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Join Us for Easter on Sunday!

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM: Easter Services
After 10:00 AM: Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Day is the annual feast of Christ's resurrection. We celebrate that in Christ Jesus death no longer has power over us, and we are all set free to live with faith in the resurrection story. This mystery is made real for us every time we gather at the edge of death and remember that God's love brings new life out of the grave.



St. Anne's will celebrate Easter this Sunday with two baptisms at the 10 AM service! In addition, we will hold the much-anticipated, annual Easter Egg Hunt after the 10 AM service 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.

We are looking for folks willing to help supervise/chaperone the egg-hiding during the 10 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](#).

If you are not able to join us in person, [click here for the 10 AM livestream link](#).

HOLY WEEK

2025



Maundy Thursday

April 17

6:15 p.m. Agape Dinner

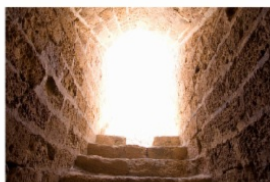
7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with foot washing



Good Friday

April 18

12:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.



Easter Vigil

April 19

7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist



Easter Sunday

April 20

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt begins after 10 a.m. service

Join Us for Maundy Thursday Tonight

Tonight, we gather to celebrate the Last Supper of Jesus with his friends on the night before he died. The word 'Maundy' derives from the Latin word for command, mandates. It refers to Jesus giving the command to love, symbolized by the other action of this service: the washing of the feet.



Prior to the 7:30 PM service, you are welcome to join us for our Agape (Love) Potluck Meal. 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.

[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 are not able to attend in person, you may [click here for the livestream link](#) to tonight's service.

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.

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](#).

2025 Summer Celebration (formerly called Garden Party)

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

The Summer Celebration 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.

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

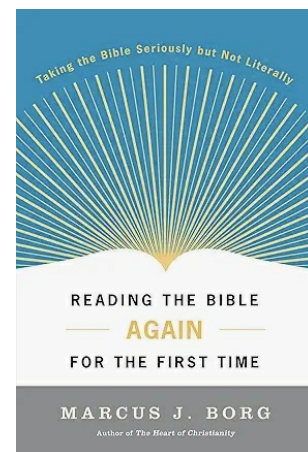
We are also looking for adult and Jr. Counselor volunteers! Come and make a difference in the lives of our St. Anne's children. If interested, please complete the form below.

- [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.

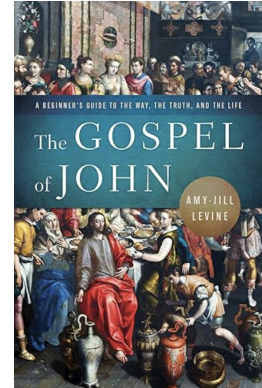
If you have any questions, please reach out to [Don Boileau](#).

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.

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](#).

Swarm Found in the Holly Bushes

St. Anne's Bee Team found a swarm of bees unexpectedly in the holly bushes last weekend! Just after this video, St. Anne's Bee Team successfully shook nearly all the bees into the hive box. They left a smoker running just



outside the swarm box for about an hour while they inspected other hives. This encouraged foraging bees into the box.

They also placed a small Java Junction plate with some 2023 season honey into the bottom of the box to encourage the bees to stay in their new home.

After inspecting the other hives, the Team sealed up the box and moved it to our temporary nuc hive stand. Monday morning, Ray Lundquist and Eileen Ellis checked the nuc hive box for the queen and she was found! The entrances to the box were opened and sticks were placed in front of the opening to encourage delayed, orientation flights.

Cool Green Bags

St. Anne's and our own Glen Corso was spotlighted in the Cool Green Bag e-newsletter this month! Take a look! You can read more about the Cool Green Bag initiative [here](#).

COOL GREEN BAG

News and Updates – April 2025



Spotlight: St. Anne's Food Pantry

Glen Corso manages the St. Anne's Episcopal Church [food pantry](#) in Reston, which is one of [four food pantries](#) in our community that receive donations from ASG. We recently sat down with Glen to learn about their food pantry.

How does St. Anne's food pantry work?

Glen: *The third Thursday of every month is distribution day, where families pick up a pre-packaged bag of groceries along with other items like fresh produce. Once a week, you can also make an appointment to shop at the pantry. It's open to anyone and everyone, and we serve about 200 families each month. Each year, we provide 1,500 bags of food to families and the elderly in our community.*

Tell us about the partnership between ASG and St. Anne's.

