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## Join us This Sunday for Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, where he was greeted by crowds waving palm branches and shouting "Hosanna!" It marks the beginning of Holy Week and serves as a reminder of Jesus' path to the cross and his ultimate victory over death.

This Sunday's Palm Service will begin outside with the traditional Palm Sunday Processional! Parents, please gather for the processional outside with your children when you arrive. Once we have processed in, they will go to their classrooms.

Between Palm Sunday and Easter, there is no blessing or dismissal because we are in a week of worshipping with Jesus and his disciples. A reminder that we depart the service in silence and there will be no Java Junction on Sunday.

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# HOLY WEEK

2025



**Palm Sunday**  
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

April 13



**Maundy Thursday**  
6:15 p.m. Agape Dinner  
7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with foot washing

April 17



**Good Friday**  
12:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

April 18



**Easter Vigil**  
7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

April 19



**Easter Sunday**  
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
Easter Egg Hunt begins after 10 a.m. service

April 20

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## Palms for Online Worshippers

*Pick up This Friday or Saturday, April 11 or 12*

Stop by the church Friday, April 11 or Saturday April 12, to pick up a palm so you can celebrate Palm Sunday with us virtually! The palms will be sitting outside the doors to the church. Thanks so much to Martha Furniss and Chris Cameron for making this happen!



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**It's Not Too Late to Honor Your Loved Ones**

## with Easter Flowers

*Make your donation by THIS Monday, April 14*

You are invited to make a donation of beautiful Easter flowers in memory of a loved one who passed away, or in thanksgiving for the blessings of family members or friends.

Recommended donation is \$45 and must be received by this Monday, April 14, to be included in the worship bulletins at all Easter Services. [Make your dedication here.](#)



If you would like to help our flower team arrange Easter flowers, please [contact Martha Furniss](#) for details!

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## Maundy Thursday Agape Meal

*Thursday, April 17; 6:15 PM*

Please join us on Maundy Thursday - April 17 - for our Agape Potluck Meal and Service. For the potluck, and in reflection of Jesus's Last Supper with the apostles, we request simple and symbolic food items such as hummus, olives, pita, cheese, matzo/unleavened bread and green salad. All contributions are greatly appreciated. For those bringing food, we would appreciate it if you arrive 15 minutes early (by 6:00 PM) to help us get the food set up.



[Click here for the Signup.](#) Dinner will be at 6:15 PM and then we will make our way to the sanctuary for worship at 7:30 PM. All are welcome! If you have any questions about the potluck, please [reach out to Eileen Ellis.](#)

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## Good Friday Offering

For over 100 years, Episcopalians have generously shared their love, compassion, and financial gifts to support the ministry of the Anglican Communion Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. These gifts have made an astounding difference in the lives of many people in the homeland of Jesus and beyond.

Through the years many Episcopalians have found the Good Friday Offering to be an effective way to express their support for the ministries of the three dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Pastoral care, education and health care continue to be primary ministries through which the reconciling spirit of the Christian faith serves all in need. Participation in this ministry is welcome. The generous donations of Episcopalians help the Christian presence in the Land of the Holy One to be a vital and effective force for peace and understanding among all of God's children.



The history of the Good Friday Offering reaches back to 1922 when, in the aftermath of World War I, The Episcopal Church sought to create new relationships with and among the Christians of the Middle East. From these initial efforts which focused on a combination of relief work and the improvement of ecumenical and Anglican relations, the Good Friday Offering was created. You can [check out our history of the Good Friday Offering](#) to learn more about this life-changing ministry.

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## Easter Egg Hunt

*Easter Sunday, April 20, after 10 AM Service*

Following the 10 AM service on Easter Sunday - April 20 - children will be invited to participate in an egg hunt on the St. Anne's grounds! This is a beloved tradition and families with children are warmly invited to participate.

There will be age-appropriate areas designated to ensure a fun time for all! Allergies have been accounted for in the stuffing of the eggs.

