



# 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 Administrative Assistant, Kianna, 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, May 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Easter 6**

**The Rt. Rev. Matthew Cowden  
Presiding and Preaching**

*This week's altar candles are given for the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Strider, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest A. Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. James W. Strider, Sr. by Sarah Strider Seemann and Mr. and Mrs. J. William Strider. Our altar flowers today are given for the glory of God and in loving of Janet B. Seckinger by Richard Seckinger.*

**8:00 am — 9:00 am**

**Holy Eucharist: Rite I**

## **Scheduled to Serve**

Altar Guild

Kathleen Willis

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Linda Work

Ushers

Jim and Laurie Ruddy

Hospitality

Jim Ruddy, Linda Work, and Stacy Lindberg

**10:30 am — 11:30 am**

**Scheduled to Serve**

Altar Guild  
Vergers  
Crucifer  
Torch Bearers  
Gospel Book  
Lay Reader  
Intercessor  
Lay Eucharistic Minister  
Ushers  
Hospitality

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm

**Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 pm — 6:30 pm

**Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am — 12:00 pm

10:00 am — 11:00 am

5:30 pm — 6:30 pm

7:00 pm — 8:30 pm

**Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am — 12:00 pm

**Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am — 3:00 pm

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am — 9:00 am**

**Scheduled to Serve**

Altar Guild  
Lay Eucharistic Minister  
Ushers  
Hospitality

**Holy Eucharist : Rite II**

Joanne McIsaac, Sandy Coughlin  
Lee Wilson  
Erin Grove  
Isla Wildman, Rightly Wildman  
Winnie Wildman  
Ken Fanelli  
Greg Harp  
Greg Harp  
Sue Floyd and Jamie Wilson  
Lindy Davenport

Community Meal Ministry

Choir Rehearsal

Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

Thrift Store

Morning Prayer | Hayes Chapel

Community Meal Ministry | Social Hall

Vestry Meeting | Parlors

Office Closed

Rainbow School Mother's Day | Parlors

**Office Closed**

Healing Hearts Ministry | Educational Bldg.

**Easter 7**

**Holy Eucharist: Rite I**

Kathleen Willis  
Phil Porterfiled  
Sam and Lanette Byrer  
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

Joanne McIsaac, Sandy Coughlin

Verger

Lee Wilson

Crucifer

Lucy Peyton

Torch Bearers

Porter Yuhasz, Levi Yuhasz

Gospel Book

Colin Harp

Lay Reader

Julia Yuhasz

Intercessor

Donny Twyman

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Donny Twyman

Ushers

Stephanie Harp and Randy Hilton

Hospitality

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

ECW | St. Philip's

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

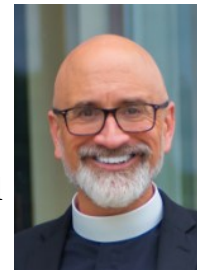
Community Meal Ministry

***Bishop Matthew's Annual Visitation...***

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**Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> | 8 am & 10:30 am Services**

Bishop Matthew will preside and preach at both our 8 am and 10:30 am services this Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to attend and to greet Bishop Matthew and his wife, Melissa, during coffee hour immediately following our services.



Vestry members will be gathering in The Parlors at 9:15 am for a brief meeting with Bishop Matthew.

***St. Philip's News...***

**Annual Women's Day Program | Women Dedicated to God's Work**

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm at St. Philip's Episcopal Church**

The Episcopal Church Women of St. Philip's Episcopal Church cordially invite you to join them for Worship and Fellowship on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at St. Philip's Church, 411 S. Lawrence Street in Charles Town. Sister Delores Jackson Foster of Mt. Zion AME Church in Knoxville, MD will be speaking. Light refreshments and fellowship will follow the program.

*From Rev. Johanna...*



Shortly after I arrived in Charles Town, my daughter Leah and I figured out that we could meet each other for lunch at the Cheesecake Factory at the Christiana Mall in Christiana, Delaware. It's not exactly in the middle of where we each live, but close enough. We have lunch, spend some time at Barnes & Noble, walk around the mall — several times — and eventually find our way back to the Cheesecake Factory where we pick up takeout dessert before heading back home.

Of course, while walking around the mall, we browse in and out of quite a few stores. This past Saturday, I noticed that the salesclerks in almost every store were exceedingly attentive. At one store, a salesclerk engaged Leah by asking if she had enjoyed her lunch at the Cheesecake Factory — Leah was still carrying the bag with her leftovers. To be honest, the moment I heard that question, I immediately headed off in the opposite direction!

I wasn't two or three steps away when I heard Leah respond — and what I heard caught my attention. I turned around and listened as the two of them began what became a genuinely delightful conversation. It wasn't the first time Leah's grace-filled spirit reminded me of something important. Something I need to be reminded of, maybe more often than I'd like to admit. It reminded me that we are Easter people. Easter people who believe in an incarnate God.

Throughout Eastertide we read from the Acts of the Apostles. This coming weekend Paul is speaking to the people of Athens — a city full of temples, statues, and altars, including one famously dedicated to an unknown God. Paul uses that altar as his starting point, and he says something remarkable. He tells them that this God they do not yet know is not made of gold, or silver, or stone. And then he says this: "*Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals.*" (Acts 17:29)

*Since we are God's offspring.* Paul is speaking about a God who is intimately, personally, and livingly connected to us — a God from whom we come, and in whom, as he says just a few verses earlier, we live and move and have our being. This is the God who is woven into the very fabric of who we are. This is, of course, very close to the heart of what we believe as Episcopalians. Incarnational theology — the belief that God took on flesh and dwelt among us in Jesus Christ

— is not just a doctrine we affirm on Sunday mornings. It is a way of seeing the world. The incarnation tells us that God was not content to remain at a distance. God entered into the ordinary stuff of human life — into family meals and long walks, into conversations with strangers, into all the small and unremarkable moments that make up each day. And because of that, those moments are never truly unremarkable. They are potential meeting places with the living God. The incarnation suggests that God moves most naturally through presence. Through attentiveness. Through the simple willingness to turn toward another person rather than away.

Which brings me back to Leah. When that salesclerk asked about her lunch, Leah didn't feel the social awkwardness of the moment. She simply turned toward the person in front of her and responded with warmth and openness. And in doing so, she created space for something genuinely human — a real exchange, a small moment of connection between two people who had never met before. I slipped away. Leah stayed.

Now, I am not telling you this story to suggest that my daughter is a saint and her mother is a lost cause — although *both* may be true. I'm telling you this story because I think that moment is a picture of what it looks like to live as people who believe in an incarnate God. It doesn't look like perfection. It looks like presence. It looks like being willing to be where you are, with the person who is right in front of you and treating that encounter as if it matters. Because it does matter. Every person we encounter is, like us, made in the image of God. Every conversation — even a brief one in a store at the mall on a Saturday afternoon — is an opportunity for the living God to move through us toward someone else.

Our God, who refused to stay distant, who refused to be reduced to a statue of gold or silver or stone, is still moving — through our words, through our attention, through our willingness to simply turn toward one another. So on your next ordinary Saturday — at the grocery store, at the coffee shop, in the parking lot, or maybe even at the mall — you might be surprised to find yourself in the middle of a moment you didn't plan, with a person you didn't expect, and something warm and real might pass between you. That, dear ones, is the incarnate God.

Pace é bene,  
Johanna+

### *Property Clean Up News...*

Thank you to all who came out last Saturday to help clean up our churchyard. Fifty (50) bags were stuffed full of leaves and debris and carted off to the Ellis' burn pile which was, appropriately, named: 'Mt. Zion!'



### *Zion's Community Care Pantry News...*

*Collaborating together to transform one another by welcoming the stranger, providing hospitality, and restoring community where all people are treated with dignity and respect.*

The following donations are needed: Maseca (corn flour), Beans, Lentils, Rice, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Fruit Cups, Applesauce, Juice Boxes, Cooking Oil, Shelf-stable Milk, Shelf-stable meat/fish, Dental Care Products, Diapers (Sizes 3, 4, or 5), Enfagrow Formula (Toddler), Similac (0-12 M), Feminine Hygiene Products, Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Toilet Paper. Your generous donations may be brought to our parish office.

### *WV Fest News...*

**WV Fest | Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> | Outreach Opportunity**  
**10:00 am — 5:00 pm**



Our vestry has once again affirmed Zion's hosting a water station during WV Fest. The water station will be in front of our Gym on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 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 below to help us make a positive impact!

[WV Fest Sign Up](#)

### *JCCM News...*

**Thank you for your abundant generosity in helping to support those suffering from food insecurity. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. This past week Zion contributed 45 pounds of food to JCCM's food pantry.**



## *Vestry News...*

### **May Vestry Meeting Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm | Parlors**

All necessary reports due to our vestry should be submitted to our Administrative Assistant, Kianna, by Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Please email reports to [office@zionaepiscopal.net](mailto:office@zionaepiscopal.net). Our vestry meets in person in the parlors of the Mason House at 7:00 pm. If you have an agenda item, please contact Rev. Johanna, our senior warden, Alice Ellis, or our junior warden, Paul Bishop, prior to May 12<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to attend vestry meetings.

## *Parish News...*

### **Name Tags | Just in Time for our Bishop's Visit**

This weekend we are unveiling new 'Name Tag Boards!' The boards are currently resting on the chest in the Narthex of the church. Be sure to put your name tag on so Bishop Matthew and Melissa can call you by name! Your name tag should be returned to the appropriate board, approximately where you found it!



Thank you to Paul Bishop, Alice Ellis, Richard Seckinger, and our Administrative Assistant, Kianna Rodrequiz, who all helped bring this together.

### **New Nonagenarian Club Members**

Enjoy the lovely pictures from Wandy Perry's and Henry Davenport's recent 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations!



### *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, Brian, Joyce, Phil, Melissa, Velma, Ruby, and Debbie.

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

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

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

Mrs. James W. Strider, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest A. Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. James W. Strider, Sr., and Janet B. Seckinger.

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

Laurie Ruddy, 5 <sup>th</sup>	Henry "IV" Davenport, 13 <sup>th</sup>	John A. Kirby, 24 <sup>th</sup>
Alexander Peyton, 5 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew Brashear, 14 <sup>th</sup>	Lillian Kirby, 24 <sup>th</sup>
Shea Smith, 5 <sup>th</sup>	Locke Wysong, 16 <sup>th</sup>	Stone Sinnett, 25 <sup>th</sup>
Luch Weatherholtz, 6 <sup>th</sup>	Laurie Delaney, 17 <sup>th</sup>	Robbie Salisbury, 29 <sup>th</sup>
Ellie Splawn, 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sandy Burke, 21 <sup>st</sup>	Edna Philips, 30 <sup>th</sup>
Cody Truitt, 8 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Pitzer, 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Lyn Widmyer, 30 <sup>th</sup>
Sarah McGivern, 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sonja James, 23 <sup>rd</sup>	

*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@zionepiscopal.net](mailto:office@zionepiscopal.net) or phone: (304) 725-5312)*