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Faith 250: A Multifaith Gathering of Fellowship, Hope, and Shared American Values

This Saturday, July 4, 2:00-4:00 PM, Floris United Methodist Church



Join Mtr Jess and people of diverse faith traditions and backgrounds for a special public gathering celebrating fellowship, hope, and the values that unite us as a nation. As we mark this historic milestone in our country's story, we are invited to come together in a spirit of community, gratitude, and shared purpose.

[Watch this video to better understand what Faith 250 is about.](#)

What to Expect on Saturday:

- A welcoming multifaith environment open to all
- Opportunities to connect with neighbors and community leaders
- Reflections on hope, unity, and our shared future
- Celebration of the diverse traditions and perspectives that strengthen our nation
- A meaningful opportunity to honor this historic milestone together

This event is not only a celebration of the past but also an opportunity to look toward the future with hope. By gathering across faiths, cultures, and experiences, we affirm our commitment to building stronger communities rooted in mutual understanding, respect, and care for one another.

Together, we will celebrate the values that inspire us, the relationships that sustain us, and the hope that guides us forward. We invite you to be part of this special occasion as we commemorate this historic moment and reaffirm our commitment to creating a more connected, compassionate, and welcoming future for all. **[Click here to read more about it.](#)**

There is no charge to attend but registration is appreciated. **[Click here to let them know you will be coming.](#)**

Please **[reach out to Mtr Jess](#)** with any questions.

Vestry Corner

Vestry met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Sunday, June 28. Members talked about how they are experiencing God's love lately - Vacation Bible School was a frequent response!

Mother Jess continued a presentation on Trust Development Models from the Vestry's April retreat. The ensuing discussion focused on fostering openness, strengthening relationships, improving transparency in decision-making, and creating opportunities for broader participation in leadership and ministry. The central takeaway was that growing trust within our community reduces defensiveness, strengthens resilience, and helps us move forward together.

Senior Warden, Margaret Light, provided a number of excellent resources for new Vestry members that led to members sharing why they felt called to serve on the Vestry.

Hearts were heavy as Vestry processed the news about Mother Laura, but reflecting on everything she helped to build at St. Anne's was a comfort and inspiration.



Write a Memory for Mother Laura

This Sunday, we invite you to write a special memory of Mother Laura and the ways she touched your life and faith. Note cards and paper will be available in the narthex before and after each service. Whether it's a meaningful conversation, a favorite sermon, a moment of encouragement, or simply something you will always remember about her, we hope you'll take a few moments to write it down.



These memories will be lovingly compiled into a keepsake memory book that will be presented to Mtr Laura's family as a lasting reminder of the countless lives she touched through her ministry at St. Anne's and beyond.

If you are unable to be with us on Sunday but would still like to contribute a memory, please [contact the church office](#).

Thank you for helping us celebrate Mtr Laura's remarkable ministry and for surrounding her family with your continued prayers, love, and gratitude.

Cornerstones Backpack Drive...It's Easy to Donate!

Donations due to St. Anne's by July 19

This summer, help St. Anne's and Cornerstones make sure every child in the Reston area can go to school with everything they need. St. Anne's is gathering school supplies and backpacks for Cornerstones' back-to-school drive. There are several ways you can participate:



- Purchase a backpack and drop it off in the specially decorated box in the narthex.
- Purchase school supplies from the list provided and drop them off in the box in the narthex.
- [Use our Amazon Wishlist](#) to purchase backpacks and school supplies, and have them delivered directly to St. Anne's OR [download the shopping list here](#) and take it with you to buy in person.

Please make sure your donations are at the church no later than Sunday morning, July 19, when our Sunday schoolers will fill the backpacks during children's chapel.

[Send any questions here](#). Thanks so much for your generosity to those of you who have already donated! St. Anne's clearly knows how to step up when called!

Diaper Ministry

We are extremely grateful to you for your generosity in our Diaper Ministry. Because of you, we are able to help diaper many babies and toddlers in our area, and the families are so appreciative.

For our July distribution, we need size 4, 5 and mostly 6.

Feel free to [CLICK HERE](#) to purchase a package of diapers from St. Anne's Amazon Wish List. It's quick and convenient and the diapers are sent straight to St. Anne's!



Passport to Fun This Summer - Hooray!

All Summer!

If your child hasn't already done so, kids can grab a Passport when they arrive at church on Sunday! Pick one up near the name tags in the Narthex!

For each week of church this summer, 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, your 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!

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!

Summer Sundays Children Chapel

This Sunday, July 5, July 19 and August 9

In conjunction with our summer passport program, our K-5 young people will be **Journeying with Jesus** on select Sundays this summer. These are summer FUN activities, so wear play clothes and sunscreen when you come!

Food Justice DC, Maryland and Virginia (DMV) Urgently Needs Drivers this Summer!

[Food Justice DMV](#) does three weekly home delivery of groceries to families - one each in DC, Maryland, and Virginia. This delivery of food and other items, e.g., diapers, is a godsend for immigrant families too afraid to leave their home.

Marta and Tim Michell, who are part of the Advocacy Ministry, have been drivers for Food Justice DMV for a month. This summer, Food Justice DMV is asking for help with drivers in Herndon, Springfield and Woodbridge.

It is possible that current drivers volunteer to shift locations as well, so if new drivers want to help in locations closer to their home, current drivers might make changes and shift to new, underserved areas.

Marta and Tim show up at a specified church every Tuesday, collect food and some baby supplies, and deliver to assigned families. They are usually finished in a few hours. There are many protocols to protect the identities of food recipients and those volunteering.

Marta is happy to discuss her experience with Food Justice DMV. [Click here to send her an email](#) or call at 310-902-0411. To volunteer or learn more [click here](#).



Vote Faithfully

Early voting started June 19 for Virginia's primary election on August 4.

In the general election November 3, Virginians will vote on a US senator, members of the US House of Representatives, local offices and three constitutional amendments. Voter in the primary will choose their party's nominee for US Senate and member of Congress.

Not all offices have competitive primaries. Check with your county office of elections for a sample ballot and early voting locations and hours.

July 24 is the deadline to register to vote, update your registration or request a ballot by mail.



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](#).



Congratulations to Rob!

We're delighted to share some joyful news! Our Music Director, Rob Hamilton, recently proposed to his girlfriend, Maya - and she said YES!

Please join us in congratulating Rob on this wonderful milestone the next time you see him. We are so happy for both of them and wish them every blessing as they begin this exciting new chapter together!



St. Anne's will be closed tomorrow in celebration of Independence Day. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the office and leave a message and someone will get back to you.

Seen Around St. Anne's...



We love our pantry volunteers! Here's Terry Mawhinney, Mary Ann & Bob Rich



Donations of backpacks and school supplies are coming in! To purchase off St. Anne's Amazon wish list and have items

St. Anne's Vestry

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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 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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