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Join Us on October 25 for our Joint Campaign Launch!

Sunday, October 25, immediately following the 8am service (Library) and again following the 10am service (Sanctuary)

This year, we are launching our Stewardship Campaign and Capital Campaign together. Our goal is to present a holistic picture of where God is leading St. Anne's and how we are being called to respond.

Rather than viewing these as separate or competing efforts, we want to show how they work together to strengthen the ministry of our church. Because both campaigns will begin at the same time, you will receive information about the Stewardship Campaign and the Capital Campaign together in one packet. A snapshot of the purpose of each campaign can be found on the back of this insert.

We invite you to join us for an important informational gathering. The Joint Campaign Launch will take place on Sunday, October 25, immediately following the 8am service (Library) and again following the 10am service (Sanctuary). In-Gathering Sunday will be held on Sunday, November 22.



Adult Formation: Living Faithfully with Alzheimer's

This Sunday, October 18, 4:00-5:30 PM, Library
Online option: Wednesdays at 7:00 PM [via Zoom](#)

Join us on Sunday for the 2nd session of 4 in our "Living Faithfully with Alzheimer's Series."

Featuring former Assistant Bishop of Virginia, Porter Taylor, we will explore the spiritual journey of living with Alzheimer's through the lens of faith, loss, and gratitude.

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

To see an entire schedule of our Adult Formation Fall offerings [click here](#).

St. Anne's Adult Formation Living Faithfully with Alzheimer's

4:00-5:30, St. Anne's Library

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Youth @ St. Anne's: Halloween

Pumpkin Carving & Games

This Sunday, October 18, 2:30-4:00 PM



Thanks to everyone who joined us at the Herndon Moose Lodge to help The Closet prep for their Everything Christmas Sale. You worked hard and made a difference. Great job!

Join the youth this Sunday to carve a Halloween pumpkin, learn a little more about All Hallow's Eve, and play some festive games! We'll meet outside if the weather cooperates.

Youth @ St. Annes Calendar for October and November. All start at 2:30 PM unless otherwise noted:

- **October 18:** Pumpkin Carving Party
- **October 25:** Seek First: Tools for Believing*
- **November 1:** Student holiday. No youth @ 2:30, but we'll gather for Choral Evensong at 5:30 PM
- **November 8:** Construction project to serve [Herndon/Reston FISH](#)
- **November 15:** Thanksgiving Drive box sorting
- **November 22:** Seek First: Talking (and Listening) to God*

**Seek First meetings are intended to be a community for youth who are working out what their faith means to them. These also serve as preparation for those in 8th grade and above who are considering confirmation reception reaffirmation of vows in the Episcopal Church.*

Black Nativity by Langston Hughes: Now Forming a Waitlist

*Friday, December 4, 6:30 PM, depart St. Anne's
Production at George Mason University's Hylton Theater*

This Advent Season enjoy Langston Hughes' joyous musical *Black Nativity* with St. Annes on Friday, December 4 at George Mason University's Hylton theater!



First performed in 1961, this powerful work blends scripture with gospel, blues, and spirituals, creating a vibrant expression of faith, joy, and community. This professional touring company performance of *Black Nativity* completely sold out in 2025.

All but 3 tickets have been claimed!

[Click here to sign up or join the waitlist.](#)

Please contact [Lorraine Cross](#) with any questions.

Choral Evensong for the Feast of All Saints

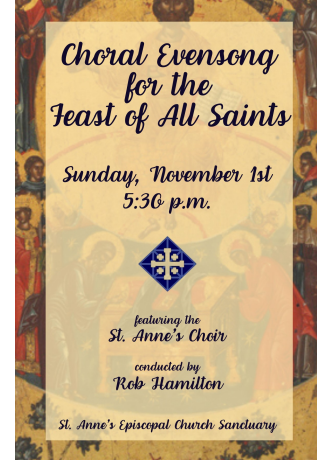
Sunday, November 1, 5:30 PM, Sanctuary

Join us for a special Choral Evensong celebrating the Feast of All Saints on Sunday, November 1 at 5:30 PM.

This beautiful and contemplative service is a wonderful opportunity to pause, reflect, and experience the gift of sacred music. The service will feature the St. Anne's Choir, conducted by Rob Hamilton, in a rich offering of choral music honoring the saints who have gone before us.

Whether you are a longtime lover of Evensong or have never experienced this beautiful service, this is an evening you won't want to miss. Reception to follow the Evensong.

Come. Listen. Reflect. Be inspired.



