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Stewardship Update

With our pledge campaign reaching its end, thank you to everyone for the \$770,193 pledged by our congregation in support of our 2026 budget. We are blessed by this response! The shortfall of about \$23,000 to our goal feels like a number we can reach over the next week or so.

- Your campaign chairs, Bernadette and Rosie will be reaching out to parishioners who have not pledged just yet. There's still time to pledge! **Please click here** or use the form on our website to make your pledge.
- We invite anyone who has pledged to consider even a slight increase to close our pledge gap. **Contact Angie**, our amazing pledge secretary, if you'd like to increase your pledge.
- Our total pledges of \$770,193 includes recurring payments (meaning payments established last year or before and have rolled into this year). We ask that anyone who has recurring payments please **reach out to Angie** to confirm that you intend this payment to be your 2026 pledge. These folks have received an email reminder.

While the gap of \$23,000 against our full church budget may seem slight, it could mean a readjustment to our 2026 budget outlook and we'd like to protect all of those needs and plans for our church. We're *SO CLOSE* and together we can close this gap and reach our goal!

St. Anne's Inclement Weather Policy

A decision will be made on whether to hold worship services or not on Sunday morning. Please be looking for an email from St. Anne's around 7:00 AM this Sunday to either confirm or cancel services.



Clergy are committed to making every reasonable effort to hold worship services. Rest assured that we will be watching the weather this weekend and will send an email out around 7:00 AM this Sunday to let you know whether services will be held or not so please **be sure to check your email before heading to St. Anne's Sunday morning.** Either way, please always use your best judgement on whether you should get out in bad weather. And be safe out there!

As a reminder, St. Anne's operates on the same schedule as Fairfax County Public schools when it comes to inclement weather.

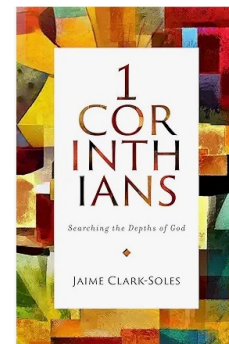
- If schools are closed for the day, all activities at St. Anne's are canceled and the office is closed.
- If schools open late, morning activities are canceled and the office will open at noon.
- If schools close early, activities in the evening are canceled.
- If schools cancel activities over the weekend, all Sunday School classes and other special programs are canceled.

If you have a pastoral emergency when the office is closed on a bad weather day, the best way to reach us is to call the church office and leave a message. The phone is monitored throughout the day.

Monday Morning Bible Study

Begins Monday, February 2, 10:30-12:00 via Zoom

Monday Morning Bible Study begins a new course February 2. We will be using *1 Corinthians: Searching the Depths of God* by Jaime Clark-Soles. The book is about the first-century church and the teachings of Paul, covering topics such as church history, spiritual gifts, death, afterlife, human sexuality, and community living.



Class format is a brief dvd presentation by the author followed by class discussion. We meet via ZOOM 10:30-noon on Mondays and new participants are always welcome! [Contact Jane Smith to join and for the zoom information.](#)

Adult Formation:

Movies that Make You Think

Tuesday, February 3, 6:00 PM, Library

Join us for a showing of *My Name is Pauli Murray*. Overlooked by history, Pauli Murray was a legal trailblazer whose ideas influenced RBG's fight for gender equality and Thurgood Marshall's civil rights arguments.

This 2021 documentary is a portrait of their impact as a non-binary Black luminary: lawyer, activist, poet, and priest who transformed our world.



We'll have pizza before and discussion after the film. A voluntary donation of \$5 is requested to cover the cost of food. For more information, [contact Chris Cameron](#).

Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, February 8, 10:00 AM

Save the date for our annual parish meeting on Sunday, February 8 at the 10:00 worship hour. This will be an exciting time to highlight the ways that God's Spirit is working in our community. During this yearly time together we will recognize outgoing vestry members and raise up new leadership. No 8:00 AM service that day.



Youth Group News

Next Meeting is Sunday, February 8, 4:00-5:30 PM

St. Anne's Youth Group is usually held on the first and third Sundays of every month from 4 to 5:30 but because of school calendars, our next meeting will be February 8.

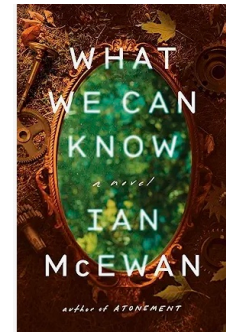


We will be planning for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. We will need all hands on deck for this parish-wide, youth-led event, so please come and help us make this party fun for all!

St. Anne's Book Club

Monday, February 9, 9:00 AM via Zoom

The St. Anne's book club will meet Monday, February 9 at 9 AM to discuss *What We Can Know*, by Ian McEwan. From the Booker prize-winning author, a genre-bending novel where a scholar in 2119 investigates a mysterious poem read at a dinner party in 2014, uncovering love and crime in a post-apocalyptic England.



For questions and the zoom information, please [email Don Boileau](#).

Mary Poppins is Making a Stop at St. Anne's!

Sunday, February 15, 2026, 3:00 PM

Join us on February 15 at 3PM, when Mary Poppins flies into St. Anne's for the afternoon! Mini Musicals on the Move will perform *Mary Poppins* as a benefit for the St. Anne's Food Pantry!

The show will feature our own Daria Antonucci as Mary Poppins, and her husband Larry Travis as Mr. Banks! The show will include sing-alongs for the audience so it's perfect for families (or as Mary Poppins would say....it's "practically perfect in every way!").



