



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...

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

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 Linda Work in loving memory of Tina Burke and by Candy Cain in loving memory of Lily Wysong Cain.

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

Ken 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

Monday, October 13th

Columbus Day | Office Closed

8:45 am — 9:45 am

Exercise Class | Gym

10:00 am — 11:00 am

Exercise Class | Gym

10:30 am — 12:00 pm

Finance Committee Meeting | Parlors

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm

Exercise Class | Gym

Tuesday, October 14th

8:45 am — 9:45 am

Exercise Class | Gym

10:00 am — 11:00 am

Exercise Class | Gym

7:00 pm — 8:00 pm

Beginning Biblical Hebrew | Online via Zoom

5:30 pm — 6:30 pm

Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

Wednesday, October 15th

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

7:00 pm — 8:30 pm

Vestry Meeting | Parlors

Thursday, October 16th

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

7:00 pm — 8:00 pm

Strategic Planning Committee | Parlors

Saturday, October 18th

4:00 pm — 5:00 pm Colon/ Hensen Wedding

Sunday, October 19th

Pentecost 19

8:00 am — 9:00 am

Holy Eucharist: Rite I

Scheduled to Serve

Altar Guild Laurie Ruddy, Linda Work

Lay Reader Richard Seckinger

Ushers

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Hospitality Jim Ruddy, Linda Work

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

Choral Eucharist: Rite II

Scheduled to Serve

Altar Guild Sue Floyd and Family

Verger Lee Wilson

Crucifer Colin Harp

Torch Bearers Levi Yuhasz, Porter Yuhasz

Gospel Book Lucy Peyton

Lay Reader Greg Harp

Prayers of the People Donnie Twyman

Lay Eucharistic Minister Donnie Twyman

Ushers

11:45 am — 1:00 pm

Stewardship Potluck Luncheon | Gym

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm

Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

Vestry News...

October Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, October 15th at 7 pm | Parlors

If you owe a report to the vestry, please submit it to our parish office by Tuesday morning, October 14th.

Stewardship Committee News...

Truth-telling and Creativity By Roger Hutchison



**Tell Out
My Soul**

As a visual artist and author, I speak Truth (Capital T) and love through creativity. I weave prayer and poetry into every word on the page and color on the canvas. I create to communicate with the One who gives me breath.

In my writing, photography, and painting—I hope to capture the essence of what is holy and complex, inspiring and life-giving.

This hunger for Truth-telling began at my grandmother's kitchen table, where the colors of grief, loss, remembering, and hope spilled across its surface. My painting and writing table was once my Grandmother's kitchen table.

Purple hull peas, green okra, yellow squash, and red tomatoes adorned the table—precious jewels colored by hard work and Louisiana sunshine—a meal prepared with love in the tiny kitchen of heir home. The fragrance of summer filled the air, and we held hands and offered thanks. After each meal, the children would find themselves under the kitchen table, planning their next wild adventure. Occasionally, we would get quiet, listen to what the adults were saying, and giggle out loud when we heard something we shouldn't have.

I inherited that old table when my grandmother died. It is no fancy antique; it is an inexpensive furniture store table. But for me, it has become an altar of remembrance and hope. I now paint, write, and pray at my grandmother's table, the same table I once played under as a child. Each brushstroke and written word is infused with memories, carrying on the breeze the whispers of my ancestors and hopeful prayers for the future.

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Questions for Reflection:

What does “Truth-telling” mean to you, and how can you incorporate that into your own artistic or creative practice?



Roger Hutchison is a best-selling author, artist, award-winning nature photographer, and Episcopal lay leader recognized for his work with children and openness about his mental health journey.



THE EPISCOPAL
NETWORK FOR
STEWARDSHIP

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My grandmother's greatest gift was teaching me to love in the truest sense of the word. And so, with each brushstroke and written word, I tell our my soul, honoring my grandmother's legacy of love, transcending the ordinary to echo the sacred in every creation.

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!

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.

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.

NAACP News...

Mark Your Calendars!

KIDPRENEUR *Vendor Fair*



CALLING ALL YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS!
Join us for our first Children's Empowerment Business Fair.

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Are You Ready To:

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- *Create your product
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- *Open for business

This is a unique opportunity for young minds to step into the world of entrepreneurship.

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EVENT DATE:
NOVEMBER 1, 2025
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

\$20.00 PER BOOTH

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CHARLES TOWN LIONS CENTER

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310 South George Street * Ranson, WV

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, Tina Burke, Lily Wysong Cain.

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