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Vestry Corner

Vestry met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Sunday, August 23.

The Vestry approved important financial stewardship policies and received updates on our upcoming Fall Fellowship event - it is shaping up to be an exciting day of food and fellowship!

A significant portion of the meeting focused on the Capital Campaign, including continued conversation about how best to use and improve parish spaces in ways that support St. Anne's mission, ministries, and long-term sustainability. The conversation was thoughtful and prayerful, with Vestry members emphasizing the importance of careful stewardship, community-building, and continued discernment as next steps are considered.



Fall Fellowship

Sunday, September 13, 3:30-6:30 PM, Herndon Trailside Shelter, 1022 Crestview Drive

Come join us for our congregation-wide Fall Fellowship at Herndon Trailside Shelter on Sunday, September 13 from 3:30-6:30 PM.

This event kicks off our exciting program year in the spirit of "Community!" And what a fabulous community we have! There will be food, fellowship, games, music and prayers.

[Sign up here](#) to bring a side dish or dessert or volunteer to help with parking, set up and/or clean up.

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN HAVE A PLACE IN THE CHOIR!



St. Anne's Choristers is welcoming new members for the upcoming church year! All children and youth in Grade 3 and up are invited to join.

Rehearsals: Sundays after the 10:00 AM service (approx 45 minutes).

Singing in Church About once a month.

First Rehearsal Sunday, September 13. No prior experience needed...just a love for music and a willingness to participate!

How to Join? If your child is interested, please speak to Rob after a service or [email him](#).



St. Anne's Choir is always looking for new voices to join our musical ministry, whether you're a soprano, alto, tenor, or bass!

As we prepare for the new program year, now is the perfect time to get involved. Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, and Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM before the service.

If you're interested in joining or would like more information, please speak with Rob after a service or [reach out to him via email](#).

2026-27 Sunday School & Youth Group [Registration Now Open!](#)

We are so excited to begin our new program year on September 13th! Parents, please take a moment to register your child(ren) for Sunday School (Pre-K–6th grade) or Youth Group (6th–12th grades). We ask all families to complete a new registration each year, even if you've registered in the past.



[Click here to register](#). We look forward to a joyful year of faith, learning, and community!

Youth Launch Save the Date

Sunday, September 20, 6:00-8:00 PM, St. Anne's Parking Lot

All youth between 6th and 12th grade are invited to bring their parents to our **Fire Pit and Program Year Launch** for youth ministry at St. Anne's!

Come meet our leadership team, find out about service projects and gatherings we already have planned, and make your voice heard as we brainstorm the schedule for the rest of the year! We'll provide food (and not just stuff for S'Mores), and plenty of time to reconnect with St. Anne's friends.



Adult Formation is Almost Here!

Sunday, September 20, 4:00-5:30 PM, Library

Sunday, September 27, 4:00-5:30 PM, Library

Mark your calendars for the first two of many fabulous adult formation opportunities coming this fall!

First up: Sunday, September 20, 4:00–5:30 PM

Join us as we listen to a contemporary, influential sermon from former Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and explore how its message speaks to our own ministry.



Next up: Sunday, September 27, 4:00–5:30 PM

We'll begin the first of four sessions in our *Praying with the African American Spirituals* series. We're thrilled to kick off the series with *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*, an African American Spiritual and well known Christian hymn on September 27.

We're so excited to continue this popular series for a fourth year, with two sessions this fall and two more in the spring. You can expect opportunities to engage with our country's history and faith through music while expanding and deepening our racial justice ministry.

Questions about either offering? Please [reach out to Chris Cameron](#)

Advocacy Ministry Meeting

Sunday, September 13, after 10 AM service, Library

Please join us on Sept 13 after the 10am service in the Library as we gather to reflect on work done and what we want to accomplish for Fall & Winter 2026.

If you are not yet on the Advocacy Ministry email list please [let Susan know](#) and we will get you added.

Hope to see you there!



Help Us Welcome Our Newcomers

St. Anne's is known for its warm and welcoming spirit, and as we reinvigorate our Newcomer Ministry, we'd love to build on that tradition of hospitality.

We are looking for volunteers at each service to serve as a designated Newcomer Greeter. The role is simple: after the service, spend a little time chatting with people who are new to St. Anne's or visiting for the first time and would like to learn more about our church. We'll provide some helpful guidelines and suggestions for how to engage with newcomers and make them feel especially welcome.



Our hope is to have enough volunteers that each person would only need to serve once every six weeks or so, making this an easy and meaningful way to help St. Anne's live out its welcoming spirit.

If you're interested in volunteering or would like more information, please reach out to [Daria Antonucci](#) or [Nancy Santoro](#). We'll use SignUpGenius to coordinate the volunteer schedule.

Thank you for helping us make sure everyone who walks through our doors feels truly welcomed and at home at St. Anne's!

August Pantry Update

At our monthly food distribution on Thursday, August 20, the St. Anne's Food Pantry provided groceries to 140 families, representing 419 individuals, including 136 children, 171 adults, and 112 senior citizens.

Thanks to the generosity of the St. Anne's congregation and the hard work of our dedicated food pantry volunteers, families received pre-packed bags of non-perishable groceries, fresh produce, frozen meat, and a variety of items they could choose according to their needs, including cooking oil, flour, sugar, spices, and "kids packs" filled with treats for young children.



Our neighbors who visit the pantry live primarily in the four zip codes that serve the Reston-Herndon area: 20190, 20170, 20191, and 20171.

Diaper Ministry Meets Every Request

Our diaper team served 32 families, distributing 68 packages of diapers, along with a package of wipes for each family. Diapers ranged from sizes 1 through 7, including one package of large overnight diapers. We distributed 22 packages of size 6 alone and were grateful to be able to meet every request.

Families also had the opportunity to select from a generous donation of baby clothes in sizes ranging from 3 to 18 months, which many parents were happy to receive.

As we prepare for our next pantry distribution on September 17, we need to replenish our supply of size 4, 5, and 6 diapers. Smaller packages of sizes 1, 3, and 7 would also be especially helpful.

Thank you to everyone who supports the Food Pantry through donations, volunteer service, and generosity. **Your continued support makes it possible for St. Anne's to care for our neighbors in such a tangible and meaningful way**

Monday Morning Bible Study

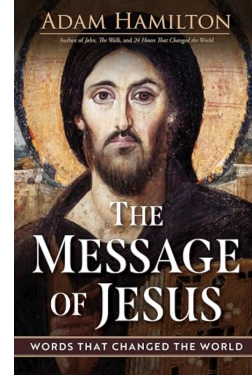
Monday, September 14, 10:30-12:00 via Zoom

The Monday Morning Bible Study will resume on Monday, Sept. 14, via Zoom, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

We will begin the semester with *The Message of Jesus* by Adam Hamilton (one of our favorite authors).

Class format is a brief video by the author followed by class discussion. The book is available on Cokesbury and Amazon.

To join the fun [contact Jane Smith](#)



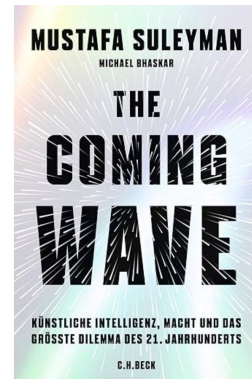
St. Anne's Book Club (In Person!)

Monday, September 14, 12:00 PM, Room 6
Bring your own lunch!

Join us for an in-person book discussion of *The Coming Wave* by Mustafa Suleyman on Monday, September 14, in Room 6 at St. Anne's. Bring your own lunch.

A co-founder of DeepMind, Suleyman explores how artificial intelligence and other rapidly advancing technologies are poised to transform our world, bringing extraordinary opportunities as well as profound challenges. Together, we'll discuss what this technological wave could mean for our future and how society might navigate the road ahead.

Whether you've read every page or just want to join the conversation, all are welcome! Any questions, [reach out to Don Boileau](#)



Passport to Fun This Summer - Hooray!

Only Three More Sundays!

There are just three more Sundays left to fill out your passport from our summer Journey with Jesus. Pick up your passport near the nametags in the narthex, use the bulletin to answer the questions, and then show your passport to the passport stamper.

We will recognize everyone who filled out a summer passport during our Fall Festival on September 13!



Volunteer with The Closet

Try something new! Volunteer with The Closet, a well-run thrift store that gives back to the community in countless ways. Its success depends on dedicated volunteers, and every helping hand is truly valued.



Volunteer Dates Assigned to St. Anne's

- Saturday, September 19
- Tuesday, October 13
- Thursday, November 5
- Tuesday, December 1
- Saturday, December 26

They will also be needing extra support from the volunteers the week of October 12, getting things unpacked, priced, and put on display tables at the Moose Lodge for the Everything Christmas Sale on October 16-17. Everyone really enjoys helping with this event.

If you and/or a friend might be interested in volunteering, please give it a try! You won't regret it! Please feel free to [reach out to Rita Smith](#) if you have any questions or would like to join the fun!

Other Upcoming Closet Dates to Save

- September 5: The Closet's Annual Fashion Show (Get your ticket ASAP because they usually sell out.)
- October 16–17: Everything Christmas Sale
- December 12: Winter Market

Vote Faithfully Series

Thursdays, Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5; 1:30-2:00 PM

On the first Thursday of each month from June through November, The Episcopal Church's Public Policy and Witness team is hosting a series of "Vote Faithfully" calls to support voter engagement in ways consistent with Episcopal values.

During the calls, hosts will share resources and ideas to help congregations promote voting and civic participation while remaining nonpartisan (avoiding support for specific political parties, candidates, or platforms).

[Registration and additional information can be found her](#)

Any questions, [reach out to Susan Schreiner](#)



Seen Around St. Anne's...



Pam Russ and Carol Ivory are always making our church grounds look their best! We're so grateful for these two and others who are always willing to dig in...literally!



Homemade honeycakes, made by Eileen Ellis and Nancy Santoro, on adorable bee



Chris and Bryce Korbuly and Clara Brooks biked into worship on Sunday in recognition of Fairfax County's Bike, Walk, and Roll to Worship event.

napkins at last Sunday's Java Junction. Yum!



Donna Vandegrift and Charles Twardy assisted Eileen Ellis on the bike trail Sunday, passing out Clif Bars and St. Anne's information for Bike to Worship. A giant THANK YOU to Eileen for her help in organizing the event this year!

St. Anne's Vestry

Daria Antonucci, Sarah Brummett, Bernadette Capelle, Marian Egge, Rosie Horn, Brandon Huffman, Margaret Light (Sr Warden), Christian Pelfrey, Suzanne Robinson, Nancy Santoro, Matt Scott, The Very Rev. Jessica Holthus (Rector & Chair), The Rev. Kara Laughlin (Associate Rector for Discipleship)

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Our offices are open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. We are available by phone and email at other times. We check the office voicemail at (703) 437-6530 regularly.

The **deadline to submit an announcement for enews is 12:00 pm on Tuesdays.** [Email it to Sheri](#). In addition to the text of your announcement, include graphics, photos and links in your email.

To **reserve space at St. Anne's for an upcoming meeting/event**, [email Sheri](#) with the date, time and number of people you expect in attendance.



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