



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*

Dear good people,

On Tuesday, March 24th, I received a letter of resignation from our Office Administrator, Eric Ott. Eric's final day with us will be Monday, April 6th.

Eric has diligently served our community for nearly two years as Office Administrator, providing valuable support to my ministry as rector in numerous ways. Throughout his tenure, he has demonstrated grace, professionalism, and a consistent commitment to being helpful and courteous. His positive presence in the office will be greatly missed.

I fully support Eric's decision to pursue a career path that offers full-time employment and medical benefits. I am appreciative of the opportunity to have worked alongside Eric in his role, and I encourage each of you to join me in expressing gratitude for his dedicated service and in wishing him success in his future endeavors.

*Pace é bene,
Rev. Johanna*

Upcoming Services and Events at Zion...

Saturday, March 28th

9:00 am — 3:00 pm

AARP Tax Service | Hauser Room

11:00 am — 12:00 pm

Zion Meal Ministry

Sunday, March 29th

Sunday of the Passion | Palm Sunday

This week our prayers are requested by Betina and Mark Peyton for Richard Raines.

8:00 am — 9:00 Am

**Liturgy of the Palms together with
Holy Eucharist : Rite I**

Scheduled to Serve

Altar Guild
Lay Reader
Ushers
Hospitality

Dawn and Chris Pitzer
Phil Porterfield
Jim and Laurie Ruddy
Jim Ruddy, Linda Work

9:15 am – 10:15 am

Bible Study | Hauser Room

10:30 am – 11:30 am

**Liturgy of the Palm *together with*
Holy Eucharist : Rite II**

Scheduled to Serve

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

Jamie and Lee Wilson
Lee Wilson
Lucy Peyton
Levi Yuhasz, Porter Yuhasz
Winnie Wildman
Julia Yuhasz
Don Twyman
Don Twyman
Sandy Coughlin, Ken Fanelli

Monday, March 30th

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

Exercise Class | Gym
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Choir Rehearsal | Church

Tuesday, March 31st

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

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

Wednesday, April 1st

9:00 am – 12:00 pm
9:15 am – 10:45 am
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Thrift Store
Exercise Class | Gym
Exercise Class | Hauser Room
Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall
Tenebrae | Church

Thursday, April 2nd

8:45 am — 9:45 am

10:00 am — 11:00 am

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm

7:00 pm — 8:00 pm

Friday, April 3rd

Saturday, April 4th

9:00 am — 3:00 pm

Sunday, April 5th

8:00 am — 9:00 am

Scheduled to Serve

Altar Guild

Lay Reader

Ushers

Hospitality

10:30 am — 11:30 am

Scheduled to Serve

Altar Guild

Verger

Crucifer

Torch Bearers

Gospel Book

Second Crucifer

Lay Reader

Prayers of the People

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Ushers

Maundy Thursday

Exercise Class | Gym

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Footwashing *together with*

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross | 12 pm

Passion According to St. John | 7 pm

AARP Tax Service | Hauser Room

Easter Day

Holy Eucharist : Rite I

with final hymn and Organ Postlude

Linda Work, Laurie Ruddy

Jim Ruddy, Linda Work

Holy Eucharist : Rite II *with Holy Baptism*

Organ, Choir, and Guest Musicians

Easter Egg Hunt Following the Service

Sue Floyd and Family

Lee Wilson

Lucy Peyton

Isla Wildman, Rightly Wildman

Winnie Wildman

Colin Harp

Palm Sunday Devotions Available...

Imagination in Motion: Lenten Devotions for Every Family

Be sure to take home your Palm Sunday devotion guide for from the Narthex following the service on Sunday!

Easter Preparations...

In preparation for Easter, we are requesting Easter candy for our Easter Egg Hunt following our 10:30 am service on Easter Day. Donations may be dropped off at our parish office during business hours, Monday – Thursday, 9 am to 2 pm. Thank you for your generosity!

Holy Week Schedule...

Holy Week & Easter Day Service Schedule

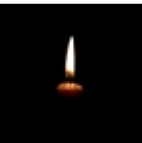
All services will be held at the Church.



Palm Sunday | Sunday, March 29th

Liturgy of the Palms *together with* Holy Eucharist: Rite I | 8 am

Liturgy of the Palms *together with* Holy Eucharist: Rite II | 10:30 am



Tenebrae | Wednesday, April 1st at 7 pm

Apart from the chant of the Lamentations, and the solo cello providing musical interludes for mediation following each reading, the most conspicuous feature of the service is the gradual extinguishing of candles and other lights in the church until only a single candle, considered a symbol of our Lord, remains. Toward the end of the service this candle is hidden, typifying the apparent victory of the forces of evil. At the very end, a loud noise is made, symbolizing the earthquake at the time of the resurrection (Matthew 28:2), the hidden candle is restored to its place, and by its light all depart in silence.



Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 2nd at 7 pm

Footwashing *together with* Holy Eucharist: Rite II



Good Friday | Friday, April 3rd

Stations of the Cross | 12 pm
Passion According to St. John at 7 pm

Easter Day | Sunday, April 5th

Holy Eucharist: Rite I | 8 am

— *with final hymn and Organ Postlude*

Festival Eucharist: Rite II with Holy Baptism | 10:30 am

— *with Organ, Choir, and Guest Musicians*

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children following our 10:30 am service!

Bishop Matthew's Annual Visitation...

Sunday, May 10th | 8 am & 10:30 am Services

Bishop Matthew will be present with us for his annual visitation on Sunday, May 10th. He will preside and preach at both our 8 am and 10:30 am services. All are welcome to attend and to greet our Bishop during coffee hour immediately following our services. If you are interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, please speak with Rev. Johanna.



Healing Hearts Ministry News...

Healing Hearts Quilting Ministry

Saturday, April 11th at 2:30 pm | Educational Building, Lower Level

Zion Church is restarting Healing Hearts, a quilting ministry that creates lap quilts to support parish members facing illness or hardships. We will meet on Saturday, April 11th at 2:30pm in the Lower Level of the Education Building to sort fabric and set a regular monthly meeting date—likely Saturdays to accommodate working members. All are welcome to participate.



For more information, contact Sue Floyd at suecat37@yahoo.com (304.261-3646) or Laurie Ruddy at lruddy05@gmail.com (304.676-2873), or come and join us on the 11th!

Vestry News...

Thank you to Lanette Byrer, Alice Ellis, Jim Ellis, Stephen Hall, and Joanne McIsaac who showed up to clean bins for our Food & Basic Human Needs Pantry for our immigrant neighbors.

Mark Your Calendars!

Property Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 9th at 6 pm | Parlors

Calling All Interested Property Committee Members!

Anyone interested in serving on our property committee is invited and encouraged to attend a general information meeting on Thursday, April 9th at 6 pm in the parlors. Below is a short property committee job description.

Property Committee Job Description

Many people wonder what joining the property committee involves, including the time commitment and skills required. Serving on this committee means collaborating with others to keep our facilities in good condition. Property committee members can be expected to attend at least one monthly meeting to assess the needs of our facilities and develop action plans. Committee members may carry out some manageable tasks themselves, while other tasks might require contacting contractors for estimates. Recommendations are then made to the vestry, and the committee supervises the approved projects. The committee also maintains and updates a list of priorities for upcoming work. Whether your strengths are hands-on work like carpentry, painting or gardening, or skills like organizing and project management, there's a role for you on the property committee. If you have an interest in serving on our property committee, please speak our Senior Warden, Alice Ellis.

Church Yard Clean Up

Saturday, May 2nd at 9:00 am

Many hands make light work.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join in helping to clean-up our church yard. We will be gathering Saturday, May 2nd beginning at 9:00 am. Bring along a rake and don't forget to bring your gloves! Any time you are able to offer will be greatly appreciated!

Date of April Vestry Meeting Changed...

April Vestry Meeting | Wednesday, April 15th at 7:00 pm
Please Note the Change in Date from April 8th to April 15th

Our April vestry meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15th at 7:00 pm. Please note that this month's meeting is set for the third Wednesday, not the second Wednesday!

Palm Sunday Reflection from Sanctified Art...

Palm Sunday: Again & Again, We draw on Courage by Rev. Sarah Are

Peaceful Protest

I wonder
if Jesus could feel his heartbeat in his throat,
the way I do when I'm afraid.

I wonder
if he had to take deep breaths,
in through his nose, out through his mouth,
tricking his body into a state of calm.

I wonder
if he was nauseous,
like I am when I'm headed into a hard conversation.

I wonder
if he had to summon his courage, tucking fear away
so that he could hold onto what mattered most with both hands.

I wonder,
because time has taught us that it is not uncommon
for a peaceful protest to start or end with an unjust death.

So I wonder,

Did he know?

Was he afraid?

Did anyone see it?

I want to hold what matters most with both hands.

JCCM Food Pantry News...

Thank you for your abundant generosity in helping to support those suffering from food insecurity. JCCM is requesting more soup, body wash, shampoo, hair conditioner, soap, and deodorant. *Thank you for your generosity!*



Prayer Requests...

"Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed."

— Matthew 8:8

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, Alex, Edna, Doris, 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, Wanda, Jennifer, Karmen, Tyler, Bob, Alison, Ned, Richard, Dennis, Renee, Lori, Evan, Bertie, Brad, Robert, Rusty, Joshua, Diane, Michele, Patrick, Karen, and Brian.

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

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

For Those Who Have Died...

Richard Raines

For Those Celebrating Birthdays in March:

Donna Coulter, 3rd

Brandon Truitt, 7th

Maggie Slover, 22nd

Travis Jenkins, 3rd

Joshua Burke, 15th

Elizabeth Wells, 22nd

Philip Steptoe, 3rd

Jaclynn Courtney, 20th

Scott Sudduth, 25th

Christopher Anderson, 4th

Amy Salisbury, 21th

Kathleen Willis, 25th

Kyle Custer, 7th

Nancy Spensley, 21st

Wanda Perry, 30th

Sally Smith, 7th