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## ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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### Newcomers Brunch

*This Sunday, May 31, 12:00, Library*

If you're new to St. Anne's or still discerning whether it might become your spiritual home, we warmly invite you to join us for a Newcomers Brunch on May 31 at noon.

This gathering is a wonderful opportunity to connect with other new faces, meet members of our community, and learn more about life at St. Anne's, including ways to get involved and grow in fellowship.

If you plan to attend, please **RSVP to Daria Antonucci** TODAY so we can prepare a welcoming table with plenty of food and refreshments for all.



### Q&A with Clifton Poole on the Moving Mountains Mission Trip

*July 11-18: Mission Trip*

*This Sunday, May 31: Q&A with Clifton Poole & deadline to register*

[Register here by May 31st!](#)



**NEW!! Visit with Clifton Poole on Sunday, May 31st after the 10 AM service in Room 1. He will answer any questions you have about the mission trip. To give us an idea on the number of folks who are interested in attending Clifton's Q&A, please [RSVP to Mtr Kara](#).**

Youth who will be rising 9th–12th graders this summer (and rising 8th graders who attend with a parent—so current 8th graders and up) are invited to join St. Anne's and the North Fairfax Region for our youth mission trip to Southwest Virginia.

Last year, our team built multiple ramps and helped improve a family's living conditions. Because of that work, one woman was finally able to access parts of her home she previously couldn't reach. The impact was powerful—for her and for all of us.

This trip is a wonderful opportunity to serve, grow, and build lasting friendships with fellow St. Anne's teens. Bonds formed during the week often continue throughout the year, as last summer's group so beautifully demonstrated. Clifton H. Poole will lead the trip, with Mtr. Kara serving as chaplain.

## Serving Meals for FACETS

### Interest Meeting

*Thursday, June 4, 6:30 PM via Zoom*

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Calling all volunteers interested in serving the food insecure in our neighborhood.

FACETS, the coordinators of Fairfax's hypothermia shelter program, also has a meal program. The FACETS Meals Program provides meals to the Fairfax community every day of the year at two locations in Fairfax County. Working alongside more than 50 faith partners and organizations, FACETS helps ensure that anyone in need of food assistance has access to a meal. You can learn more about the important work FACETS does by [clicking here](#).

FACETS has openings on their calendar for organizations to provide a meal on certain days of a month with a fifth week. To gauge St. Anne's interest to providing support, we will hold an informational meeting via Zoom. Attending the interest meeting does not commit you to volunteering. **The Zoom meeting will be held on Thursday, June 4, at 6:30 PM.**

To sign up for the interest meeting, please speak with Bruce Edgerton on Sunday, May 31, at church to add your name to the registration list in the Narthex, or [email Bruce](#) to let him know you would like to attend.

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## Are You New? We'd Like to Celebrate YOU!

*Sunday, June 7, 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM*

Have you joined St. Anne's in the past year? We want to connect with you and celebrate YOU being a part of St. Anne's!

On **Sunday, June 7, at both the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM services we will be holding a [Welcome Liturgy](#)** for anyone who is new to our parish in the past year. While we have connected with some of you, we know there are others who may not have been ready to be acknowledged.



We are so glad you are here and would like to celebrate you! [Please reach out to Mtr Jess](#) or the [Church Office](#) to be a part of this fun celebration.

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## Passport to Fun This Summer!

*Starting June 14*

Sunday school may be over, but we've still got plenty for kids to do this summer! On June 14, it's time to get ready for a **Summer Journey with Jesus**.

First, kids can grab a Passport when they arrive at church. For each week of church, the passport will ask questions related to the service. After church, a friendly passport volunteer will check the passport and if the questions are answered correctly, that passport gets a stamp. Children who collect at least seven passport stamps between June 14 and September 6 will receive a prize at St. Anne's Fall Festival!



And on four special Sundays this summer, June 14, July 5, July 19, August 9, we will have a special all-ages Children's Chapel. Children will gather in the library, read the Gospel together, and have a Sunday morning adventure before joining the congregation for Communion.