**Can you volunteer?** We are looking for folks willing to help supervise/chaperone the egg-hiding during the 10:00 AM service, and also during the egg hunt after the service. Must be trained in Safe Church. If interested or you have questions, please [contact Sarah Brummett](#).



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## Living Stories Feedback

On Sunday, Mother Jess shared her sermon via Living Stories. As you know, St. Anne's is a part of the Living Stories Sermon Cohort. There are 13 congregations nationwide using this innovative method of engaging with scripture.



The founder of Living Stories Sermons, Peter Levenstrong, is seeking to learn from people's experiences and gain wisdom from their feedback. Completing the form below will help him better understand how Living Stories is shaping engagement and reflection in different communities.

Please take a moment to [complete this short feedback form](#) to share your insights.

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## St. Anne's Pantry and SPARC Highlighted in Chairman's Newsletter

We were thrilled to see that Jeffrey McKay, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, highlighted our Pantry and our partnership with SPARC last week under his segment, "Chairman's Champion!"

Because the newsletter has already been sent out, we copied the article for you below.

You can [click here](#) to read more about Jeffrey McKay and subscribe to his newsletter.



For this edition of Chairman's Champion, we are proud to highlight the exceptional volunteers from **Specially Adapted Resource Centers** (SPARC) who are making a significant impact at **St. Anne's Episcopal Church Food Pantry**.



SPARC participants, alongside staff from the [Cathy Hudgins Community Center at Southgate](#), take an active role in supporting the food pantry once a month. They assist with tasks such as stocking shelves, sorting donations, and preparing food bags for distribution, ensuring that families in need have access to essential food and supplies.

Last month alone, St. Anne's Food Pantry served 200 families, and SPARC volunteers played a crucial role in making that happen. Church staff have expressed that they could not manage the pantry's efforts without the support of these dedicated volunteers.

For adults with severe and multiple disabilities, opportunities to engage in meaningful community service can be limited. However, SPARC is breaking down barriers, offering participants the chance to give back and demonstrating that inclusion truly benefits everyone. The SPARC volunteers are proof that community involvement is not just about receiving but about contributing in meaningful ways.

We are incredibly proud to honor these SPARC volunteers as this edition's Chairman's Champions. Their dedication to serving others exemplifies the spirit of inclusion, purpose, and belonging.

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## 2025 Garden Party Save the Date!

*Sunday, June 8, 4:00-6:00 PM*

The Garden Party will be held on June 8 this year and will look a little different than in previous years and we're so excited about it!

This is a time for St. Anne's to come together outside of worship to celebrate the phenomenal year we had and to launch into summer...an opportunity to enrich our souls with the arts; a time for YOU to showcase your craft, your skill, to perform, to provide a special treat, to fellowship and to just have fun!



The first half of our time together will be an interactive display of art in various mediums by St. Anne's parishioners. If you would like to showcase your handmade pottery, crocheted items, painted pieces, photography, or anything else you create, we'd love to see what you do! We're also looking for folks interested in teaching others a skill...planting an aster, designing a pinch pot, knitting...the sky's the limit!

During the second half of our time we will enjoy performances in the sanctuary. Do you write poetry? We'd love to hear you recite it! Do you like to sing? Play an instrument? Read monologues? Stand-up comedy? Come perform for us!

There are many opportunities...crafts, performances, refreshments, volunteering to be available on the day of the event to help where needed. [CLICK HERE to complete the form to participate](#). Deadline to sign up in Sunday, June 1st.

Please reach out to [Kendall Jamison](#) with any questions.

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## Come *LIVE IT OUT* at VBS This Summer - REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

*June 23-27, 9:00-12:15; Camp Sunday, June 28*  
*Deadline to register is May 4*

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

VBS will be held in June this year (June 23-27) and we'd love to have our little campers back for another week of summer fun! Gredel Ellender and Alicia Peralta have agreed to be Co-Directors for the camp and we are so grateful to them!

**LIVE IT OUT** will help us discover how to love like Jesus by focusing on five key aspects of faith: love, live, share, forgive, and serve. Each aspect is rooted in a Bible story that encourages campers to embody these values in their daily lives. This emphasizes practical application, guiding children to live out their faith through tangible actions that reflect Christ's teachings.



