



Zion Episcopal Church

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

Telephone: (304) 725-5312 | Email: office@zionaepiscopal.net

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, December 6th

9:00 am — 12:00 pm

College for Clergy | Zoom

2:00 pm

Christmas Parade

Sunday, December 7th

Advent II

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Barbara VanTol and her family in loving memory of Peter VanTol and William VanTol. Kathleen Willis in loving memory of her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. William Coughlin and family.

8:00 am — 9:00 am

Holy Eucharist : Rite I

Scheduled to Serve

Altar Guild

Linda Work and Laurie Ruddy

Lay Reader

Linda Work

Ushers

Sam and Lanette Byrer

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
Verger
Crucifer
Torch Bearers
Gospel Book
Lay Reader
Prayers of the People
Lay Eucharistic Minister
Ushers

Joanne McIsaac, Sandy Coughlin
Lee Wilson
Mindy Maye
Levi Yuhasz, Porter Yuhasz
Lucy Peyton
Julia Yuhasz
Julia Yuhasz
Brenda Whittington
Sue Floyd, Jamie Wilson

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm

Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

Monday, December 8th

8:45 am — 9:45 am

Exercise Class | Gym

10:00 am — 11:00 am

Morning Prayer | Parlors

10:00 am — 11:00 am

Exercise Class | Gym

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm

Exercise Class | Gym

Tuesday, December 9th

8:45 am — 9:45 am

Exercise Class | Gym

10:00 am — 11:00 am

Morning Prayer | Parlors

10:00 am — 11:00 am

Exercise Class | Gym

7:00 pm — 8:00 pm

Beginning Biblical Hebrew | Online via Zoom

Wednesday, December 10th

9:00 am — 12:00 pm

Thrift Shop Open

9:15 am — 10:45 am

Exercise Class | Gym

10:00 am — 11:00 am

Morning Prayer | Parlors

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm

Exercise Class | Hauser Room

5:30 pm — 6:30 pm

Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

7:00 pm — 9:00 pm

Vestry Gathering | Rectory

Thursday, December 11th

8:45 am — 9:45 am

Exercise Class | Gym

10:00 am — 11:00 am

Morning Prayer | Parlors

10:00 am — 11:00 am

Exercise Class | Gym

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm

Exercise Class | Gym

Saturday, December 13th

3:00 pm — 7:00 pm

Sacred Spaces Tour

Sunday, December 14th

Advent III

8:00 am — 9:00 am

Holy Eucharist : Rite I

Scheduled to Serve

Altar Guild

Linda Work, Laurie Ruddy

Lay Reader

Phil Porterfield

Ushers

Sam and Lanette Byrer

Hospitality

Jim Ruddy, Linda Work

9:15 am — 10:15 am

Bible Study | Hauser Room

9:15 am — 10:15 am

Holy Eucharist | St. Philip's

10:30 am — 11:30 am

Choral Eucharist : Rite II

Scheduled to Serve

Altar Guild

Joanne McIsaac, Sandy Coughlin

Verger

Lee Wilson

Crucifer

Erin Delaney

Torch Bearers

Colin Harp, Rightly Wildman

Gospel Book

Winnie Wildman

Lay Reader

Kenny Floyd

Prayers of the People

Jamie Wilson

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Jamie Wilson

Ushers

Sue Floyd, Jamie Wilson

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!

Adopt-A-Family Tree, Ornaments Available in the Narthex...



Zion has adopted three families for this Christmas. If you would like to help make Christmas a little brighter for these families, please take an “ornament” from the tree in the Narthex, purchase the gift on the tag and return the gift—wrapped and with a gift receipt, if possible—to underneath the tree or to the church office. Please attach the tag to the outside of the gift. **Gifts are needed by December 14**, please. If you have any questions, please contact Alice Ellis at (703) 727-2985

December Scheduling News...

Morning Prayer & Conversation in the Parlors

Our weekday service of Morning Prayer will continue through the month of December. We gather in the parlors at 10 am, Monday through Thursday for an informal service of prayers and readings. The short service is followed by conversation. The service lasts about twenty-five minutes. All are welcome, come as you are able!

December 6th | Charles Town Christmas Parade

Join us at Zion as we extend holiday cheer and good will to parade goers. As we seek to do our part sharing the good news, we will be providing parade goers with some hot chocolate and a small Christmas ornament which will include information about our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. If you are available to participate in providing hospitality and welcome to parade goers, please contact Alice Ellis at: masudduth@mindspring.com.



While we are certainly hoping you will be able to join us on December 6th, if you are unable to join us for the parade, perhaps you might be available to help put our ornament/service information packages together!

By the way, Ann Paonessa will once again be serving as one of the Christmas Parade Judges. Thank you, Ann! This year's parade begins at 2:00 pm. And, word has it that Santa will be arriving at United Bank at 1:45 pm!



December 13th | Sacred Spaces 3 pm—7 pm

Zion Church will be open to the public during this year's Sacred Spaces tour. We are looking for a couple of individuals to help with guiding people through our church, sharing information about the history of Zion, our stain glass windows, and the Episcopal Church. Printed materials will be available for you to follow and to share with those who come through our doors. We are also hoping to provide some light refreshments to serve our guests. 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 half-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.

