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Juneteenth (sometimes called Jubilee Day, Freedom Day, or Emancipation Day), is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19 that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War had ended and that the enslaved were now free. Note that this was two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, which had become official January 1, 1863.

[Click here](#) to see a list of ways you can commemorate Juneteenth in our area.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Diocese of Virginia's Juneteenth Joint Service and Community Celebration.

*Note that St. Anne's will be closed tomorrow in honor of Juneteenth. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the church office and someone will get back to you.*

## Show your Pride: March in the Capital Pride Parade with the Diocese of Virginia!

*This Saturday, June 20: Meet in the St. Anne's parking lot at Noon*

Spread rainbows, cheer, and Pride this Saturday as St. Anne's joins with the Diocese of Virginia and marches in the Capital Pride Parade!

We'll meet up in the St. Anne's parking lot at Noon this Saturday, June 20th and carpool over to the Weihle-Reston East Metro. Once in DC, we'll connect with our neighboring parishes, line up at the starting point at 14th & T St. NW, and together march the 1.3 miles of the parade route.

The actual parade kicks off at 3:00 pm and, after we share our welcoming St. Anne's vibes to all on the parade route, we'll hop back on the metro and get everyone back to our church.

This year's theme is "**Exist! Resist! Have the Audacity!**" Yes, St. Anne's, let's do this! If you have a St. Anne's shirt, please wear it. Or, any color of the beautiful rainbow will be perfect!

Reach out to [Bernadette Capelle](#) or [Sandy Chamblee-Head](#) for more information or with any questions. If you prefer to meet the St. Anne's group in DC, be sure to connect with Bernadette by email before Saturday to share contact information for an easy meet up. Thank you to our carpool drivers!

Together, let's make a joyful noise!



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

*Thursday, 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.

### What to Expect

- 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.

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## VBS Camp Sunday

Sunday, June 28, 10:00 am

Vacation Bible School is happening next week and we will be sharing our experiences on Sunday, June 28!

Please keep all our VBS children and volunteers in your prayers in the coming week as we look forward to a fun and inspiring week! A giant THANK YOU to Emily Muha for creating the awesome VBS graphic, and to Anna Mary Coburn for being our fearless VBS leader!



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## Cornerstones Backpack Drive

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!

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## Youth! Make Your Voice Heard! Calling all 6th through 12th Graders!

As the Youth Group wraps up the program year, we want to hear from anyone in the congregation who is between 6th grade and 12th grade. Please take a minute to answer our [Youth Group Survey](#) and help the Youth Council make plans for next year.



We're reconsidering meeting times, the calendar, and more, so your thoughts will help us plan opportunities that work with your schedule and interests.

We want to hear from you whether you've come to every event this year, or if you've never been to a single Sunday meeting.

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## Passport to Fun This Summer - Hooray!

All Summer!

Sunday school may be over, but we've still got plenty for kids to do this 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

*July 5, July 19, and August 9*

Join us for Summer Sundays Children's Chapel: 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 4 select Sundays this summer (June 14 Chapel happened last Sunday). 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](#).



## Food Pantry Summer Volunteer Opportunities Still Needed

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 August 1

Help sort and shelve donations from Cool Green Bags.



**Thursday Volunteer Opportunities:**

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

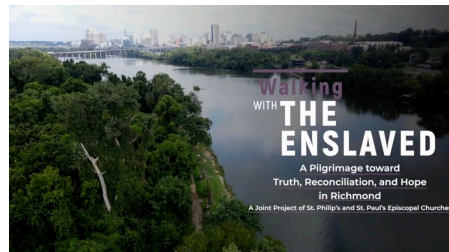
Support our monthly distribution day by helping welcome guests and distribute food and other essentials to nearly 150 households.

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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**Walking with the Enslaved: A Pilgrimage Toward Truth, Reconciliation, and Hope**  
*A joint project of St. Philip's and St. Paul's Episcopal Churches*

*September 19, 2026, 8:30 - 5:00, Richmond, VA*



We are currently looking to assess the level of interest in participating in this one day Pilgrimage in Richmond. [Please click here to indicate your interest](#). You don't have to commit yet!

[Walking with the Enslaved](#) is a Spirit-led pilgrimage through Richmond's sites of enslavement and resistance. Rooted in the intertwined histories of St. Paul's and St. Philip's Episcopal Churches, this journey invites participants to confront the truth of slavery, encounter stories of courage and resilience, and open pathways toward healing, reconciliation, and shared wholeness. The cost is \$35 per person, which includes lunch.

[Click here to view a video](#) on the Pilgrimage.

[Contact Chris Cameron](#) if you have questions.

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**Volunteering with The Closet**

We received the message below and wanted to share it in case you, a friend, or a teenager looking for volunteer opportunities might be interested in helping this summer.



**Upcoming Dates to Save:**

- July 18 – Kids' Day at The Closet (lots of toys!)
- September 5 – The Closet Annual Fashion Show (always a crowd favorite)
- October 16–17 – Everything Christmas Sale (help prepare for this popular event)
- December 12 – Winter Market

**Volunteer Dates Assigned to St. Anne's:**

- Wednesday, June 17
- Saturday, July 11
- Wednesday, August 5
- Tuesday, August 25

The Closet is a well-run thrift store that gives back to the community in countless ways. Its success depends on dedicated volunteers, and every helping hand is truly valued.

Please feel free to [reach out to Rita Smith](#) if you have any questions!

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## Vote Faithfully

Early voting begins tomorrow, Friday, June 19, for Virginia's primary election on August 4. For localities where offices are closed in observance of Juneteenth, early voting will be available Thursday, June 18.



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.

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## 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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St. Anne's Episcopal Church



Seen Around St. Anne's...



Baptism of Penelope Lynn Barlow on Sunday. Check out the beautiful sunlight that came streaming through.



Sending blessings to Kathy and Dan Breeding by a laying on of hands of our congregation on Sunday.



Commissioning the Capital Campaign Committee, which consists of Mother Jess, Charlie Saunders, James Brooks, Margaret Light, Dorry Kee, and Suzi Jones.

## 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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[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 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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