## Looking for VBS Volunteers

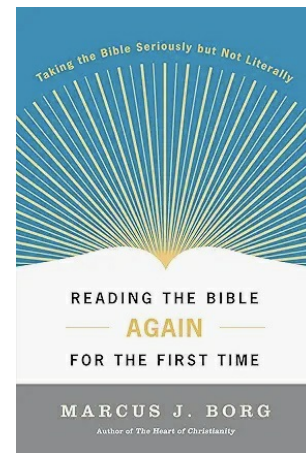
We are also looking for adult and Jr. Counselor volunteers! Come and make a difference in the lives of our St. Anne's children. If interested, please complete the form below.

- [VBS Junior Counselors Volunteer Form](#) (rising 7th grader-12 grade)  
Get your school service hours at VBS!
- [Adult Volunteer Form](#)

## St. Anne's Book Club

*Monday, April 28, 9:00 AM*

Many Christians mistakenly believe that their only choice is either to reconcile themselves to a fundamentalist reading of scripture (a "literal-factual" approach) or to simply reject the Bible as something that could bring meaning and value into their lives. In *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time*, Marcus Borg shows how instead we can freshly appreciate all the essential elements of the Old and New Testaments—from Genesis to Revelation—in a way that can open up a new world of intelligent faith.



In *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time*, Borg reveals how it is possible to reconcile a scientific and critical way of thinking with our deepest spiritual needs, leading to an insightful experience of ancient text. This unique book invites every reader—whatever his or her religious background—to engage the Bible, to wrestle with its meaning, to explore its mysteries, and to understand its relevance. *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time* shows us how to encounter the Bible in a fresh, new way that rejects the limits of simple literalism and opens up the rich possibility of living a life of authentic faith.

If you have any questions, please reach out to [Don Boileau](#).

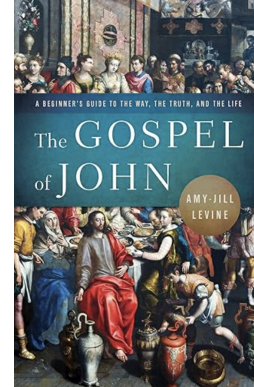
## Monday Morning Bible Study

*Mondays through April 28, 10:30-12:00, Zoom*

The Monday Morning Bible Study began its last course for this semester on March 24 and you're still welcome to join. The text is *The Gospel of John* by Amy-Jill Levine. It's a 6-lesson study available on Amazon and Cokesbury.

We meet via ZOOM from 10:30-12:00 on non-holiday Mondays. Class format includes a brief video presentation by the author followed by class discussion.

Newcomers are always welcome. [Contact Jane Smith](#) to be added to the roster.



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## Moving Mountains Mission Trip

*June 14-21, 2025*

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

This trip is an incredible opportunity to make friends and bond with St. Anne's teens. Friendships will be forged that continue throughout the year, as our teens this past summer have shown us! Clifton Poole will lead the trip once again.



The mission gives participants an opportunity to volunteer for building/home repair projects, teaching elementary school students in the community, or scientific research at Estanoa Wetlands Learning Center.

Teens will lead work sites, admin crews, make decisions and keep things moving.

The trip is open to rising 9th graders through 2nd year college students. Exceptions are made for rising 8th grade when their parent/guardian comes along.

Participants will travel by car to St Paul, VA located in the Appalachian Mountains in southwestern Virginia. The area is known for its beauty and its great people.

Our accommodations are provided by the Grace House on the Mountain, Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. More information is [available here](#).

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## Seen Around St. Anne's



A Lenten Dinner Group, held at the home of Bernadette Capelle and Darlene Manley (picture courtesy of B. Capelle)

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# 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), Rev. Dr. Nancy D. Searby (deacon)

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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 at [administrator@stannes-reston.org](mailto:administrator@stannes-reston.org). 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 at [administrator@stannes-reston.org](mailto:administrator@stannes-reston.org) with the date, time and number of people you expect in attendance.



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