



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

This Week at Zion...

Saturday, June 6th

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Thrift Shop Open

Sunday, June 7th

Pentecost 2

This week's altar candles are given for the glory of God and in loving memory of Anne Green Saunders, Francina Stonesifer, Rosa Hall, Lib Senseney, and Doris Whiting by Richard Seckinger. Our altar flowers today are given for the glory of God and in loving memory of Marge Smith and Archie Smith by their grandchildren.

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Holy Eucharist: Rite I

Scheduled to Serve

Altar Guild

Dawn and Chris Pritzer

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Richard Seckinger

Ushers

Sam and Lanette Byrer

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

Beverly Raines, Ann McKee

Vergers

Lee Wilson

Crucifer

Colin Harp

Torchbearers

Levi Yuhasz, Porter Yuhasz

Lay Reader

Julia Yuhasz

Intercessor

Kenny Floyd

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Kenny Floyd

Ushers

Ken Fanelli, Betina Peyton

Hospitality

Joanne McIsaac

Monday, June 8th

10:00 am — 11:00 am

Rector/Wardens Meeting | Rector's Office

Wednesday, June 10th

9:00 am — 12:00 pm

Thrift Store Open

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm

Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

7:00 pm — 8:30 pm

Vestry Meeting | Parlors

Thursday, June 11th

Friday, June 12th

Parish Office Closed

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm

Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

Saturday, June 13th

10:00 am — 5:00 pm

WV Fest Water Station | 221 E Washington St

Sunday, June 14th

Pentecost 3

8:00 am — 9:00 am

Holy Eucharist: Rite I

Scheduled to Serve

Altar Guild

Dawn and Chris Pritzer

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Phil Porterfield

Ushers

Donald and Patsy Noland

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

Beverly Raines, Ann McKee

Verger

Lee Wilson

Crucifer

Lucy Peyton

Torchbearers

Colin Harp, Rightly Wildman

Gospel

Winnie Wildman

Lay Reader

Jamie Wilson

Intercessor

Greg Harp

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Greg Harp

Ushers

Sue Floyd, Jamie Wilson

Hospitality

Nancy Spensley

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm

Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

Parish News...

There will be a Memorial Service for Edwin (Ned) McConihay Wilson on Saturday, June 20th at 11:00 am at Zion Episcopal Church, 301 East Congress Street. A reception will follow the service in The Parlors located at 221 East Washington Street.



Obituary

Edwin McConihay Wilson-known to all as Ned-with his wife at his side, passed away on May 26, 2026, in Martinsburg, West Virginia, at the age of 76, following complications from an autoimmune disease. Born in Charleston, West Virginia, on June 29, 1949, to John Mac and Isabelle Hart Wilson, Ned grew up with a deep appreciation for music, community, and spirited conversation - qualities that would define his life.

Ned was educated at the Kentucky Military Institute, earned his BA from Brown University, and later received his MBA from the Wharton Graduate School of the University of Pennsylvania. His early professional years were spent in New York City. Starting in 1973 as a Financial Analyst for CBS, Inc., he rose to the rank of Controller of the CBS Television Network before leaving in 1986. Following his time at CBS, he held other financial positions in New York City.

After years in corporate finance, Ned and his wife, Royal, embraced a new adventure as owners and operators of the Mountaineer Inn in West Dover/ Mount Snow, Vermont. They poured their energy into the inn and the surrounding community until their retirement in 2022, when they relocated to Charles Town, West Virginia. Ned was thrilled to return to West “by God, smile when you say it” Virginia.

A lifelong lover of the performing arts, Ned devoted decades to the Village Light Opera Group (VLOG) in New York City. Besides being a frequent performer, he served on the VLOG Board, became President, and served on their Investment Committee. His passion for theater began in childhood with the Kanawha Players and the Charleston Light Opera Guild. He was a founding member and co-chair of the Memorial Hall Center for the Arts in Wilmington, VT; bringing acclaimed musicians to the region for sold-out concerts.

