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August 7, 2025



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Back to School Blessing

Sunday, August 17

Mark your calendar for St. Anne's back-to-school (yes, already!) blessing, happening Sunday, August 17. Receive your cool backpack tag and get ready for a fabulous school year!



Fall Fellowship Save the Date

Sunday, September 7, 4:00-6:00 PM, Herndon Trailside Shelter

Please plan to join us for a congregation-wide Fall Fellowship at Herndon Trailside Shelter on Sunday, September 7 from 4-6 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 2025-26 year!



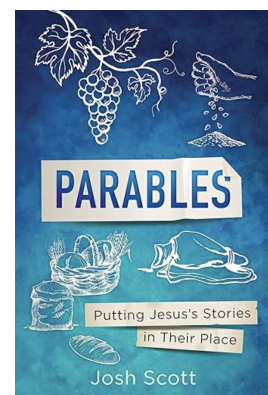
If you're interested in volunteering to help with the event, [email Cat Tucker](#).

Monday Morning Bible Study

Resumes Monday, September 8, 10:30 AM via Zoom

Monday Morning Bible study resumes Sept. 8 with a 6-week study of *Parables: Putting Jesus's Stories in Their Place* by Josh Scott. We enjoyed our first encounter with this author so much that we're ready for another round.

Class meets Monday mornings 10:30-Noon via ZOOM (not on government holidays) and consists of a short DVD by the author (usually 10-12 minutes) followed by class discussion. All are welcome. [Contact Jane Smith](#) to be added to the email list.



Romance & Magic On A Summer's Eve Recital Supporting St. Anne's Food Pantry

Sunday, September 14, 3:00 PM, Sanctuary

You are cordially invited to a chamber music recital featuring the musical stylings of soprano, Katherine Schram, violinist Reed Trevelyan, and pianist Hai Jin Kim. Featuring the lush melodies of romantic era women composers like Amy Beach, Clara Schumann, Rebecca Clark, and Cecile Chaminade, join us for an enchanting program filled with fantasy, love, and wonder! [Click here](#) for more information and to RSVP.

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St. Anne's has a YouTube Channel!

The church has had a YouTube channel for years but it has been inactive until recently. Thanks to Gary Harvey, you can now watch streaming services from there and view past services. Each week's sermon is available as a separate video in YouTube.



If you subscribe to the channel you can receive notifications about upcoming streaming events.

We have always streamed using a service called Vimeo and nothing there has changed, so you can continue watching the services as you have been or you can check out the [YouTube channel](#).

Note that at some point a second YouTube channel for St. Annes was created. It only has a video about Shrinemont on it and isn't being updated so please do not subscribe to that one. Make sure you're on the correct channel by [clicking here](http://www.youtube.com/@stannesepiscopalchurch6447) (<http://www.youtube.com/@stannesepiscopalchurch6447>).

Hurry! Sign Up to Receive Your St. Anne's Honey if You Haven't Already!

The honey has been extracted and is now being filtered, allowing time for air to naturally rise and ensuring the moisture level is within ranges recommended by the USDA.

Between now and August 15, 2025, you can request a 4-5oz spice-jar-size of St. Anne Episcopal Church Reston's honey! We will likely have a jar for everyone that requests one, but to help us reserve one for you, [please click here to complete the form](#).



The honey will be blessed and distributed at the 8am and 10am services on Sunday, August 17, the day after National Honeybee Day. If there are extra jars of honey available after every St. Anne's household has received one, we will let you know and make them available after Thanksgiving/before Christmas. We request a \$5-10 donation per jar which goes directly to the St. Anne's honey ministry. Payment/your donation is collected when you pick up your jar of honey.

If you have any questions, please [contact Eileen Ellis](#).

EFM and Adult Formation at St. Anne's

New seminar starting September 2025

Education For Ministry (EfM) is a unique four-year, small-group formation program based on study and practice in theological reflection. Since its founding in 1975, this international program has helped over 120,000 participants discover and nurture their call to Christian service in their daily lives, where they live, work, and play. EfM helps the faithful explore our Christian tradition, bringing it into conversation with their experiences of the world. EfM seminar groups develop theologically informed, reflective, and articulate seekers of God. EFM has undergone a comprehensive curriculum redesign, and this year we will be implementing the new curriculum.



St. Anne's is blessed to have an active EFM program that meets on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 PM and is conducted 100% online using ZOOM. This adult formation opportunity has a long, rich history at St. Anne's and we are preparing for a new seminar session starting in early September 2025.

If you are interested in hearing more about EFM and/or participating in the new seminar starting this Fall, [contact Paul Bishop](#) via email or at 703-244-3706.

Vote Faithfully

August 9 is the deadline to apply for ballot by mail

On September 9 there will be a special election in Virginia Congressional District 11 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rep. Gerald Connolly earlier this year.

Early voting for the special election begins tomorrow, July 25. Check the [Fairfax County elections website](#) for locations and hours.

August 9 is the deadline to apply for a ballot by mail. September 2 is the deadline to register or update your registration.



Diaper Ministry

Looking for size 6 diapers for this month's pantry day. Wipes are always appreciated, too. Thanks for your continued generosity to this important ministry!



Seen Around St. Anne's...



The St. Anne's honey was bottled up yesterday!
We can't wait to try it -



Mother Anne bestowed a blessing on Father Vance and Mary for their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday. Congratulations to Vance & Mary! (Photo courtesy of Martha Furniss)

yum! If you haven't signed up to receive a bottle, [click here](#). (Photo courtesy of Eileen Ellis, fearless Bee Team Leader!)

A neighborhood family stopped by to check out our Little Library. (Photo courtesy of Bernadette Capelle)

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)

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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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