



# 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](mailto: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, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

**The First Sunday after the Epiphany  
The Baptism of Christ**

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Pam Hooper in loving memory of Barb Hooper.*

**8:00 am — 9:00 am**

**Holy Eucharist : Rite I**

### **Scheduled to Serve**

Altar Guild

Linda Work, Laurie Ruddy

Lay Reader

Linda Work

Ushers

Donald and Patsy Noland

Hospitality

Laurie and Jim Ruddy

**9:15 am — 10:15 am**

**Bible Study | Hauser Room**

All are welcome to attend Bible Study. If you haven't yet attended a Bible Study class—while currently examining consecutive chapters from Genesis—classes are not dependent upon one another. *Come and see!*

**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

Beverly Raines, Ann McKee  
Lee Wilson  
Greg Harp  
Colin Harp, Lucy Peyton  
Isla Wildman  
Ken Fanelli  
Greg Harp  
Greg Harp  
Stephen Hall, Urath Gibson

**5:00 pm — 6:00 pm**

Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

**Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

**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

**6:30 pm — 8:00 pm**

Choir Rehearsal | Church

**Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

**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, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am — 12:00 pm**

Thrift Store

**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 Meeting | Parlors

### **Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 am — 9:45 am	Exercise Class   Gym
10:00 am — 11:00 am	Exercise Class   Gym
<b>10:00 am — 11:00 am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer   Parlors</b>
5:00 pm — 6:00 pm	Exercise Class   Gym

**Please Note: There will be one service next Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am as we come together for our Annual Meeting.**

### **Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30 am — 11:30 am**

### **Epiphany 2**

**Annual Meeting together with Holy Eucharist**

#### **Scheduled to Serve**

Altar Guild	Beverly Raines, Ann McKee
Verger	Lee Wilson
Crucifer	Erin Delaney
Torch Bearers	Rightly Wildman, Lucy Peyton
Gospel Book	Winnie Wildman
Lay Reader	Jamie Wilson
Prayers of the People	Don Twyman
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Brenda Whittington
Ushers	Sandy Coughlin, Ken Fanelli

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!*

#### *Vestry News...*

#### **January Vestry Meeting | January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Parlors**

Our January vestry meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Parlors of the Mason House. Please have all necessary reports to our parish office by close of business, Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

**WARRANT for the ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH**  
**Sunday, January 18, 2026**

Notice is hereby given for the Call of the Annual Parish Meeting of Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town, West Virginia, *together with* Holy Eucharist on the Second Sunday after the Epiphany, **Sunday, January 18, 2026 at 9:30 am at 301 East Congress Street.**

The business of the meeting will be to:

1. Receive reports of the Rector, Wardens, Treasurer, and all other reports necessary.
2. Elect Vestry persons and fill all other positions as required by Canon Law.
3. To transact such other business as may legally come before the Annual Meeting of the parish.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kenneth Fanelli,  
Clerk of the Vestry

**The following reports for our Annual Meeting are due to our office administrator, Eric, (via email: [office@zionepiscopal.net](mailto:office@zionepiscopal.net)) by Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>.**

Senior Warden's Report	Stewardship Report	Thrift Store Report
Junior Warden's Report	Trustee's Report	Altar Guild Report
Treasurer's Report	Fundraising Report	Music Ministry Report

**Why do we have an Annual Meeting?**

In addition to being Christian communities subject to laws called canons, churches are religious corporations subject to West Virginia state laws. The vestry of each parish constitutes the trustees or board of directors of the corporation. State law dictates that there be an annual election of those trustees

whom we call vestry members. The law says that one-third of the vestry be elected annually. Like many parishes, our custom is to present an uncontested slate prepared by the nominating committee. It is generally known who is interested in serving in this capacity and through a practice of discernment persons with the suitable skills, experience, and interests are approached.

The nominating committee of the vestry does not seek people of similar mindsets rather those who, by reputation, are believed to be people who can work together cooperatively to achieve consensus on important matters affecting the whole parish.

### **Is that all that happens at an Annual Meeting?**

Parishes, typically, use this occasion to present a review of the finances and work of the parish to the entire congregation. This is done by reports from those in leadership positions.

### **Who can vote?**

Qualified voters are persons 16 years of age or older who have been baptized and who have been regular in attendance at worship and have contributed to the support of the parish for at least 3 months prior to the Annual Meeting.

Our custom has been to offer a resolution that the clerk cast one unanimous ballot for the slate of vestry members presented.