Going to Children's Chapel also earns a passport stamp. And if your family will be away one Sunday, a program from another church will earn a passport stamp too!

We're going on quite a journey this summer...and we'd love for your child to join us!

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**Show your Pride: March in  
the Capital Pride Parade  
with the Diocese of Virginia!**  
*Saturday, June 20*



That's right, our Diocese will have a presence at the Capital Pride Parade on Saturday, June 20, in Washington, DC! The parade kicks off at 14th & T Streets NW at about 3:00 pm. Come join in on the fun!

We're gathering a group from St. Anne's to walk along with our neighboring parishes sharing our inherent nature of being **Welcoming, Progressive, and Diverse**. Details around the meet up spot (metro accessible and we can meet up at St. Anne's or the Reston Metro's Kiss & Ride). More information to come. **Mark your calendars to join us!**

[Bernadette Capelle](#) and [Sandy Chamblee-Head](#) will provide updates in the coming weeks. Reach out with any questions or suggestions about how we can make the most of this event.

*A note about Reston Pride – Volunteers are actively working to get Reston Pride back for June 2027 and maybe even a Fall event in 2026. Reston Pride has outgrown the space at Lake Anne Plaza so a new venue (which comes with a much higher price tag), a larger volunteer base, and additional sponsors are part of the work being done right now. [Email or chat with Bernadette Capelle](#) if you'd like to volunteer with Reston Pride.*

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## May Food Pantry Distribution Update

Last week, the St. Anne's Food Pantry served 112 families representing 312 individuals, including 102 children, 117 adults, and 93 senior citizens. Families received pre-packed grocery bags, fresh produce, and a wide variety of choice items, including bottles of cooking oil.



The diaper team served 46 families with 64 packages of diapers. These diapers ranged in size from newborn to size 7, with twenty seven size 6 packages, and eighteen size 5. We were successful meeting all the diaper and wipes needs comfortably.

This distribution was made possible through the dedication of a wonderful team of volunteers. Volunteers warmly greeted our neighbors, guided them to seating inside the church, distributed food, assisted elderly neighbors and families with small children using grocery carts, and handled both the setup and cleanup of the church and narthex afterward.

Our volunteer team included members of the St. Anne's congregation, neighbors who receive food from the pantry, and volunteers from the Reston Specially Adapted Resource Center (SPARC), an organization that serves disabled adults. We are especially grateful for the participation of both SPARC staff and program participants, whose joyful service helped make the day a success.

## Evensong

*Saturday, June 6, 5:00 PM, Sanctuary*  
**[Sign up here to provide a reception treat](#)**



Please join us for a service of Choral Evensong on Saturday, June 6th at 5:00 PM!

As part of the festivities for the end of the program year, come hear the choir, and join together in this beautiful, centuries-old service of song and prayer.

In addition, we are looking for volunteers to provide treats for the reception following the Evensong. Please **[click here to sign up](#)**.

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## NEWS

**Don't Miss the Final Week of Sunday School!**

***This Sunday, May 31*** – Last Day of Sunday School  
We're going out with a bang! All classes will team up for a creative, all-ages project to share with the parish during our Summer Celebration. Come be part of this joyful finale to a great year.

**Recognition Sunday**  
*June 7, 10:00 AM*

On June 7, we'll celebrate Recognition Sunday as part of Summer Celebration weekend—a chance to celebrate the people and milestones that shape our life together.

Graduating this year? From kindergarten to grad school, we want to cheer you on! No need to sign up—just come forward during the service.

We'll also give thanks for our amazing Sunday School teachers, who have poured so much love and care into our children this year.

**Come be part of these joyful, meaningful moments!**  
**We'd love to celebrate with you!**

## Summer Celebration is Almost Here!!

*Sunday, June 7, 4:00-7:00 PM*  
**[Sign up here to provide a reception treat](#)**

Join us for St. Anne's annual Summer Celebration! This is an exciting, family-friendly event that's less than three weeks away. Plans have been underway for several months

now and it promises to be the best one yet!

