



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@zionepiscopal.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 11th

**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	Beverly Raines, Ann McKee
Verger	Lee Wilson
Crucifer	Greg Harp
Torch Bearers	Colin Harp, Lucy Peyton
Gospel Book	Isla Wildman
Lay Reader	Ken Fanelli
Prayers of the People	Greg Harp
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Greg Harp
Ushers	Stephen Hall, Urath Gibson

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm

Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

Monday, January 12th

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 13th

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 14th

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 15th

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

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

Sunday, January 18th

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 14th at 7:00 pm in the Parlors

Our January vestry meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14th 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 5th.

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) by Tuesday, January 13th.

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*



The Wise Ones © Jan Richardson. janrichardson.com

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 19th at 9:30 am | Rain Date: Saturday, January 24th**

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast will be held at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4257 Kearneysville Pike, in Shepherdstown on January 19th at 9:30 am (rain date: January 24th). 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, 1st

Colin Harp, 2nd

Taylor Seibert, 6th

Betsy Splawn, 6th

Jane Tarner, 7th

Katie McGivern, 12th

Leslie Slover, 13th

Sharon Steptoe, 17th

Mary Davis Roxer, 17th

Phil McDonald, 17th

Tom Floyd, 18th

Evan Miller, 19th

Mindy Maye, 24th

Sandra Raymond, 26th

Shannon Jenkins, 28th

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 or call him (304) 725-5312, to add your birthday to our list!