### **What is the point of the election if the slate is already decided?**

To satisfy the requirements of the state law and to show our whole-hearted support of those who have agreed to serve on the Vestry.

### **Why do we not have candidates from whom we can choose?**

As Christians in a small community, to set up people against each other in a public vote, would inevitably lead to rejecting and rejection. The on-going practice of discernment allows persons to find their best way to serve God with respect and support.

**A Blessing for Epiphany | Jan Richardson**  
from *Circle of Grace: A Book of Blessings for the Seasons*



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If you could see the journey whole, you might never undertake it, might never dare the first step that propels you from the place you have known toward the place you know not.

Call it one of the mercies of the road: that we see it only by stages as it opens before us, as it comes into our keeping, step by single step.

There is nothing for it but to go, and by our going take the vows the pilgrim takes:

to be faithful to the next step;  
to rely on more than the map;  
to heed the signposts of intuition and dream; to follow the star that only you will recognize;  
to keep an open eye for the wonders that attend the path; to press on beyond distractions, beyond fatigue, beyond what would tempt you from the way.

There are vows that only you will know: the secret promises for your particular path and the new ones you will need to make when the road is revealed by turns you could not have foreseen.

Keep them, break them, make them again; each promise becomes part of the path, each choice creates the road that will take you to the place where at last you will kneel to offer the gift most needed — the gift that only you can give — before turning to go home by another way.

**The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day | Monday  
January 19, 2026**



*Lord, we thank you for your church, founded upon your Word, that challenges us to do more than sing and pray, but go out and work as though the very answer to our prayers depended on us and not upon you. Help us to realize that humanity was created to shine like the stars and live on through all eternity. Keep us, we pray, in perfect peace. Help us to walk together, pray together, sing together, and live together until that day when all God's children — Black, White, Red, Brown and Yellow — will rejoice in one common band of humanity in the reign of our Lord and of our God, we pray. Amen.*

*The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?**

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast  
Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am | Rain Date: Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast will be held at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4257 Kearneysville Pike, in Shepherdstown on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am (rain date: January 24<sup>th</sup>). Tickets are \$25.00 for adults and \$15.00 for youth. Children 5 and under are free. The proceeds from the breakfast will benefit the Page Jackson Scholarship Fund. For Tickets contact Mrs. Delores Foster (201) 415-8769 or Mrs. Karen Hames (240) 367-4119. The event is sponsored by the Jefferson Co. Black Clergy Association.

**The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Legacy**

The civil rights icon is the only non-president with a federal holiday in their honor. The federal government closes on the day, and U.S. residents are given the opportunity to reflect on King's legacy. King rose as a civil rights leader in 1955 during the Montgomery bus boycott in Alabama. Two years later, he founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. In 1963, he led the March on Washington, delivering the famed "I Have a Dream" speech on the National Mall. King was assassinated on April 4, 1968 while standing on a second-floor balcony outside his room at the Lorraine Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee. James Earl Ray confessed to shooting King and was sentenced to 99 years in prison. King was 39 at the time of his death.

*Michelle Del Rey is a trending news reporter at USA TODAY.*

**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 72 pounds of food to JCCM last week!**

### *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, 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, Cassidy, Kelly, Ruth, Lousie, Becky, Barbara, Wanda, Jennifer, Karmen, Karen, Tyler, Walter, Bob, Alison, Ned, Richard, Dennis, Renee, Lori, Evan, Bertie, Brad, Robert, Rusty, and Joshua.

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

Barb Hooper

#### **For Those Celebrating Birthdays in January:**

Philip Fanelli, 1 <sup>st</sup>	Katie McGivern, 12 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Floyd, 18 <sup>th</sup>
Colin Harp, 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Leslie Slover, 13 <sup>th</sup>	Evan Miller, 19 <sup>th</sup>
Taylor Seibert, 6 <sup>th</sup>	Sharon Steptoe, 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mindy Maye, 24 <sup>th</sup>
Betsy Splawn, 6 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Davis Roxer, 17 <sup>th</sup>	Sandra Raymond, 26 <sup>th</sup>
Jane Turner, 7 <sup>th</sup>	Phil McDonald, 17 <sup>th</sup>	Shannon Jenkins, 28 <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 to our parish administrator, Eric: [office@zionepiscopal.net](mailto:office@zionepiscopal.net) or call him (304) 725-5312, to add your birthday to our list!*