Following our 10:30 am service on December 21st (Advent IV), we will green our sacred space for our Christmas celebration. Plan to stay and help with the preparations or plan to stay and encourage those who are hanging the greens! Light refreshments and coffee will be available. Join us for fun and fellowship!

Caroling & Gathering at the Rectory beginning at 7 pm

We will be gathering at the rectory at 7 pm to head out into the neighborhood to sing Christmas carols for our neighbors! Plan to join us as we connect with our neighbors and spread Christmas cheer and good will—caroling sheets will be available, but don't forget your flash light or a battery operated candle! Following the caroling, light refreshments and fellowship will be enjoyed in the rectory. All are welcome!



December 24th | Christmas Eve

Festival Eucharist at 6 pm

Candlelight Service *with* Brass Quintet

Please note that this year, we will be having one service on Christmas Eve. The service will be a Candlelight Festival Eucharist with our Choir and a Brass Quintet.

December 25th | Christmas Day — Contemplative Eucharist at 9 am

Christmas Memorial Flowers...

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If you would like donate a Christmas Poinsettia in memory of someone or to offer as a thanksgiving at Christmastime, please complete the form below and either mail it to the Parish Office or drop it in the alms basin on Sunday. The cost this year is \$16.00 each.

Please make your checks payable to: "Zion Episcopal Church Flower Fund," with a notation on, "Christmas Poinsettia," on the memo line. All Christmas memorials will be listed in the Christmas bulletin. Please print names clearly. You may drop your check and names by our parish office or

Mail to: Zion Episcopal Church
221 East Washington Street
Charles Town, WV 25414

Given by: _____
(Name and Telephone Number)

In memory of Or A Thanksgiving for: (Please underline)

Stewardship Pledge Campaign Update...

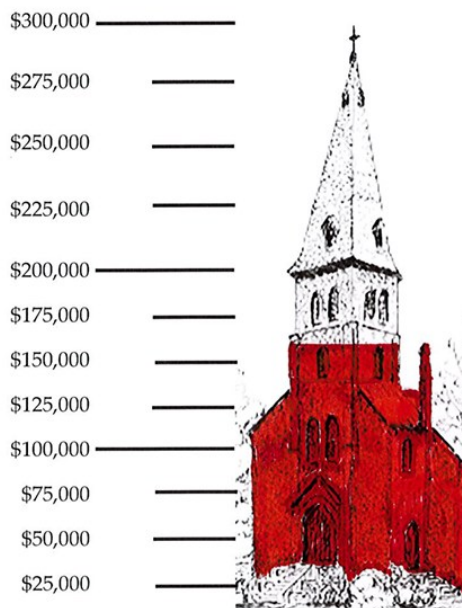
Our Annual Stewardship Campaign continues to receive 2026 Pledge Commitment Cards.

As of December 3rd we have received 37 pledge commitments totaling \$158,384.00. The total amount of the increase in pledges is currently \$27,384.00

Thank you to everyone who has submitted a pledge card. Your generosity is inspiring.

If you have not yet submitted your 2026 pledge commitment card, there is still time! Pledge cards may be placed in the offertory plate during one of our services, dropped off at our parish office Monday through Thursday between 9 am and 2 pm, or mailed to Zion Episcopal Church, 221 E Washington Street, Charles Town, WV 25414.

Pledge cards are available in the Narthex of the church, our parish office, or may be downloaded from our website by clicking on the 'Tell Out My Soul' button:



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 48 pounds of food to JCCM last week!

Vestry News...

In lieu of our December vestry meeting, our vestry will be gathering at the rectory on Wednesday, December 10th at 7 pm for a brief business meeting followed by time for fellowship and light refreshments.

All reports due to the vestry should be submitted to our parish office Tuesday, December 9th by Noon.

Prayer Requests...

For Those Who Are Housebound...

Marian Auer, Jean Hale, Earl and Bertha Keligan, 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, Owen, P.T., Tom, Sharon, Jim, Mary Jane, Bobbie, Don, Kassidy, Kelly, Ruth, Lousie, Becky, Laurie, Barbara, Wanda, Jennifer, Karmen, Karen, Tyler, Walter, Bob, Alison, Ned, Richard, Dennis, Renee, Lori, Evan, Bertie, Brad, Robert.

For Those Who Have Died...

Peter VanTol, William VanTol, Mr. and Mrs. William Coughlin

For Those Celebrating Birthdays in December:

Judy Maye, 3 rd	Harlan Salisbury, 13 th	Randolph Hilton, 25 th
Sally Skinner, 5 th	Sandy Campbell, 15 th	Levi Yuhasz, 25 th
Traci Davis, 6 th	Brenda Whittington, 15 th	Chris Carter, 29 th
Annette Murphy, 8 th	Annette Hale, 16 th	Anne Steptoe, 30 th
Carl Neve, 9 th	Karen Wyson, 16 th	Peggy Crusan, 30 th
Nathan Seibert, 10 th	Andrew Cassell, 17 th	George Cornwell, 31 st
Geneviene Costello, 10 th	George Cornwell V, 18 th	
Jody Carter, 12 th	Bill Myers, 22 nd	