Enjoy arts and crafts, hands-on activities, music, food, and plenty of fun for all ages. Come for part of the celebration or stay for the entire time. We can't wait to kick off summer 2026 with you!

We are also looking for volunteers to provide treats for the reception during the event. Please [click here to sign up](#).



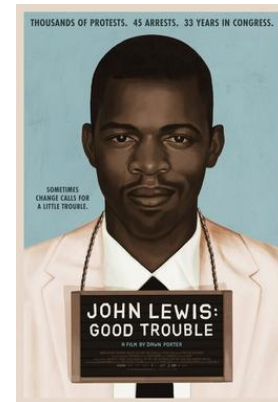
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## Adult Formation: Movies that Make You Think

*Tuesday, June 16, 6:00 PM, Library*

As we remember and honor Juneteenth National Independence Day, join us for a showing of **John Lewis: Good Trouble**, a 2020 American documentary film about the life of civil rights activist and United States Congressman, John Lewis.

**John Lewis: Good Trouble** premiered in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on June 19, 2020 to commemorate Juneteenth, the celebration of the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States.



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](#).

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## Food Pantry Summer Volunteer Opportunities

Make volunteering with our food pantry part of your summer plans! It's a meaningful way to serve the community — and a wonderful opportunity for youth seeking volunteer service hours.



### Saturday Volunteer Opportunities:

9:30 a.m. – Noon on June 6 and August 1

Help sort and shelve donations from Cool Green Bags.

### Thursday Volunteer Opportunities:

10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on June 18, July 16, and August 20

Support our monthly distribution day by helping welcome guests and distribute food and other essentials to nearly 150 households.

We also offer many additional volunteer shifts and opportunities throughout the summer. To learn more or sign up, please contact [Glen Corso](#) or [Bernadette Capelle](#).

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## High School Seniors!

Please [email Mtr. Kara](#) so we can be sure to have a gift ready for you on Recognition Sunday!



## "Lay Weeders" Wanted

Looking to make a difference at St. Anne's? Join the "Lay Weeders" gardening team! No green thumb required...just a willingness to lend a hand with occasional weeding and gardening projects.

[Email Sheri](#) to be added to the gardening team list, then watch for upcoming planting and weeding days and join us when you can. Open to ages 12 and up, and youth can earn community service hours while helping beautify our parish grounds!



## Key Kids Moment

To celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, our Sunday School students rushed in like the wind of the Holy Spirit, waving and wearing tongues of flame (see pictures below)!

Jack told us about Jesus promising the gift of the Holy Spirit and Teddy reminded us that the Tower of Babel is a story about speaking different languages and not being able to understand each other, but Pentecost is a story of people coming together and understanding people who they couldn't understand before.



## Join Us For VBS in June - DEADLINE THIS MONDAY!

June 22-26, 9:00 AM-12:15 PM  
**REGISTER BY THIS MONDAY, JUNE 1ST!**

We love our little campers and are looking for MORE! VBS is set for June 22-26, and registration is open now! Do you know a family who might enjoy spending some time at St. Anne's the week after school lets out? Invite them to come and share what our campers call "the **BEST WEEK OF THE SUMMER!**"



Date is Monday, June 22 to Friday, June 26 (9:00 am to 12:15 pm daily), and the theme this year is *Illumination Station: Shining a Light on Who Jesus Really Is!*

Sign up for campers and volunteers is below. If you have any questions, please **email [Anna Mary Coburn](#)** or call her at 703-795-6283.

- [For camper registration, click here](#)
- [For junior counselor registration, click here](#)
- [For adult volunteer registration, click here](#)

## Cat Tucker Resignation

As Mtr Jess shared on Sunday, our Junior Warden, Cat Tucker, has stepped down from her role on Vestry and as Junior Warden. At this time, Cat is focusing her energy on supporting her family and caring for an ill relative. We ask that you please keep Cat and her family, as well as the Vestry and church leadership, in your prayers during this time of transition. Vestry will discuss next steps at its upcoming meeting.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Cat for her faithful service and all she has done for St. Anne's.



