>     |                                     | Doris Starks, 30 <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 or call our parish office so that we can add your birthday to our birthday list! (Email: [office@zionicpiscopal.net](mailto:office@zionicpiscopal.net) or phone: (304) 725-5312)*