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This year's stewardship theme is ***Tell Out My Soul***. The theme provides us with a chance to reflect on the many ways that we are connected to each other through our beloved St. Anne's. We are so grateful to those that have already submitted their pledge which has put us at 51% of our goal of \$795,000 as of this morning!

Let's keep the momentum going! You may [make your pledge online by clicking here](#). Any questions please [contact the church office](#).

### Envisioning the Future of St. Anne's

*This Sunday, November 9; Also on Nov. 16 & 23*

A few weeks ago, we completed our first Adult Formation series on the history of Reston and St. Anne's, ending with an exciting brainstorming session where we began to envision what our future as a parish could look like.

We are in a good place. Our staff positions are filled with the right people; our programs are going well and we've added a few new ones; we've done some needed renovations to our facility. We feel it is time to begin the process of focusing on where God may be calling us next. And we need YOUR ideas!

***Developing a vision for our parish is a parish-wide effort***, not the job of a small committee. To this end, we are setting up some facilitated visioning groups over the next few weeks to brainstorm ideas. Then, the ideas will be collated and analyzed for trends in

### Envisioning the Future of St. Anne's

November 9, 16 & 23

Join in the discussion on the direction in which God is leading St. Anne's!

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opinions, or even a possible consensus, on the direction in which God is leading St. Anne's.

To participate, [click here to sign up for one of the available 90-minute brainstorming sessions](#). Note that there is one session available after the 8 AM service for 8 people on November 9. There are additional time slots following the 10 AM service on November 9 (a handful remain available at the time this e-mail went out), November 16th and 23rd. Sign-ups will be broken up into small groups and we will meet in the various classrooms.

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## Pledging 101 Information Session

*This Sunday, November 9, following both services*

Why is pledging important? Why do we have annual pledge campaigns? Can a pledge be adjusted if my circumstances change? My pledge is already set up through my bank so do I need to do a new form this year?

These are all good questions! And we have answers to those and other frequently asked questions to help as you discern your pledge to St. Anne's for 2026.

Join this year's pledge campaign co-chairs, Rosie Horn and Bernadette Capelle, along with other members of Vestry for an information session after each service on Sunday, November 9. Useful for newcomers to St. Anne's, newcomers to pledging, or anyone wanting information about our ***Tell Out My Soul*** campaign.

We hope you will join us in the library on November 9th to share questions, answers, and snacks (of course)!

Or, you can feel free to stop by our pledge campaign table in the Narthex before or after any service from now through our in-gathering service on Sunday, November 23. We're happy to answer questions and share stories one-on-one with you!

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## FACETS Hypothermia Shelter

*Tuesday, November 11, 6:00 PM: Planning Call on Zoom*  
*Saturday, January 17, 2026: Dinner/fellowship*

This winter's FACETS hypothermia shelter will rotate through Epiphany Episcopal in Oak Hill in January 2026. St. Anne's has been asked to provide dinner and fellowship on Saturday January 17, 2026, and planning is getting started.



If you are interested in learning more about this important ministry, the first planning meeting is scheduled via Zoom for Tuesday, November 11, at 6:00 pm. Please [email Bruce Edgerton](#) for the Zoom coordinates or with any questions.

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## Adult Formation: Significant Sermons (POSTPONED INDEFINITELY)

*~~This Sunday, November 9, 4:00-5:30 pm, Library~~*

Last Sunday, we watched and discussed Bishop Mariann Budde's sermon from January 2025's Service of Prayer for the Nation, sometimes referred to as a "Call for Mercy." The conversation was interesting and enlightening.



On Sunday, November 9, we will discuss Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's sermon on "Love," from the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle.

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## Sunday School Teachers Brunch & Learn

On Saturday, November 15, St. Anne's children's formation teachers will gather for brunch and a little formation of our own. We're excited to have this chance to get to know each other better, talk about the Sunday School ministry, and hear from Mother Kara about how to remain authentic in our faith journey as Sunday School ministers.



## Adult Formation: Praying with African American Spirituals

*Sunday, November 16, 4-5:30 PM, Library*

Come join us Sunday, November 16, to sing and pray the African American Spirituals and expand our knowledge of racial history in the United States. This session will focus on ***Go, Tell it on the Mountain***. Remarkably, this Christmas spiritual transcended its origins to become a symbol of unity during times of strife. Its message of hope and deliverance found resonance during the Civil Rights movement, providing comfort and strength to those fighting for equality and justice.



Any questions, please reach out to the leaders, [Mother Annie Cooper](#) and [Chris Cameron](#).

