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Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, February 8, 10:00 AM

Join us 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.



Vestry Corner

On Sunday, January 25, Vestry met for their regularly scheduled meeting. Members discussed their favorite winter traditions and the "star words" they selected for 2026.

Each Vestry cohort gave an update on their projects and shared intentions for the new year. Vestry members also discussed some of the common themes coming out of the recent visioning sessions, such as a desire for more community events and addressing the current space constraints felt by several ministries by acquiring exclusive use of the Great Hall.

We also had the opportunity to meet Richie and Rachel Musser of Kirby-Smith Associates, who will be partnering with St. Anne's to lead a feasibility study. This study will help us better understand our capacity to pursue several of our long-term hopes and goals.



This Sunday, February 1, after Both Services:

Vestry members are excited for the congregation to hear more from Richie and Rachel next Sunday, February 8. Before that, however, we invite you to join us this Sunday, February 1, to learn more about the short- and long-term goals currently

being explored by the vestry and clergy. These priorities emerged directly from the feedback gathered during our recent visioning process, and leadership has worked to distill the many ideas and energy shared into clear, concrete next steps.

This Sunday's gathering is an opportunity for the congregation to come together and learn more about the goals that the leadership is committed to pursuing. We will share possibilities such as gaining exclusive use of the Great Hall, expanding opportunities for fellowship, and exploring ways to make our memorial garden more accessible.

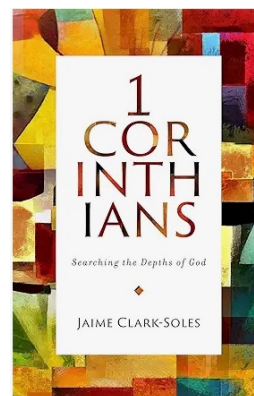
We will gather in the library after each worship service on Feb 1, at approximately 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas as we continue to discern our next steps together.

Monday Morning Bible Study

Begins This 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

This 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.

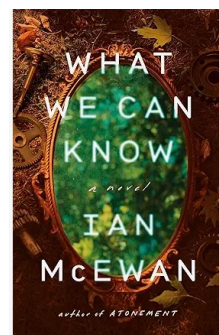
We'll have pizza before and discussion after the film. A voluntary donation of \$5 is requested to cover the cost of food. For more information, [contact Chris Cameron.](#)



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.



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

Sunday, February 15, 2026, 3:00 PM

New! We've added a [sign-up for an English Tea-themed reception](#) following the show.

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!"). We will end with an English Tea-themed reception. Please [sign up to contribute](#) if you are able.

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!



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 17; 6:00-7:15 PM, Great Hall

On Shrove Tuesday, February 17, St. Anne's Youth Group will be hosting the Annual Pancake Supper from 6:00-7:15 PM in the Great Hall.



This event is an opportunity for fellowship, and **everyone is welcome to join us!** So come on out with your family, relatives, neighbors, and friends. This event is a gift from our St. Anne's youth to the congregation and is free to attend.

Youth Group Pancake Supper Meeting

Sunday, February 8; 4-5:30 PM, Room 1

Youth in grades 6-12 & parents: Come on out on Sunday, Feb 8, 4-5:30 PM, as we plan the St. Anne's Pancake Supper! Let's get ready for this amazing supper together! The youth will be empowered to lead us, with parent support (so come on out!), in various roles: shoppers, decorators, set-up crew, clean-up crew, cooks, kitchen managers, servers & serving line managers, hospitality, and cooking supplies washers!

Please [email here with your RSVP by Feb. 5](#) to attend the meeting! We'll finish with plenty of time to get home for Super Bowl kickoff!

And a big THANK YOU to Ronan Angerosa for the beautiful pancake supper graphic above!

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 18, 12 & 7 PM, Sanctuary

Lent begins in less than 3 weeks. Let's take time to pause, reflect, and seek renewal by joining us for an Ash Wednesday Service here at St. Anne's.

The 12:00 PM service is a mid-day Eucharist service with distribution of ashes and Holy Communion.

The 7:00 PM service will have the choir with special music in addition to distribution of ashes and Holy Communion.