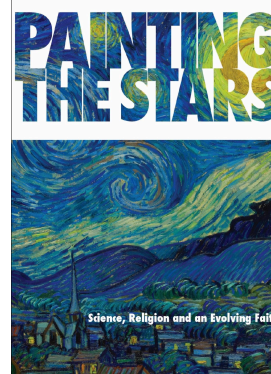
Admission is free, but donations to expand the reach of the St. Anne's Food Pantry will be gratefully accepted. You won't want to miss this fun performance for all ages!

Adult Formation: Painting the Stars

Series begins Sunday, February 22, 4:00-5:30, Library (See other dates below)

From the same company that brought us "Saving Jesus Redux," *Painting the Stars: Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith* explores the promise of evolutionary Christian spirituality.

Mother Kara and Suzi Jones will guide us through the works of over a dozen leading theologians and progressive thinkers celebrating the communion of science and faith.



- Sunday, February 22, 4:00 - 5:30 pm
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- Sunday, April 12, 4:00 - 5:30 pm
- Sunday, April 26, 4:00 - 6:00 pm, including a potluck dinner

Food Pantry January Distribution

The St. Anne's Food Pantry began the New Year on a very strong note! At the January food distribution, the Pantry provided food to 141 families with 412 family members. Forty-eight of the families were new to the St. Anne's Food Pantry.

Among the 412 family members, there were 145 children, 167 adults and 100 senior citizens. The Food Pantry provided these families with 211 pre-packed bags of groceries, fresh produce, frozen meat, personal hygiene products and a wide variety of food choice items such as flour, sugar, cooking oil and soy sauce. We were able to provide this food and other items thanks to the hard work of the Food Pantry volunteers and the strong financial support from the St. Anne's Congregation.



Since the huge distribution in September, our number of customers for diapers dropped off through December. However we had a welcome surge this month. We had 58 customers that were served with 77 packages of diapers. Thanks to your generosity we met the demand without any worries.

Speak Out Against Reckless Immigration Enforcement

The Episcopal Policy News Network is a grassroots network of Episcopalians across the country dedicated to carrying out the Baptismal Covenant call to "strive for justice and peace" through the active ministry of public policy advocacy.



This is a quick and simple way for you to add your voice to those of our Episcopal siblings across the country calling on our elected officials to stop reckless immigration enforcement and protect our neighbors.

[Act now for the dignity of all people](#), especially those being targeted by immigration enforcement.

Kids Key Moment

Lianna shared that our older classes talked about God's special blessings to the poor, and showed us her ring with five beads. The class made bead jewelry to help them remember to pray five times a day: when they wake up, when they have meals, and when they go to sleep.



Here's a section of the kid-friendly Beatitudes that Lisa Scott read to them: "Blessed are those who know they need God -- God's kingdom belongs to them. Blessed are those who are sad -- God will comfort them." Lisa used [Ask Cathy, the Episcopal Church's chatbot](#) for all things Episcopalian, to help her write her kid-friendly Beatitudes.

Hypothermia Thank You

Thanks to Bruce Edgerton and to everyone who helped out and brought food and/or volunteered on our night with the FACETS hypothermia shelter at Epiphany Church in Herndon last Saturday.

We worked with volunteers from Epiphany and FACETS to provide a warm meal, a warm place to stay, and a spirited football watch party on a very cold night!



Goodie Bringers Needed for Java Junction

[Click here to sign up to bring goodies](#)



Some say "food is love," and our Java Junction team loves to feed St. Anne's but we could use some help. We are looking for people to help provide those goodies that parishioners look for after the 10 AM service on Sundays. It's helpful to [sign up in advance](#) (by Saturday morning every week) so the Java Junction team knows what will be provided. The signup is for all of 2026. We welcome our Goodie Bringers to sign up for any of the items listed on any Sunday, at any time. **It's helpful to sign up in advance as that helps our Java Junction team prepare.**

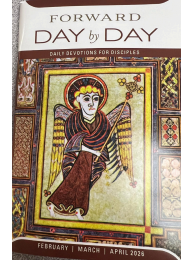
We have a considerable number of congregation members with food allergies so thank you in advance for considering gluten-free, nut-free and dairy-free options and letting a Java Junction team member know about the ingredients in your homemade items.

Due to considerable peanut allergies in the congregation, we appreciate at least one weeks' notice if you plan to bring something with peanuts in it.

And if you're great at brewing coffee, plating food and/or washing coffee pots and platters, the Java Junction team welcomes you, too! For additional information, and to sign up for the Goodie Bringers email reminder, please [contact Eileen Ellis](#).

Day by Day Devotionals

We have a handful of Day by Day Devotionals available. You can find them in the Narthex.



Seen Around St. Anne's...



Thank you to so many of you who brought stuffed animals to support immigrant families!



The staff celebrated Rob Hamilton's birthday this week. Be sure and wish him a happy birthday when you see him.

St. Anne's Vestry

Daria Antonucci, James Brooks (senior warden), Sarah Brummett, Bernadette Capelle, Rosie Horn, Carol Leos, Christian Pelfrey, Clifton Poole, Suzanne Robinson, Nancy Santoro, Charlie Saunders (junior warden), Cat Tucker, The Very Rev. Jessica Holthus (rector & chair), The Rev. Kara Laughlin (associate rector for discipleship)

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[Angie Gray](#), Office Administrator

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 any 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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