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Join Us This Sunday for World Honeybee Day!



World Honey Bee Day is celebrated every third Saturday in August (but we are celebrating it here at St. Anne's this Sunday, August 16!). It is a holiday that reminds us of the beauty and value of bees.

If you haven't already done so, please [fill out this form](#) to reserve your honey.

The honey is bottled in 4-5 oz used, spice jars that have been donated over the past year and cleaned and sanitized. We request a \$5+ donation per jar which goes directly to St. Anne's. Payment (your donation) is collected at the time you pick up your jar of honey.

If you will not be at St. Anne's this Sunday (August 16) to pick up and pay for your honey, please send an [email to Eileen](#) to let her know.

For more information on World Honey Bee Day [click here](#).



Back to School Blessing This Sunday

Sunday, August 16 and 23

Mark your calendar for St. Anne's back-to-school (yes, already!) blessing. We will offer a blessing on Sunday, August 16 for Loudoun County students, and Sunday, August 23 for Fairfax County students. Receive your cool backpack tag and get ready for a fabulous school year!

Walk, Bike & Roll to Worship

Sunday, August 23

Participate in Fairfax County's 5th annual Bike, Walk & Roll to Worship Week by walking or rolling into worship on August 23!



This mission has a positive impact on the environment in addition to health and wellness. It's a great activity that families can do together and promotes safe, affordable transportation for all ages. And we have fun swag for everyone who participates! Any questions, [reach out to Eileen](#)

Fall Fellowship Save the Date

Sunday, September 13, 3:00-6:00 PM, Herndon Trailside Shelter

Please plan to join us for a congregation-wide Fall Fellowship at Herndon Trailside Shelter on Sunday, September 13 from 3-6 PM.



The Fall Fellowship kicks off our exciting program year. There will be food, fellowship, icebreakers, games, activities around our ministry areas, music and prayers. Fun was had by all last year and we are looking forward to the kick-off of our 2026-27 year!

Monday Morning Bible Study

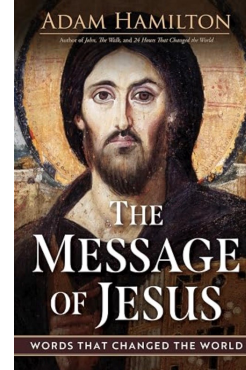
Monday, September 14, 10:30-12:00 via Zoom

The Monday Morning Bible Study will resume on Monday, Sept. 14, via Zoom, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

We will begin the semester with *The Message of Jesus* by Adam Hamilton (one of our favorite authors).

Class format is a brief video by the author followed by class discussion. The book is available on Cokesbury and Amazon.

To join the fun [contact Jane Smith](#)



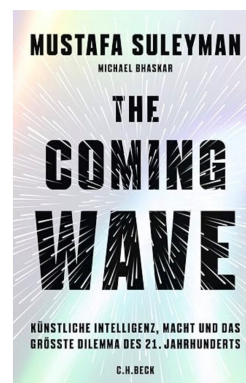
St. Anne's Book Club (In Person!)

Monday, September 14, 12:00 PM, Room 6
Bring your own lunch!

Join us for an in-person book discussion of ***The Coming Wave*** by Mustafa Suleyman on Monday, September 14, in Room 6 at St. Anne's. Bring your own lunch.

A co-founder of DeepMind, Suleyman explores how artificial intelligence and other rapidly advancing technologies are poised to transform our world, bringing extraordinary opportunities as well as profound challenges. Together, we'll discuss what this technological wave could mean for our future and how society might navigate the road ahead.

Whether you've read every page or just want to join the conversation, all are welcome! Any questions, [reach out to Don Boileau](#)



CPR/AED Training

Saturday, September 19, 10:00-12:00, Library

St. Anne's is offering CPR/AED training for members of our congregation on Saturday, Sept 19, from 10 AM to 12 PM. We still have a few spots available for anyone interested in signing up.



This is a good course for lay/volunteer adults that will include didactic plus practice on mannikins and AEDs.

It is NOT a certification course required by certain professions. Those courses require online instruction & testing in addition to the practice component, usually offered through the American Heart Assn and Red Cross.

The cost per participant is \$35, due at the class. The instructor's name is Mary Beth Pratt, an RN and owner of Mission4life CPR LLC. She comes highly recommended by the staff at the Fairfax County Health Department.

Please [email Argie](#) if you are interested in participating.

Passport to Fun This Summer - Hooray!

All Summer!

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

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



Vote Faithfully Series

Thursdays, Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5; 1:30-2:00 PM



On the first Thursday of each month from June through November, The Episcopal Church's Public Policy and Witness team is hosting a series of "Vote Faithfully" calls to support voter engagement in ways consistent with Episcopal values.

During the calls, hosts will share resources and ideas to help congregations promote voting and civic participation while remaining nonpartisan (avoiding support for specific political parties, candidates, or platforms).

Today's call focused on important voter registration and election deadlines and how to make a congregational communications plan.

[Registration and additional information can be found here](#)

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

Public Witness Weekly Prayers



The Episcopal Public Policy Network is a grassroots advocacy program of The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations. It works to educate, equip and engage church members on national issues in line with our values.

Join us each week as we share new prayers for the vulnerable among us facing challenges, fears, and threats. We will name many of the harms unfolding and acknowledge what is being erased, lost, and threatened.

These prayers are not a replacement for action; they are meant to offer space for grounding and discernment as we seek to bear one another's burdens in the love and way of Christ.

[Read the full blog post here.](#)

Free Amaryllis Plants

Do you have room for a beautiful blooming plant? Tom Smith is generously giving away his amaryllis plants and planters (pictured) to anyone who would enjoy them.

If you're interested in giving one a new home, [contact Tom by email](#) or call him at 571-426-9301. He'll be happy to share more details and arrange a pickup.



Seen Around St. Anne's...



A BIG buzz-worthy THANK YOU to Ray Lundquist! Ray spent Tuesday morning giving our fountain a much-needed cleaning so our resident bees have a fresh, clean water source. We're so grateful for our wonderful volunteers who help keep our garden - and our pollinators - thriving!



Lights, camera, fellowship! Tuesday night's showing of *Soul* was a fun evening filled with laughter, good company, and, of course, a great movie. Thanks to everyone who came out and to Chris Cameron for organizing the event!

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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