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Stewardship Update



We are so grateful to those that have submitted their pledge which puts us at 64% of our goal of \$795,000 as of this morning!

Let's keep the momentum going! You may [make your pledge online by clicking here](#). Any questions please [contact the church office](#).

Envisioning the Future of St. Anne's

This Sunday, November 16 & 23 - Sign up required please!

Developing a vision for our parish is a parish-wide effort, not the job of a small committee. To this end, we have set up some facilitated visioning groups to brainstorm ideas. The ideas will be collated and analyzed for trends in opinions, or even a possible consensus, on the direction in which God is leading St. Anne's.

To participate, [click here to sign up for one of the available 90-minute brainstorming sessions](#) on November 16th or 23rd. Sign-ups will be broken up into small groups and we will meet in the various classrooms.

In addition, we are looking for folks to bring an item for the "mini brunch" during these sessions to help keep empty bellies full. Potato salad and fruit salad are especially needed but please [click here for the full list and sign up](#). Thanks in

Envisioning the Future of St. Anne's

November 9, 16 & 23

Join in the discussion on the direction in which God is leading St. Anne's!

[SIGN UP NOW TO ATTEND](#)



Thanksgiving Boxes - DUE THIS SUNDAY!

Return donations by THIS Sunday, Nov 16 BEFORE 3PM. Looking for drivers to help deliver boxes to Cornerstones FREE From Hunger Center in Sterling on Wednesday November 19 from 4 - 5 PM.



Update on the Thanksgiving food boxes from our awesome youth coordinator, Nate Cissel:

All of the Thanksgiving boxes have been taken! Thank you! We need them to be returned by this Sunday, Nov. 16 at 3PM. Remember that the 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.

If you didn't get a box and would still like to contribute, you can [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 me](#) to let me know so your contribution can count towards our St. Anne's goal of 100 boxes.

St Anne's Youth Group: Please plan to join me this Sunday, Nov. 16 from 4-5:30 PM at St. Anne's to help sort the Thanksgiving boxes!

We also need drivers to help deliver boxes to Cornerstones FREE From Hunger Center in Sterling next Wednesday November 19 from 4 - 5 PM. Please [email me](#) if you can help!

St. Anne's wishes to give a giant THANK YOU to Nate for taking on this important ministry leadership role. For those that don't know, Nate is a busy high school sophomore and has been devoting his spare time to this worthy ministry. Thanks Nate!

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

Parent Info Meeting is this Sunday, November 16, 9:00 AM, Room 6

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 this Sunday to find out how...and don't forget to register your child!

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

Adult Formation: Praying with African American Spirituals

This Sunday, November 16, 4-5:30 PM, Library

Come join this Sunday, November 16, to sing and pray the African American Spirituals and

expand our knowledge of racial history in the United States. This session will focus on ***Go, Tell it on the Mountain***. Remarkably, this Christmas spiritual transcended its origins to become a symbol of unity during times of strife. Its message of hope and deliverance found resonance during the Civil Rights movement, providing comfort and strength to those fighting for equality and justice.



Any questions, please reach out to the leaders, [Mother Annie Cooper](#) and [Chris Cameron](#).

Choristers are Singing in Church This Sunday!

Join us in worship this Sunday as our children and youth choir, the Choristers, offer their music in praise at the 10 AM service. We are deeply proud of them and thankful for the warmth and spirit they bring to our service.



Sunday School Teachers Brunch & Learn

This Saturday, November 15, St. Anne's children's formation teachers will gather for brunch and a little formation of our own. We're excited to have this chance to get to know each other better, talk about the Sunday School ministry, and hear from Mother Kara about how to remain authentic in our faith journey as Sunday School ministers.



Movies that Make You Think

This Tuesday, November 18, 6:00 PM, Library

Join us for a showing of [Caregiving](#). This 2025 documentary is the story of paid and unpaid caregivers navigating the challenges and joys of this deeply meaningful work. Intertwining intimate personal stories with the untold history of caregiving, the documentary reveals the state and the stakes of care in America today.



We'll have pizza before and discussion after the film. A voluntary donation of \$5 is requested to cover the cost of food. [Please RSVP here](#) to help us better plan for dinner. For more information, [contact Chris Cameron](#).

Surge in Food Pantry Use

We are very grateful for your support and generosity during these tumultuous times. If you are considering a donation to the food pantry following is a list of the items the folks who come to us for food are most in need of:

- Low Sugar Cereal or oatmeal
- Canola or Vegetable Oil
- Canned Soup
- Peanut Butter, 16 oz.
- Hunt's Pasta Sauce, 24 oz. cans
- Canned tuna or chicken
- Rice (brown or white), 1 lb.
- All-Purpose Flour or corn flour, 3-5 lbs.
- Ground coffee, 1 lb. bags
- Granola bars
- Shampoo, toothpaste, soap
- Toilet paper
- Diaper sizes (in order of priority): 5, 3, and 6
- Diaper wipes



The food you donate, the funds you provide through your pledge to the Church and the tremendous work of our volunteers are what allows the St. Anne's Food Pantry to address the needs of our neighbors who come to us for food.

