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VESTRY CORNER

On Sunday, March 16, Vestry met for their regularly scheduled meeting over Zoom. Members discussed their Lenten practices and how they prepare for Easter. The Treasurer's Report focused on how St. Anne will manage the potential risk of the uncertain economic climate. While we have not seen any immediate impact to St. Anne's, the Finance Committee is looking at discretionary spending that could be deferred out of an abundance of caution.



Vestry heard verbal ministry reports and discussed a proposal from the Building and Grounds Committee to replace three external doors and upgrade the building's security system. Mother Jess provided an update on the Associate Rector search. The meeting concluded with a discussion of how St. Anne's truly embodies "Love in Action" through our service and compassion for members of the community and beyond.

It's Lenten Pretzel Sunday!

During Sunday School this week, **we invite all 3rd-6th graders** to join in making homemade pretzels as part of St. Anne's Lenten tradition. We will distribute the pretzels to the congregation after the service during Java

Junction.

Parents, please bring your children to the church kitchen at **9:45 am** to begin the pretzel making! (There will be no regular Sunday school classes for grades 3-4 and 5-6 this week).



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](#)

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](#).

Compline Service

Tuesdays during Lent @ 8:00 PM via Zoom

Join us via Zoom on Tuesdays at 8 PM during Lent for Compline, also known as Night Prayer, or the *Prayers at the End of the Day*. Compline is the final prayer liturgy of the day in the Christian tradition of canonical hours and lasts approximately 15-20 minutes. All are welcome. No sign-up necessary. Zoom information is below.



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84956215767?pwd=AWqpt4VhBI1KN3T8ARJFtNqmLA2kO7.1>

Meeting ID: 849 5621 5767
Passcode: 639053

Civic Support Group

Tuesdays @ 7:00-8:00 PM, Library

Federal workers, contractors, and government retirees, we recognize the extreme challenge and turmoil that you and others in our congregation are experiencing with the new administration. In everchanging times like these, it is important to stay grounded in God and community.



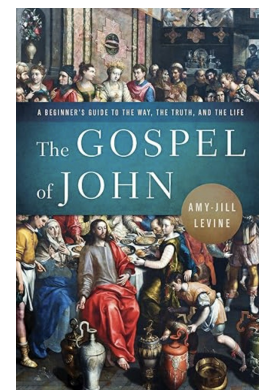
Join us Tuesdays in Lent at 7 PM in the Library as we pause to recenter in Christ and support one another in community. The Civic Support Group is a safe space to help us process and share what we are experiencing. A place to ask questions, share resources, and reflect on how the political climate is impacting us. A place to be in solidarity with one another and hold each other up in hope and love of Christ.

Monday Morning Bible Study Starts New Book

Begins This Monday, March 24, 10:30-12:00, Zoom

The Monday Morning Bible Study will begin its last course for this semester on March 24. 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.

Adult Formation: Praying With African American Spirituals

Sunday, April 6, 4-5:30, Library

Come sing and pray the African American Spirituals with us and expand our knowledge of racial history in the United States! This session will focus on "***My Lord, What a Morning***," a spiritual with a call-and-response, verse-refrain structure.



As with many spirituals, the text does not have a single author or composer but was probably written collectively. Many spirituals were written by enslaved people, but "***My Lord, What a Morning***" was more likely written by free Black people. The text of the spiritual refers to multiple passages in scripture, from falling stars in Revelation and Matthew, to the trumpet blasts in 1 Corinthians and 1 Thessalonians.

All are welcome to join us in the Library from 4:00-5:30 on Sunday, April 6. Any questions, please reach out to the leaders, [Mother Annie Cooper](#) and [Chris Cameron](#).

GRATEFUL for the Capital Area Food Bank

The Food Pantry Team is so grateful for our partnership with the Capital Area Food Bank and the fresh produce we receive from CAFB each month.

Pictured is our March delivery. This produce comes to us at no charge from the CAFB and is a pallet full of potatoes, onions, cabbage, and carrots that our wonderful pantry volunteers bagged up this morning for distribution...about 200 bags of fresh produce!



St. Anne's Food Pantry is Still Looking for More Volunteers... Can You Help?

We are so appreciative of the help that the food pantry receives from our parishioners every month! From food donations to diapers and wipes, we appreciate you so very much!



We're coming to you now with another food pantry need that is so very vital to the operation – volunteers from our congregation and our community.

Every month the Food Pantry sends volunteers out to collect the food we will be providing our neighbors from various sources around Fairfax County. Other volunteers sort and shelve the food that is collected. As distribution day approaches additional volunteers pack

the grocery bags, sort and bag produce and set out the choice items on the tables for our neighbors to pick and choose what they would like to have. Another group of volunteers then mans the various tables and makes sure that the food distribution meets the needs of our neighbors and that we do so in a safe, orderly and efficient manner. All in all, that's over 50 volunteers every month!

Specifically we have a need for additional volunteers for the following jobs:

1. Staffing the grocery carts on distribution day – (the third Thursday of each month, from 10 am to 1 pm) – the job of these volunteers is to follow a neighbor who is receiving food (often a man or woman with young children in tow) and place the grocery bags, produce and other items in the cart and then take the cart out to the neighbor's car and help them load everything in.

2. Picking up food – the job of these volunteers is to take their vehicle to Capital Area Food Bank, Food for Others and other spots to collect the food we will be distributing that month. For the most part, these food runs occur once or twice a month on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. We have trouble filling these slots each month because it is hard work to load your vehicle with the food items and then unload it at the church and not everyone is physically up to the job.

3. Sorting and shelving the food – once the food is collected by our volunteer drivers, and also in preparation of distribution day – we need volunteers on most Tuesdays to sort and shelve the items and get everything ready for distribution.

If you are interested, please [contact Pantry Manager, Glen Corso](#) and he will put your name and email on a sign up list so that you will start to receive emails that request volunteers to sign up for specific jobs. Glen can also answer any questions you might have about volunteering, more specifics about these and other jobs. Thanks!

Seen Around St. Anne's...



The bees are getting busy! We went from 3 apiaries to 7 this year, which makes our St. Anne's Bee Team extra busy (or maybe it's "bee"zee), too!



Dorry Kee and Margaret Light planting pansies at the entrance in prep for Spring! We so appreciate their work, as well as Carol Ivory, who also spent time last week planting another flower bed. We are so lucky to have so many parishioners who care about making St. Anne's grounds beautiful!

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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[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 at 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 with the date, time and number of people you expect in attendance.



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