## Saturday Liturgies with Prayers and Singing

*Saturdays, 12:00 PM, Sterling*

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Herndon holds a Liturgy on **Saturdays at noon** in Sterling and has invited members of St. Anne's to join in offering prayers and singing for immigrants. These take place every Saturday.

All are welcome to participate in this time of prayer, reflection, and song.

Location is 75 Vintage Park Plaza in Sterling, VA (Please note: The St. Timothy's/St. Anne's group gathers on Indian Creek Dr. As you turn onto Indian Creek Drive, you will see the group gathered and there is plenty of street parking)

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

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## Pentecost Sunday

Flames came dancing into worship on Pentecost Sunday! Our children helped us celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit with bright colors, joyful energy, and fiery streamers reminding us of the flames of Pentecost and the birthday of the Church! Big thanks to Dave Muha (pictured) for helping us decorate the narthex!

In addition, our Flower Guild (pictured are Martha Furniss and Bernadette Capelle) created the most breathtaking Pentecost arrangements for all to enjoy!





## 2026 SHRINE MONT RETREAT October 2-4, 2026



**There's a Chair on the Porch  
with Your Name On It!**

### **Shrine Mont Registration...Get on the Waitlist!**

**Please note that we are at capacity and have begun a wait list. If you plan to register, you will be added to the wait list. Any questions, reach out to Sheri.**

**Retreat date is October 2-4**

**Sign up Deadline is Sun, June 7**

**[Sign Up Here](#)** (waitlist only)

The October 2-4 retreat is a wonderful way to get to know one another in a relaxed setting, and to reconnect with our families, friends, and with God.

***What is a Shrine Mont retreat?*** The weekend is designed to bring us together through fellowship, recreation, reflection, and worship in a setting that features fresh air, beautiful nature, plenty of rocking chairs, and wonderful people.

Activities will be organized for the weekend, but there will also be plenty of leisure time. Take advantage of an organized program, enjoy a nap, read a good book by the pond, chat with others on a porch, walk the outdoor labyrinth, or hike the mountain up to the cross. Design the weekend you need!

***Who attends the parish retreat?*** Anyone! Those who attend are young and old, families and singles, grandparents and grandchildren, toddlers and teenagers...the same people you see in church on Sunday are the folks you can expect to see at the retreat!

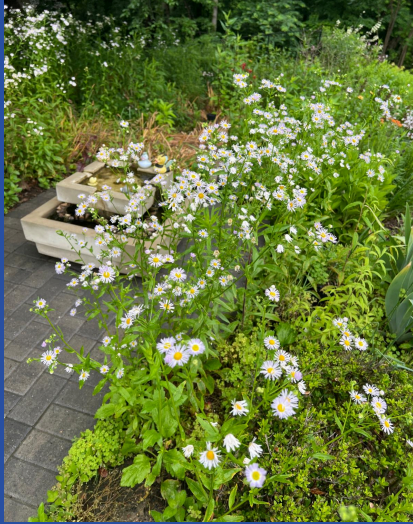
***Where is Shrine Mont?*** The Shrine Mont Conference and Retreat Center is located in Orkney Springs - a community in western Shenandoah County, Virginia. It is about a two

hour drive from Reston without traffic. [Click here for more information and photos.](#)

[Click here for the registration form.](#) Note that we are AT CAPACITY as of May 12. All registrations from this date on will be placed on a wait list.

If you have any questions or need assistance, [contact Sheri Schaffer](#), our Parish Admin.

## Seen Around St. Anne's...



Our beautiful garden! Thanks so much to our gardeners and weeders for keeping it so gorgeous! If you would like to help on the garden team, become a "Lay Weeder!" [Reach out to Sheri.](#)



Eileen Ellis, modeling her bee pants on Sunday, in celebration of World Bee Day, held May 20.

## 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 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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