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This year's stewardship theme is ***Tell Out My Soul!*** The theme provides us with a chance to reflect on the many ways that we are connected to each other through our beloved St. Anne's. It is about storytelling and sharing our words, our actions, our love, our joyous songs, and our connection to each other and the world.

We just started the campaign and are grateful to those that have already submitted their pledge. We are currently at 9% of our goal of \$795,000.

You may [make your pledge online by clicking here](#). Any questions please **contact the church office.**

Thanksgiving Boxes Are BACK!

Return donations by Sunday, Nov 16 BEFORE 3PM and/or help deliver! We need drivers to help deliver boxes to Cornerstones FREE From Hunger Center in Sterling on Wednesday November 19 from 4 - 5 PM.



Once again this year, St. Anne's is partnering with Cornerstones for the Thanksgiving Box Drive. Nate Cissel and his family have graciously volunteered to coordinate. Our goal this year is 100 boxes. With the help of our amazing community, we can do it!

We encourage two ways to donate:

- **Donate a box of food.** Pick up an empty box at St. Anne's after any Sunday service between now and November 16th and go shopping and fill the box with the items on the shopping list provided below and return it to church by November 16 before 3PM. Gift cards from a grocery store valued at \$25 should be placed in an envelope and labeled "Thanksgiving Box" and left in the office with Angie or Sheri.

- ☐ 3 cans vegetables (no green beans)
- ☐ 2 cans fruit
- ☐ 1 bottle olive or canola oil (24 oz)
- ☐ 1 box instant potatoes, stuffing, or mac & cheese
- ☐ 1 box or 2.5 lb. bag rice
- ☐ 1 box biscuit or muffin mix
- ☐ 1 (1-2 lb) bag dried beans or lentils
- ☐ 1 box dessert mix - cake, cookies, etc.
- ☐ 2 lb. bag flour
- ☐ 2 lb. bag sugar
- ☐ \$25 grocery store gift card (place in an envelope and leave in church office)

- **[Make a financial contribution](#)** to ensure food security in our community at Thanksgiving and year-round. If you choose this option by giving a direct donation to Cornerstones, please **[email Nate](#)** to let us know so your contribution can count towards our St. Anne's goal of 100 boxes.

For more information, **[click here](#)** to download the flyer directly from Cornerstones.

Once boxes are collected, we will need several volunteers to help drive the full boxes from St. Anne's to Cornerstones' FREE from Hunger Center in Sterling on Wednesday November 19, at 4pm. If this is something you can help with, **[please contact Nate](#)**.

[Click here to email if you have any questions.](#)

We can **"Tell Out Our Soul"** and share the gratitude and blessings we have with our community this Thanksgiving. **THANK YOU SO MUCH for your donations!**

Significant Sermons - Adult Formation

This Sunday, October 26, 4:00-5:30 pm, Library

Sunday, November 9, 4:00-5:30 pm, Library

Please join us as we explore two of the most significant sermons of our modern age. Both reflect important traditions in the church and are powerful statements that provide guidance and reflection on the church's outreach into the world.



This Sunday, we will discuss Bishop Mariann Budde's sermon from January 2025's Service of Prayer for the Nation, sometimes referred to as a "Call for Mercy." We will watch the sermon and then Don Boileau will provide some context for our discussion.

In preparation, you can watch Bishop Budde's VTS convocation address, "**[Courage is Contagious](#)**" from October 14.

In November, we will discuss Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's sermon on "Love," from the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle.

Compost Sunday

This Sunday, October 26

One year ago, St. Anne's took a big step toward caring for creation with our composting initiative — and what a difference a year makes! Join us this Sunday for an exciting announcement revealing the impact we've made together. You'll be proud to see what our community has accomplished!



Movies that Make You Think

Next Tuesday, October 28, 6:30 PM, Library

Join us for a showing of **1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture**. This 2022 documentary follows the story of tireless researchers who trace the origins of the anti-gay movement among Christians to a grave mistranslation of the Bible in 1946 and casts significant doubt on any biblical basis for LGBTQIA+ prejudice.

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](#).



Upcoming Youth Group Event: Lock-In!

- ☐ **November 1–2 – Youth Lock-In!**
 - ☐ **5:00 PM Saturday – 9:00 AM Sunday @ St. Anne's**
- Mark your calendars for an overnight adventure! ☐
A full night of fun, fellowship, and faith formation—plus dinner, snacks, and breakfast.



Youth planning to attend the Lock-In need to [register here](#).

If you have any questions, please [email Sarah Brummett](#).



Do you have a child in college who would appreciate an encouraging word from St. Anne's?