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A gifted pianist, Ned played for guests of the Inn and taught seminars on Broadway musicals, sharing his encyclopedic knowledge and enthusiasm with eager audiences.

Ned's commitment to service extended to his spiritual life. In both New York City and Charles Town, he was an active member of Episcopal congregations. He was on the Vestry, served as Treasurer and was on the Investment Committee at the Church of the Incarnation in Manhattan, and later as Treasurer, interim pianist, and choir member at Zion Episcopal Church in Charles Town.

He found joy in many passions: cheering on the New York Yankees, Rangers and Giants; attending New York City Opera, and following the Triple Crown horse races each year. Ned held season tickets to the Philadelphia Orchestra concerts at Carnegie Hall from 1973 until present. He was also a proud member of Holland Lodge #8 in New York City. Ned loved his years at Brown. He was Treasurer of the Class of '71, a fervent member of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, Treasurer of the Brown University Club in New York City and helped plan every reunion including his most recent 55th.

Ned is survived by his devoted wife, Royal L. Woodfield Wilson of Charles Town, West Virginia; his brother, J.H. Wilson of Middletown, New Jersey; and his sister, Catharine W. Burt of Bedford, New Hampshire. He was predeceased by his sister, Liza Stuart Baker, and his brother, W.E. Ferguson.

Memorial services will be held in both New York City and Charles Town. In Charles Town at Zion Episcopal Church on Saturday, June 20, at 11:00 AM. In New York City at Church of the Incarnation on Saturday, June 27, at 11:00 AM.

Ned will be remembered for his humor, his vibrant storytelling, his generosity, his love of music, and the joy he brought to every community he touched. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the VEXAS Foundation at vexas.org, or Church of the Incarnation, New York City or Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town, WV. Please sign Ned's online guestbook at: www.mtstrider.com.

If you have news you would like to share with our congregation, please send word to our parish office at office@zionaepiscopal.net. News items received each week by Wednesday morning will be published in our Weekly Tidings on Friday.

Vestry News...

June Vestry Meeting Wednesday, June 10th at 7:00 pm | Parlors

Please submit all reports to office@zionaepiscopal.net by the end of the day on Monday, June 8th. All are welcome to attend vestry meetings.

Community News...

Bark in the Park Fundraiser

Saturday, June 6th from 10:00 am — 1:00 pm | Jefferson Memorial Park

The Animal Welfare Society of Jefferson County will hold its annual **Bark in the Park Fundraiser** on Saturday, June 6th from 10:00 am — 1:00 pm at Jefferson Memorial Park. There is a \$10.00/per dog registration fee. Registration begins at 9:30 am.

WV Fest, Saturday, June 13th

Outreach Opportunity | 10:00 am — 5:00 pm

Our water station will be in front of our Gym on Saturday, June 13th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm (set up begins at 9:30 am). Sign up for a time slot by clicking on the link to the right to help us make a positive impact!

[WV Fest Sign Up](#)

NAACP Juneteenth Celebration

Saturday, June 20th | 11:00 am — 3:00 pm

The **NAACP's Juneteenth Celebration** is set for Saturday, June 20th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at Evitts Run Park. Creative arts tables and other activities for children and youth will be available.

JCCM Food Pantry News...

JCCM is asking for specific donations of the following food items: spaghetti sauce, canned meat, cereal, jelly, rice, instant mashed potatoes, cases of bottled water. Also the following personal care items are requested: laundry detergent, dish soap, shampoo and conditioner, and deodorant.



This past week Zion contributed **64** pounds of food to JCCM's food pantry.

From Rev. Johanna...

"For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm."

Psalm 33:9



God spoke — and it came to be. God commanded — and it stood firm.

Last week we heard the story of creation. This week, the psalmist marvels at that same creation—at God’s calm authority in bringing forth the heavens, filling the seas, and breathing life in to the world simply by speaking. Notice how the verse ends: *and it stood firm*. What God speaks does not waver, fade, or lose its shape over time. It endures, even when we cannot see how.

