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Join us this Sunday as we launch our 2026 Stewardship Pledge Campaign. This year's theme is ***Tell Out My Soul***.

Did you ever have news that was so exciting that you could not wait to share it with others? ***Tell Out My Soul***, the greatness of the Lord! The theme of our pledge campaign 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. Come find out even more on Sunday!

Keep an eye out for your stewardship packet to arrive in the mail next week. Any questions please [contact the church office](#).

Upcoming Youth Group Events

- ☐ **Sunday, October 19 – Fall Creation Care Hike**
- ☐ **4:00–5:30 PM @ Lake Fairfax**

We're hitting the trails! Meet at the Lake Fairfax Park

Main Office. Bring water, comfy shoes, and your best fall vibes. ☐

☐ **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 will help plan the details during our October gatherings, so come share your ideas!



Bring your energy and a friend to any and all events! We can't wait to see you! Any questions, please [email Sarah Brummett](#).

Sunday's Key Kids Moment

Everly and Julia shared stories they learned about St. Francis. Everly told how St. Francis befriended a fierce wolf. Julia shared Francis's love for the natural world, and the way that God's message that "you'll love the things you now hate" led Francis to care for and live among lepers with sweetness and exceeding joy.



For an animated telling of St. Francis and the Wolf, you can [check out this video](#).

Adult Formation: Praying with African American Spirituals

Sunday, October 19, 4-5:30 PM, Library

Mark your calendars now to 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 ***Give Me Jesus***. Rooted in the experience of enslaved Africans in the mid-19th century, this spiritual was a profound declaration of faith. The lyrics, "You can have all this world, just give me Jesus," served as an act of resistance, prioritizing spiritual freedom over earthly bondage.



All are welcome to join us in the Library from 4:00-5:30 on Sunday, October 19. Any questions, please reach out to the leaders, [Mother Annie Cooper](#) and [Chris Cameron](#).

And mark your calendars for November 16, too, when we will focus on ***Go Tell it on the Mountain***.

Significant Sermons - Adult Formation

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.



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

Movies that Make You Think

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](#).



Newly Appointed Archbishop of Canterbury

We celebrate the historic appointment of London Bishop Sarah Mullally to be the new Archbishop of Canterbury on October 3. Bishop Mullally will be the first woman to fill this role as leader of both the Church of England and the worldwide Anglican Communion.



Additionally, we cherish our ties with members of the Anglican Communion who are grieved by this appointment, and we affirm that we are made one as Christ's body, acting alongside one another to do God's work in the world. We pray for the unity of the whole Anglican Communion, for Bishop Mullally's joyful installation, that God will fill her with wisdom and discernment in her new role.

[Click here to read more](#) about her appointment.

An American Bombing, The Road to April 19th Screening

This Monday, October 13, 7:30 PM, RCC theater on Colts Neck Road

As part of the Washington West Film Festival, the Reston Community Center will be screening *An American Bombing: The Road to April 19th* at the RCC theater on Colts Neck Road. Producer Mahrya MacIntire (Saunders) will answer questions and address comments about the film after the screening. The event will take place on Monday, October 13 @ 7:30 PM. Tickets are available from RCC (\$5 – \$10).



Additional details may be found by [clicking here](#).

Mahrya MacIntire, daughter of St. Anne's parishioners, Charles & Mary Saunders, was baptized and confirmed here at St. Anne's, and was an associate producer of the Reston documentary. Mahrya has gone on to produce several feature documentaries with HBO Max. These include *Baltimore Rising*, a film about Baltimore in the aftermath of the death of Freddie Gray in police custody; *The Slow Hustle*, a film about corruption in the Baltimore Police Department. *The Slow Hustle* and *An American Bombing* were both

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. 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



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

Great Pumpkins for Great Causes

*October 5-31, 10am-6pm on weekends;
Noon-6pm on weekdays
St. Thomas Church (8991 Brook Rd in McLean)*

Since 2008, the parishioners of St. Thomas have donated their time and energy to host a Pumpkin Patch fundraiser. **ALL proceeds from pumpkin sales are donated to local mission partners:** Share, Falls Church McLean Children's Center, FACETS and Second Story.



St Thomas pumpkins are grown by the Navajo nation in New Mexico. In addition to traditional orange pumpkins there are a wide variety of exotic pumpkins and different types of gourds.

The Pumpkin Patch is held at St. Thomas church, 8991 Brook Rd, McLean and will be open starting Sunday, Oct 5 through Oct 31. Hours are 10AM – 6PM on the weekend and Noon – 6PM, Mon – Friday.

St. Anne's Closed on Monday

The church will be closed on Monday, October 13, in recognition of Indigenous Peoples' Day—a time to honor and celebrate the rich histories, cultures, and traditions of Indigenous communities.



Seen Around St. Anne's...



St. Anne's incredible choir during Evensong last Sunday. It was a beautiful service. [Click here to take a look](#) in case you missed it!



The flowers on the altar Sunday were a collaboration between the Shoresim Jewish Community and St. Anne's. Shoresim donated the orchid plants they used during their Yom Kippur service last week and St. Annes' Flower Guild added the additional flowers and greens. Beautiful! (Photo courtesy of Peggy Hobler)



Wednesday night's Building and Grounds meeting. We're so grateful for this team's dedication and hard work in keeping our facilities running smoothly and looking their best.



Sunday's youth group gathering! Making candles from our very own St. Anne's bee's wax and designing cards to send to our college students.

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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