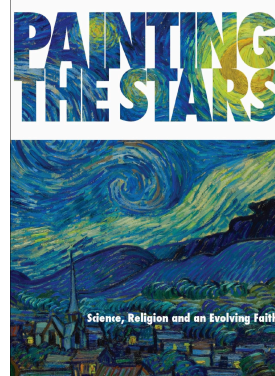


Adult Formation: Painting the Stars

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

Pathways to Prayer & Practice

We are excited to announce that St. Anne's will be one of 10 congregations that will participate in the first cohort of **Pathways to**

Prayer and Practice, an initiative of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, funded by a grant from the Lilly Endowment. This initiative supports congregations as they imagine new ways to more fully welcome children into worship, deepen faith at home, and grow intergenerational spiritual life.



Over the past several weeks, churches across the Diocese engaged in a multiround application and discernment process. Leaders from a wide range of communities expressed a shared longing to center children in worship and formation, along with a hopeful openness to experimentation and learning. We are grateful to Mother Kara for throwing our hat in the ring and getting accepted!

While the initial plan was to launch with five churches, the strength of the applications and the momentum across the Diocese led to a faithful decision to expand the first cohort to 10 congregations. This expansion reflects the clear readiness among our congregations and a desire to respond faithfully to the Spirit-led energy already present in this work.

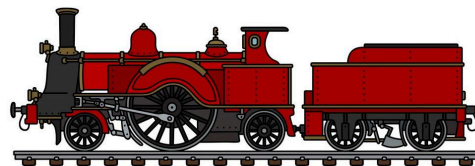
In addition to St. Anne's, following are the other 9 churches that have committed to join the inaugural cohort:

- Christ Church, Glen Allen
- St. George's, Fredericksburg
- Grace Church, Goochland
- St. Paul's, Ivy
- St. Christopher's, Springfield
- St. James the Less, Ashland
- St. Alban's, Annandale

- St. James', Leesburg
- St. James Church, Louisa

For more information, [click here](#).

Goodie Bringers Needed for Java Junction - Looking Ahead for Sign-Ups for the Annual Meeting on Feb. 8



[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 are especially looking for food for the annual meeting, taking place on February 8. To sign up, [click the sign up genius link](#). You can then sort by date. Choose February 8 to see the extra food that is needed to help keep our congregation satiated during the annual meeting. Thanks in advance!

We have a considerable number of congregation members with food allergies so thank you for considering gluten-free, nut-free and dairy-free options. 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](#).

Candlelight Vigil to honor Renée Good, Alex Pretti, and other DHS victims

TONIGHT, Thursday, January 29 at 5:00 PM
United Christian Parish, Reston

Tonight, Thursday, January 29 at 5:00 PM, you are invited to join Congressman James Walkinshaw for a candlelight vigil honoring the lives of Renee Good, Alex Pretti, and other victims of the Department of Homeland Security.

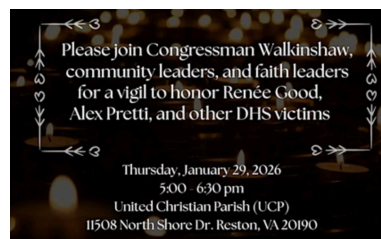
The vigil will take place at the United Christian Parish at 11508 North Shore Drive in Reston.

At a moment when we continue to witness profound harm and loss, this vigil is an opportunity for us to come together in remembrance, reflection, and solidarity. We will gather as a community to honor those we have lost, to support one another, and to reaffirm our shared commitment to dignity and justice.

Community and faith leaders will offer remarks, and we will share information about ways to support one another, as well as resources for those seeking help and healing.

I hope you will join us and stand with our community during this important moment.

[Please RSVP here](#).



Buddhist Monk's Walk for Peace

Buddhist Monks from the Huong Dao Vipassana Bhavana Center in Fort Worth, Texas are walking 2,300 miles from Fort Worth to DC with their Walk For Peace. They are currently approaching Virginia. If you are interested, you can follow along their journey here:



Walk For Peace:

<https://www.facebook.com/walkforpeaceusa/>

Map of their Intended Journey:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1f7eSxLc3YUERnnfeAK3NMg2hBI4zKDY&ll=36.495359272617904%2C-77.98045105188113&z=6>

There is a meet up in Catlett, VA, on Saturday evening, Feb 7, and volunteers are needed. If you are interested in volunteering or cheering on the Monks as they approach Catlett, [click here for more information and to sign up](#).

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.

Seen "Near" St. Anne's...



Last Friday, Mtr Jess and fellow St. Anne's parishioners showed up on Reston Parkway for the NO ICE protest—

Emilia and Lianna Holthus enjoying their ice igloo! [Send us your snow fun pictures!](#)

faith in action. Thank you to everyone who stood with us.

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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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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