Glen: *St. Anne's and ASG have been working together since the early days of ASG, almost ten years ago. It's an extremely important source of food for us, providing approximately 25-30 percent of the food for our pantry. Many members of our congregation volunteer as donors, drivers and/or food sorters. We also receive food and monetary donations from the community, as well as fresh produce from the Capital Area Food Bank.*

Have you seen an increase in the need for food recently?

Glen: *Unfortunately, yes. It's really put a strain on us – that's one of the reasons we're so grateful to ASG. The food we receive makes such a difference to our pantry and our community.*

Do you have a special need for certain items?

Glen: *Yes! Last summer, we conducted a survey to see what our families need most. In addition to popular items like cooking oil, rice, beans, diapers and baby wipes, soy sauce was high on the list. We have a large number of senior citizens of Asian descent, and many of them were looking for soy sauce. We've now set up "choice" tables where people can choose a certain number of specialty items to add to their pre-packaged bags. It's been quite popular.*

Is there anything else you want the ASG community to know about St. Anne's food pantry?

Glen: *We're extremely grateful for our partnership and for the abundance of food you provide on a regular basis. It means a great deal to our congregation and the families we serve. Thank you!*

Interested in donating to St. Anne's food pantry? The church is located at 1700 Wainwright Drive in Reston. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off right inside the front door in a bin marked "food pantry." Monetary donations can be made at this secure [link](#); be sure to click "give to food pantry."



St. Anne's pantry... you're never too young to help!



St. Anne's pantry... look how many boxes I can carry!



Three wonderful pantry volunteers got together and packed 140 treat bags to share at today's pantry distribution. **THANK YOU** to Judy Mawhinney, Marguerite Keady, and Pam Russ for preparing these yummy treat bags. (Photo courtesy of Bernadette Capelle)

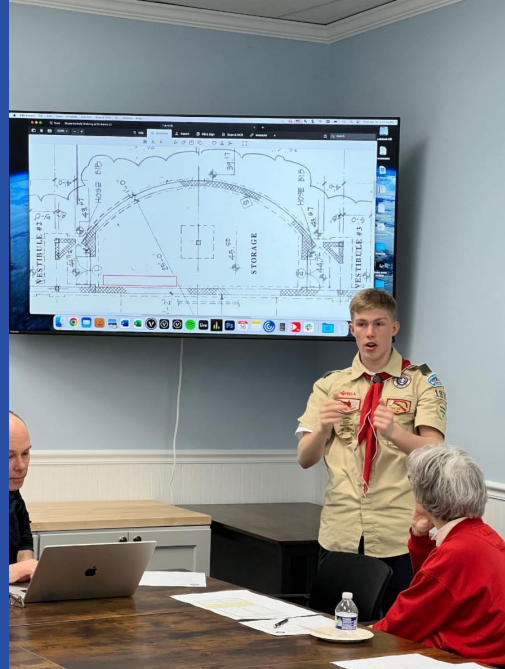
And we want to wish a:

**Happy Easter
Felices Pascuas**



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**to our beautiful food pantry
community!**

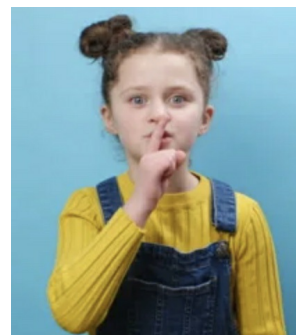


Bryce Korbuly met with the Building & Grounds Committee Wednesday night to finalize his Eagle Scout project of placing shelving in the undercroft. He did a fantastic job outlining his project and we can't wait to have the shelves built this summer! Thanks Bryce!

Office Quiet Week Next Week

Church office closed on Easter Monday, April 21

As we approach the culmination of Holy Week and prepare to observe this significant time in our faith, and in the spirit of reflection and observance, the **church office will be closed on Easter Monday and on a quiet period the rest of next week.** This quiet period allows us to honor the occasion of Easter and provide an opportunity for spiritual reflection and rejuvenation.



While the office will remain open and operational Tuesday through Friday, we kindly ask that activities be kept to essential tasks only and phone calls and emails be sent only if it's an emergency or requires immediate pastoral care. Your understanding and cooperation during this time is greatly appreciated and give clergy and staff a chance to pause, reflect, and recharge as we move forward into the next phase of our work and spiritual journey.

If you have any urgent matters or concerns next week, [please reach out to Angie.](#)

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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