FACETS Meal Prep Update

Candy Donations Due by Noon, Sunday, October 25

St. Anne's is partnering with FACETS again to provide meals for neighbors experiencing food insecurity in Fairfax County. On Thursday, October 29, we'll prepare and provide **245 meals** (Wow!!) and we'd love for you to be part of this effort!



First Up: We Need Candy!

We're planning to include Halloween candy as a special dessert in each meal bag. We invite the congregation to donate individually wrapped Halloween candy. **Please bring your contributions to St. Anne's by noon on Sunday, October 25. You can drop the candy in the office on a weekday between 9-3 or leave them in the pantry donation box in the narthex.**

There will be another opportunity to volunteer with the meal preparation and distribution soon, so please watch this space for details. This is such a wonderful opportunity to serve our neighbors and make a meaningful difference together.

Interested in joining the FACETS meal team or have questions? Please [contact Bruce Edgerton](#).

Brunch & Learn for Sunday School Teachers & Parents of Sunday School-Aged Children

This Saturday, October 17, 9:00-11:30 AM, Library

Please join us this Saturday, October 17, from 9:00–11:30 AM at St. Anne's for a special Brunch & Learn with Mother Kara.



We'll explore how children develop their spiritual lives and discover ways we can nurture and support them as they grow in faith. It will be a wonderful opportunity to learn, share ideas, and connect with one another. And, of course, there will be lots of yummy food and plenty of time for fellowship! We hope you'll join us!

Kids Key Moment

This week our oldest Sunday school class had their first "Worship Sunday." They sat together during the first part of the service, talked about the service, particularly acolyting, during the sermon.

Our younger classes learned about Moses parting the Red Sea, God's gifts, and Noah's ark.



Vote Faithfully: Check Your Voter Status on Sunday

Have you checked your voter status lately? Do you have questions about the upcoming election? Stop by the Vote Faithfully information table at church this Sunday, Oct. 18, for help with registration, early voting locations & hours, and what is on the ballot.



On November 3, all Virginians will vote on a US senator, members of the US House of Representatives and three proposed amendments to the state constitution. Some jurisdictions will also vote on local offices and issues.

To preview your ballot, visit your city or county's Office of Elections website .

Important upcoming dates:

- On October 22 additional early in person voting sites will open. Check with your county Office of Elections for locations and hours.
- October 24 is the deadline to register or update your registration and the last day to request a ballot by mail.

Need a ride to the polls?

Martha Furniss and Dorry Kee will once again organize Souls to the Polls transportation for early voting, dropping off absentee ballots or getting to the polls on Election Day! [Email here to request a ride or volunteer to provide rides](#)

Any questions about voting and registration can be directed to [Carol Hurlburt](#)

Advocacy Upcoming Dates to Save

No Kings Day, Sat Oct 17 | 4-5:30pm in Reston at the corner of Reston Parkway & Bowman Towne Dr.
<https://www.mobilize.us/nokings/event/1035468/>

Sun Oct 18 | 1pm-2:30pm in Reston at the corner of Reston Parkway & Bowman Towne Dr.
<https://www.mobilize.us/indivisible/event/1035572>

Sun Oct 25 | 1:30 pm concert at St. Anne's

Reed Trevelyan and The Interchangeable String Quartet present their first "large ensemble" concert, featuring two famous works for string quartet plus an extra cello and viola. The program consists of the warm and autumnal Brahms String Sextet Op. 18, and Schubert's most sublime String Quintet. The free will offering will go to the St. Anne's food pantry. Join us for concert that will make you feel like fall is here!



Everything Christmas is Coming to The Closet!

Tomorrow, Friday, October 16, 3:00-7:00 PM

Saturday, October 17, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Herndon Moose Lodge



The Closet's 2026 Everything Christmas event is tomorrow and Saturday. Sales dates are 3:00-7:00 PM Friday, October 16, and 9:00 AM-12:00 PM on Saturday, October 17, at the Herndon Moose Lodge, 779 Center Street in Herndon.

Seen Around St. Anne's



Suzi Jones and Chris Cameron exercising their creative juices and designing flowers for a funeral last Friday.



St. Anne's youth volunteering for The Closet in preparation for the Everything Christmas event.



Jonathan with the Artemis House, accepting a donation from St. Anne's Pantry.

St. Anne's Vestry

Daria Antonucci, Sarah Brummett, Bernadette Capelle, Marian Egge, Rosie Horn (Jr Warden), 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.

Have an announcement? Need to reserve space?

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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