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Annual Parish Meeting is THIS SUNDAY

This 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.

Java Junction will serve a light meal to keep us nourished. If you are interested in contributing an item, [click here](#).



Envisioning Our Future Presentation

Thank you to everyone who participated in last Sunday's *Envisioning our Future: Next Steps* session. For those who weren't able to attend, [click here for a link to view the presentation](#). We look forward to continuing our conversation and discernment with the congregation, and meeting Richie and Rachel Musser this Sunday as we launch our Feasibility Study.

Lenten Group Dinners

Sign up by February 20 [here](#)

Christians in the early church gathered in homes around meals to share fellowship and the faith. Lent is a perfect time to get to know your church family - so come break bread with your St. Anne's friends! We are organizing small group dinners (families welcome) at parishioners' homes from mid February through late March.



Whether you'd like to host a dinner or just attend and enjoy, [sign up by the February 20 deadline here](#) or in person at church on Feb 8 or Feb 15. Questions? Contact [Eve Angerosa](#) or [Cat Tucker](#).

Cool Blue Bags: Youth Group Food Drive

Now through March 1 until 3:00 PM



You are invited to participate in a food drive hosted by the St. Anne's Youth Group to benefit our Food Pantry! Take a reusable bag from the Narthex this Sunday, fill it up with our Pantry's most needed food items (see below), and drop off your bag outside the Sunday School youth room (you'll see a table in the hallway for collection) by Sunday, March 1 at 3:00 PM.

You are also welcome to bring your items to church with you in any bag. Our food pantry has seen a dramatic increase in the number of families we are serving this year, and we are especially focused on items most needed for children and families. As always, anything you can donate is needed and greatly appreciated.

Following are Pantry's most needed items. You can [click here for a printable list](#) for convenience.

- Chef Boyardee Microwavable Bowls, 7.5 ounces, any variety
- Single-serve cereal boxes or cereal cups, approx. 1.05 ounces, any variety
- Shelf stable milk (8 ounces) or any variety of juice boxes or pouches
- Hygiene items including any variety of bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and toilet paper. Multipacks welcome.
- Cleaning products including toilet bowl cleaner, bathroom cleaner, dish soap, and disinfecting wipes

Joint Statement on Immigration Crisis

A joint letter signed by 154 bishops of The Episcopal Church — including Bishop Stevenson, Bishop Harris, and Bishop Bourlakas — calls for accountability, restraint, and the protection of human dignity in response to the recent immigration crisis in Minnesota and across the United States.



The bishops express grief and righteous anger over state-sanctioned violence and ask a central question: *Whose dignity matters?* Grounded in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the letter affirms that the answer is clear: *everyone's*.

The statement urges faith leaders and people of conscience to pray, speak out, and support communities affected by immigration enforcement, and calls for independent investigations and the suspension of operations that erode public trust.

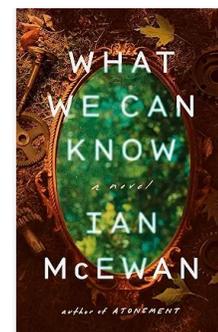
The full letter, in both English and Spanish, is available on the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio's website [here](#).

St. Anne's Book Club

This Monday, February 9, 9:00 AM via Zoom

The St. Anne's book club will meet this 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.

For questions and the zoom information, please [email Don Boileau](#).



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

Sunday, February 15, 2026, 3:00 PM

[Sign up here](#) to provide an item for the English Tea-themed reception following the show!

Join us on February 15 at 3:00 PM, 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

This 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, 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 end of the day tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 6.](#) to attend the meeting! We'll finish with plenty of time to get home for Super Bowl kickoff!

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18

**Begin your Lenten journey with Holy Eucharist
and the imposition of ashes**

Services at 12 pm and 7 pm (with choir @ 7)

Ashes to Go with Mtr Kara at the Wiehle Metro 7:30-9 AM

Assist at Ashes To Go

Wednesday, February 18, 7:30-9:00 AM (Wiehle-Reston Metro Station)

Join Mtr Kara to bring the traditional blessing of marking a person's forehead with ashes out to our Reston community on Ash Wednesday.

[Email Mtr Kara](#) to let her know you're interested in helping out.

Adult Formation: Painting the Stars

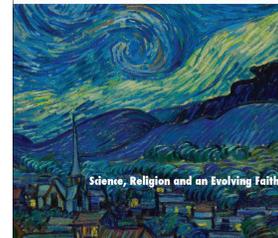
Series begins Sunday, February 22, 4:00-5:30, Library (See other dates below)

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

**PAINTING
THE STARS**



2026 Vacation Bible School: Save the Dates!

Good news! From Monday, June 22 to Friday, June 26 (9:00 am to 12:15 pm daily), St. Anne's will sponsor its annual Vacation Bible School! Please save these dates so that your family may enroll eligible children when registration opens.

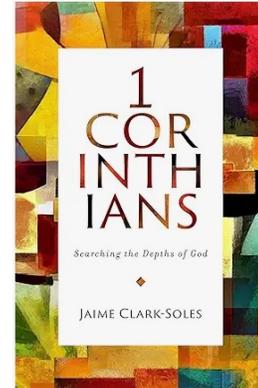


The theme this year will be: ***Illumination Station: Shining a Light on Who Jesus Really Is!*** Registration information will be forthcoming. If you have any questions, please [email Anna Mary Coburn](mailto:anna.mary.coburn@stanne.org) or call her at 703-795-6283.

Monday Morning Bible Study

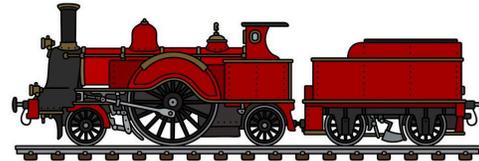
Mondays, 10:30-12:00 via Zoom

Monday Morning Bible Study began this week but it's not too late to join! They are 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.](#)

Goodie Bringers Needed for Java Junction - Looking Ahead for Sign-Ups for the Annual Meeting this Sunday



[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 this Sunday, 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](#).

Diaper Ministry

Thank you very much for your continued support of our families with babies who depend on our pantry to help get them through. In order to be prepared for the next distribution on February 19, we need wipes, and additional diapers in sizes 5, 6 and 7.



Seen Around or Near St. Anne's...



Madelyn and Brody Dodd soaking up snowy fun, sledding with the neighbors!



Even the benches were taking a snow day!

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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[The Reverend Kara Laughlin](#), Associate Rector for Discipleship
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[James Brooks](#), Senior Warden
[Sheri Schaffer](#), Parish Administrator
[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 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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