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## Movies that Make You Think

*Tuesday, November 18, 6:00 PM, Library*

Join us for a showing of [Caregiving](#). This 2025 documentary is the story of paid and unpaid caregivers navigating the challenges and joys of this deeply meaningful work. Intertwining intimate personal stories with the untold history of caregiving, the documentary reveals the state and the stakes of care in America today.



We'll have pizza before and discussion after the film. A voluntary donation of \$5 is requested to cover the cost of food. [Please RSVP here](#) to help us better plan for dinner. For more information, [contact Chris Cameron](#).

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## Surge in Food Pantry Use

With the shutdown of the Federal Government, the suspension and then partial reinstatement of SNAP benefits and the slowdown in the economy, the St. Anne's Food Pantry has experienced a surge in interest from members of the congregation in providing food donations. We are very grateful for your support and generosity during these tumultuous times. If you

are considering a donation to the food pantry following is a list of the items the folks who come to us for food are most in need of:

- Low Sugar Cereal or oatmeal
- Canola or Vegetable Oil
- Canned Soup
- Peanut Butter, 16 oz.
- Hunt's Pasta Sauce, 24 oz. cans
- Canned tuna or chicken
- Rice (brown or white), 1 lb.
- All-Purpose Flour or corn flour, 3-5 lbs.
- Ground coffee, 1 lb. bags
- Granola bars
- Shampoo, toothpaste, soap
- Toilet paper
- Diaper sizes (in order of priority): 5, 3, and 6
- Diaper wipes



Thank you so much for your kindness, generosity and support. The food you donate, the funds you provide through your pledge to the Church and the tremendous work of our volunteers are what allows the St. Anne's Food Pantry to address the needs of our neighbors who come to us for food.

In terms of diapers, we are also so appreciative of your continued generosity as we rebuild our diaper supply. Sizes currently needed, in order of priority, are 5, 3 and 6. We can also use wipes. While cartons are the backbone of our stock and so easy to store on the shelves, individual plastic packages of 20-30 diapers are wonderful and so easy to distribute.

THANK YOU so much for your support in these difficult times.

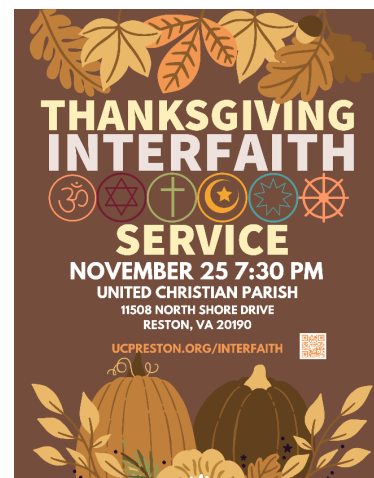
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## Join Us for the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

*Tuesday, November 25, 7:30 PM, United Christian Parish in Reston*

United Christian Parish is delighted to once again host our annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 25, at 7:30 PM. ***Our own Mtr Kara will be participating!***

We hope this gathering will truly reflect the spirit of community and gratitude. If you are not able to attend in person, you may watch the livestream. The [livestream link can be found here](#).



Let's come together in thanksgiving, unity, and hope!

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## Thanksgiving Boxes

*Return donations by Sunday, Nov 16 BEFORE 3PM and/or help deliver! We need drivers to help deliver boxes to Cornerstones FREE From Hunger Center in Sterling on Wednesday November 19 from 4 - 5 PM.*

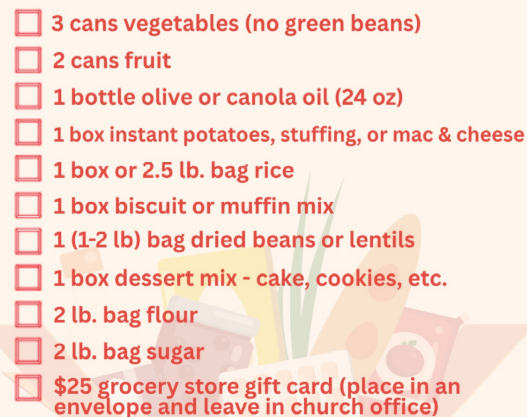


Once again this year, St. Anne's is partnering with Cornerstones for the Thanksgiving Box Drive. Nate Cissel and his family have graciously volunteered to coordinate. Our goal this

year is 100 boxes. With the help of our amazing community, we can do it!

We encourage two ways to donate:

- **Donate a box of food.** Pick up an empty box at St. Anne's after any Sunday service between now and November 16. Go shopping and fill the box with the items on the shopping list provided below and return it to church by November 16 before 3PM. