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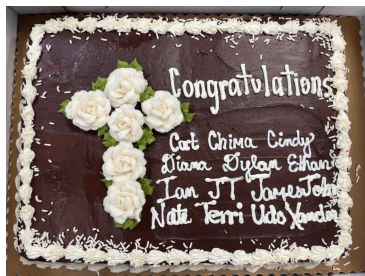
ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Access Our Website for Worship Links

Bishop Shand's visit and Confirmation was a huge success on Sunday! Thanks so much to everyone who helped make the day one to remember...from the flower guild to the altar guild to the ushers, choir, and Java Junction, it takes a village and we sure do have a fabulous one!



Come **LIVE IT OUT** at VBS This Summer -
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

June 23-27, 9:00-12:15; Camp Sunday, June 28
Deadline to register is May 4

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

VBS will be held in June this year (June 23-27) and we'd love to have our little campers back for another week of summer fun! Gredel Ellender and Alicia Peralta have agreed to be Co-Directors for the camp and we are so grateful to them!



LIVE IT OUT will help us discover how to love like Jesus by focusing on five key aspects of faith: love, live, share, forgive, and serve. Each aspect is rooted in a Bible story that encourages campers to embody these values in their daily lives. This emphasizes practical application, guiding children to live out their faith through tangible actions that reflect Christ's teachings.

[Register today!](#)

Moving Mountains Mission Trip

June 14-21, 2025

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

This trip is an incredible opportunity to make friends and bond with St. Anne's teens. Friendships will be forged that continue throughout the year, as our teens this past summer have shown us! Clifton Poole will lead the trip once again.



The mission gives participants an opportunity to volunteer for building/home repair projects, teaching elementary school students in the community, or scientific research at Estanoa Wetlands Learning Center.

Teens will lead work sites, admin crews, make decisions and keep things moving.

The trip is open to rising 9th graders through 2nd year college students. Exceptions are made for rising 8th grade when their parent/guardian comes along.

Participants will travel by car to St Paul, VA located in the Appalachian Mountains in southwestern Virginia. The area is known for its beauty and its great people.

Our accommodations are provided by the Grace House on the Mountain, Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. More information is [available here](#).

Compline Service

Tuesdays starting March 11 @ 8:00 PM via Zoom

Join us via Zoom on Tuesdays during Lent for Compline, also known as Night Prayer, or the *Prayers at the End of the Day*. Compline is the final prayer liturgy of the day in the Christian tradition of canonical hours and lasts approximately 15-20 minutes.



[Click here to sign up](#). The zoom link will be emailed to you prior to the service.

Civic Support Group

Tuesdays @ 7:00-8:00 PM, Library

Federal workers, contractors, and government retirees, we recognize the extreme challenge and turmoil that you and others in our congregation are experiencing with the new administration. In everchanging times like these, it is important to stay grounded in God and community.

Join us Tuesdays in Lent at 7pm in the Library as we pause to recenter in Christ and support one another in community. The Civic Support Group is a safe space to help us process and share what we are experiencing. A place to ask questions, share resources, and reflect on how the political climate is impacting us. A place to be in solidarity with one another and hold each other up in hope and love of Christ.



Life Planning Workshop

Sunday, March 16, 11:30-1:00, Library

The St. Anne's Endowment Committee will be hosting the next Life Planning Workshop on Sunday March 16th from 11:30 AM until 1:00 PM in the library.

The topic is the "[Village Movement](#)" which has emerged to support those of us that wish to remain in our homes for life. Our presenter for this workshop is Scott Parkin, President of [RESTON FOR A LIFETIME](#).



Please join us for refreshments and an informed discussion about services available right here in our town!

Adult Formation: Praying With African American Spirituals

Sunday, April 6, 4-5:30, Library

Come sing and pray the African American Spirituals with us and expand our knowledge of racial history in the United States! This session will focus on "***My Lord, What a Morning***," a spiritual with a call-and-response, verse-refrain structure.



As with many spirituals, the text does not have a single author or composer but was probably written collectively. Many spirituals were written by enslaved people, but "***My Lord, What a Morning***" was more likely written by free Black people. The text of the spiritual refers to multiple passages in scripture, from falling stars in Revelation and Matthew, to the trumpet blasts in 1 Corinthians and 1 Thessalonians.

All are welcome to join us in the Library from 4:00-5:30 on Sunday, April 6. Any questions, please reach out to the leaders, [Mother Annie Cooper](#) and [Chris Cameron](#).

Diapers & Wipes Needed

Our diaper supply was completely wiped out at the last distribution. With the great support of our St. Anne's congregation our supply has started to rebuild.

The big deficit now is size 6 and also wipes. Please help us build our supply back up in preparation for this month's Pantry Day.

We are so very grateful for your generosity in these difficult times.



Last Call for Coat Donations

Now through March 16, 2025

We're truly blessed and grateful for the coats we have received thus far. Your generosity and kindness goes a long way and is appreciated.



OAR (Opportunities, Alternatives and Resources) of Fairfax needs gently used, clean, washable, water-resistant coats in sizes AS to AXXXXL for men and women. They cannot use dressy, long wool coats that need to be dry-cleaned. An OAR labeled box for donations is available in the Narthex through March 16.

An enormous **THANK YOU** goes out to Shon Cooper for managing this important ministry since last Fall. Please feel free to reach out to [Shon](#) if you have any questions.

Cool Blue Bags THANK YOU!

Way to go, St. Anne's! **103 bags of food and other essentials were donated during our youth-led Blue Bag Drive.** The Pantry team thanks the Youth Group for planning and organizing this event and also to everyone who helped sort and shelve the many donations. To Sarah Brummett and Katherine Schram for their leadership and support, and special thanks to our wonderful St. Anne's community for all of the much needed donations!



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

It was a delicious evening! Thanks to everyone who came out! And an extra special **THANK YOU** to our youth and to Sarah Brummett for leading the charge. Nobody left hungry!





Seen Around St. Anne's...



The weather is getting warmer which means the bees are starting to come out looking for water. They found some on the Common Ground playground on Tuesday and needed to be directed away so the children wouldn't get stung. Mother Jess graciously agreed to don a bee suit and jump in to help Lonnie - with the St. Anne's Bee Team (also pictured), with the bee relocation. Thanks Mtr Jess!



Deacon Nancy serving Ashes To Go to our Reston community yesterday. Thank you, Nancy!

Set Your Clock Ahead on Sunday Morning!

Don't miss church on Sunday! Daylight Savings Time begins this Sunday at 2:00 AM. Just a reminder to "spring forward" one hour! Extra coffee may be required and Java Junction always has you covered!



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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 at administrator@stannes-reston.org. In addition to the text of your announcement, include any graphics, photos and links in your email.

To **reserve space at St. Anne's for an upcoming meeting/event**, email Sheri at administrator@stannes-reston.org with the date, time and number of people you expect in attendance.



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