I’m guessing most of us know what it is to hold a promise from God in our hands and feel the ache of waiting for it to be fulfilled. We pray, hope, and trust — and then we lie awake at three in the morning wondering if we heard God correctly, or if something has gone wrong, or if perhaps we should be doing something more, something different, something to move things along.

Or is that just me?

I’ll admit it—for me—waiting is hard. But even harder than waiting is staying still in my waiting. Maybe you’re like me and there’s something in you that wants to act, to fix, to manage. When life feels uncertain, my instinct is to take hold of it, to find a way to make the promise happen myself. Revealing, of course, that I am not always entirely comfortable simply resting in trust. Because, let’s be honest, stillness can feel like passivity. And staying quiet can feel like giving up.

I love that our readings this coming Sunday pair together Psalm 33 and Paul’s portion of his letter to the Romans about God’s promise to Abraham and Sarah. Because, when I find myself struggling to stay still in the waiting, it feels right to be reminded of Abraham and Sarah. After all, Abraham was nearly one hundred years old. And Sarah’s womb, Paul tells us plainly, was barren.

These were not small obstacles! This was not a situation where you might squint and see a way forward. By every human measure, the promise God had

made — that Abraham would become the father of many nations, that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars — was impossible. The body tells us when it's finished. Biology has its own kind of authority.

And yet. Hoping against hope, Abraham believed. This is one of the quiet wonders in all of scripture. Hoping against hope. It means that hope had run out of reasonable ground to stand on, and Abraham hoped anyway. Not because the circumstances had changed. Not because he had found a way to make it work. But because he trusted the One who had made the promise. Paul says that Abraham did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, or when he considered Sarah's womb. He did not look away from the reality of his situation. He looked at it fully — and yet, he still believed. Abraham fixed his gaze on the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. God had spoken. And Abraham trusted that it would stand firm. And it did. In the fullness of time, in a way that could only have been the work of God.

So, here's the truth that allows me to still my mind and stay quiet in the midst of my waiting: The voice that spoke the stars into being is the same voice that has spoken over our lives. Yours, mine, and all those with whom we journey. The same God who held Abraham and Sarah in their long, difficult waiting is the same God who holds us in ours. Whatever promise we carry, it has not been forgotten. God does not speak and then waver. God does not command and then lose hold. We may not be able to see how it will come to be. And in the end, that's alright. Abraham could not see how either. The not-seeing isn't the point. The point is that we believe in a God whose word stands firm.

When we find ourselves in seasons of waiting, we don't have to manufacture certainty. We don't have to pretend the waiting is easy or that the silence does not sometimes feel heavy. We are allowed to feel all of that, and still choose, quietly and gently, to trust. To say, simply, God has spoken, and I will rest in God's word.

Pace é bene,
Johanna+

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 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, and Royal.

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

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

For Those Who Have Died...

Anne Green Saunders, Francina Stonesifer, Rosa Hall, Lib Senseney, Doris Whiting, Marge Smith, Archie Smith.

For Those Celebrating Birthdays June:

Tom Cain, 2 nd	Frankie Amore, 10 th	James Ruddy, 24 th
Arenwald Smith, 2 nd	Earl Jr. Carson, 14 th	Tyler Burke, 26 th
Kassidy Noble, 4 th	Wendy Kirby, 15 th	Rowen Davis, 27 th
Rusty Morgan, 5 th	Jenny Caling, 16 th	John Custer, 29 th
Betsy Cordell-Crewe, 6 th	Ben McCormick, 17 th	Derel Carson, 29 th
John Jr. Skinner, 9 th	Ted Kroos, 19 th	Becky McDonald, 29 th
Kelsey Smith, 10 th	Olivia Jenkins, 22 nd	Anne Stryder, 29 th
Peggy Coulter, 10 th	Craig Chesley, 22 nd	Sonny Smith, 30 th
	Sam Byrer, 23 rd	

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@zionaepiscopal.net or phone: (304) 725-5312)