Call the office or [email Mtr. Kara](#) and we'll send them greetings!

☐ Hark! The Herald Angels Sing — It's Pageant Time Again! ☐

Get ready to shine in the 2025 St. Anne's Christmas Pageant!

Join us as we bring the story of Christmas to life at the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve service — a beloved tradition here at St. Anne's filled with music, laughter, and holiday spirit.



Want your child/youth to be a part of the magic? Join us at the parent info meeting to find out how:

- ☐ Sunday, November 16
- ☐ 9:00 AM
- ☐ Room 6

☐ [Register your child and view the full rehearsal schedule here!](#)

Come be part of the joy, the costumes, and the carols — and help make this Christmas Eve one to remember! ☐

☐ Sunday's Key Kids Moment ☐

On Sunday, Grace talked about Moses and God's people crossing the Red Sea - and she shared Leah's drawing, with crowds that actually moved across the paper!

For more about Moses, [check out this video!](#)



All Saints Sunday

Next Sunday, November 2

On All Saints Sunday, November 2, St. Anne's will remember those who have died in the past year. If you would like the name of a loved one to be included, please send their name to [Angie Gray](#) by this Tuesday, October 28.



Food Pantry & Diaper Update

FOOD

The St. Anne's Food Pantry provided grocery bags packed with non-perishable food, fresh produce, frozen meat, assorted frozen foods, toilet paper, paper towels, cooking oil, spices and other extras to 129 families at the Pantry's monthly food distribution on October 16. The 129 families who were provided food have 395 family members total, including 150 children, 138 adults and 107 senior citizens. The families live primarily in Reston and Herndon.



DIAPERS

We haven't yet decoded the ebb and flow of diaper demand as each month is a surprise. After last month's record-breaking demand, things seemed a bit subdued this month. We served 48 customers with 72 packages of diapers. That's still a lot of diapers! We ran out of wipes about halfway through and size 7 toward the end. We had not fully restocked from last month's almost total wipeout. We currently need sizes 3 through 6. Size 7 is used for nighttime only and parents will take 6 instead, but 7 is requested and nice to have.

VOLUNTEERS

The efforts of the St. Anne's Food Pantry, both during the monthly food distribution as well

as leading up to the monthly event, would not be possible without the fantastic work and dedication of the Food Pantry volunteers, and we are grateful for every person that steps up to help! The majority of the volunteers who staff the food distribution are members of the St. Anne's congregation. A number of these volunteers from the congregation have been doing work for the Food Pantry for a number of years, some since the Food Pantry was founded in 2011. In addition, several of the volunteers at this food distribution included disabled adults and staff from the local office of SPARC (Specially Adapted Resource Centers). And some of the volunteers are Reston residents who very much want to participate in the work of providing food to those who need it. In addition, approximately a half dozen of the volunteers were persons who came to the distribution in order to receive food and volunteered to help in the distribution.

Again, we are so grateful to each and every one of you who pick up food, donate food/diapers, and step in to assist on Pantry Day! Thank you all so much for your incredible generosity!

Share Warmth: OAR Coat Drive

Now-February 16, 2026

St. Anne's coat ministry supports OAR (Opportunities, Alternatives and Resources), a local non-profit restorative justice organization providing human services since 1971



Needed: Clean, washable, water-resistant coats in sizes XS to XXXXL. The exception is long wool dress coats that require dry cleaning.

St. Anne's has been helping OAR for many years by donating women's and men's gently-used warm coats in all sizes. The coats go to help recently released prisoners through this act of kindness. We are helping to give these people a warm start to a new life.

Please drop off your coat(s) in the bin marked "OAR" located in the back of St. Anne's narthex where we hang our coats.

For additional information and volunteer opportunities, [contact Shon Cooper](#). THANKS for everything this congregation has done in the past to help with this valuable ministry! OAR is extremely grateful for all we do!

Vote Faithfully

On November 4, Virginians will elect a governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and all 100 members of the House of Delegates. Some jurisdictions will also vote for local officials and issues.

Early voting began Friday, September 19. Also, additional sites opened today (Thursday, October 23). Visit your county's website for information on locations and hours and other election information.

Have you voted yet?



Early Voting: Sept. 19 - Nov. 1



Tomorrow (October 24) is the deadline to register or update your registration if you have moved or changed your name. Tomorrow is also the deadline to request a ballot by mail.

Seen Around St. Anne's...



Our incredible handyman, volunteer, and St. Anne's member extraordinaire, David Muha, fixing the threshold into the kitchen. Thanks David! We appreciate YOU!



Freshly shampooed carpet in the sanctuary (and library, too)!

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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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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