In terms of diapers, we are also so appreciative of your continued generosity as we rebuild our diaper supply. Sizes currently needed are 5, 3 and 6. We can also use wipes. While cartons are the backbone of our stock and so easy to store on the shelves, individual plastic packages of 20-30 diapers are wonderful and so easy to distribute.

THANK YOU so much for your support in these difficult times.



St. Anne's extends heartfelt thanks to everyone in our community who supports the food pantry. Pictured here is Bob Cochran organizing donations from a food drive that he and his wife, Ann, are currently hosting at their condo—for the second year in a row! We are so grateful for their continued dedication to this important ministry. Thank you, Bob and Ann!

Join Us for the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 25, 7:30 PM, United Christian Parish in Reston

United Christian Parish is delighted to once again host our annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 25, at 7:30 PM. ***Our own Mtr Kara will be participating!***

We hope this gathering will truly reflect the spirit of community and gratitude. If you are not able to attend in person, you may watch the livestream. The [livestream link can be found here](#).

Let's come together in thanksgiving, unity, and hope!



Adult Formation: Making and Praying with Anglican Prayer Beads

*Sunday, December 7, 4:00 - 6:00 PM, Library
Requested donation of \$5/person please*

Back by popular demand! Join us in the sacred process of making Anglican prayer beads. Mother Annie Cooper will guide us through the holy purpose and prayer practices as gifted bead artist Mary Ann Rich teaches us how to put beads together to create unique and beautiful pieces of art to enhance our connection to God.



[Click here to sign up](#) so we can be sure we have enough materials for everyone. We are requesting a donation of \$5 to cover materials.

Please bring cash or a check made out to St. Anne's on the day of the class.

There is no charge if you want to come and make beads for use by our priests for pastoral calls!

Gift Card Drive

Due by Sunday, December 7

There are more than 25 children on the list who still need a sponsor

Our annual partnership with Cornerstones continues with our Gifts for Kids drive. THANK YOU SO MUCH to those of you who have already signed up to provide card(s). The need is great.



There are still children to sign up for. Please [click here to supply a gift card](#) for one of our younger neighbors in need. Once on the sign-up, choose the child or (children) you would like to purchase the gift card for.

The gift card wishes are either \$50 or \$75 depending on the age of the child.

Once you've purchased the gift card(s):

- Write the amount of the card on the top right of the card in permanent ink.
- Place the card in an envelope with the child's name and number on the front of the envelope (you will see the number to the left of their name in the sign-up)
- Put the envelope in the offering plate or mail/bring it to the church office (**please mark the outer envelope with "kids."**)

Cards must be in by **Sunday, Dec. 7** (this deadline is not flexible—Cornerstones will start distribution that week). Thanks so much for your generosity!

☐ Sunday's Key Kids Moment ☐

This week, Lizzie shared her portrait of Ruth, which she made while she was learning the story of Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz.

To learn more about Ruth and her faithfulness, check out this [video](#) for kids, or [this Bible Project video](#) meant for adults who want to understand the big picture of this beautiful story about one of Jesus' ancestors.



The Closet: Volunteers Needed for

St. Anne's Regularly Scheduled Days

Below you'll find St. Anne's volunteer schedule for The Closet through the end of 2025. Please take a few moments to add these dates to your calendar.



- **Thursday, November 20**
- **Monday, December 15**

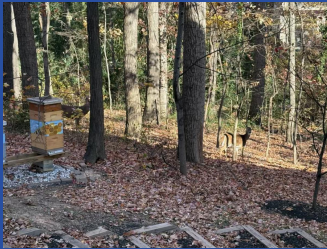
Your volunteer hours make a real difference in the ongoing success of The Closet, and we're so grateful for how strongly St. Anne's continues to be represented.

If you're interested in volunteering but haven't been to The Closet before, Cat will be there each time from 9 a.m. to noon and will be happy to help you get set up in the system to log your hours and introduce you to the staff.

☐ [Click here to visit The Closet's homepage](#) (Address is 845 Station Street in Herndon, VA)

Thank you again and if you have any questions at any time, please get in touch with either [Cat Tucker](#) or [Rita Smith](#).

Seen Around St. Anne's...



A male and female deer denning near our St. Anne's hives this afternoon. Can you find both of them? (Picture courtesy of Eileen Ellis)



We are so grateful for all of our pantry volunteers! Pictured are Clai Jorgensen, Bernadette Capelle and Susan Schneider sorting out donations earlier this week in preparation for next week's Pantry Day.



Our dedicated Pantry Team meeting today.

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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[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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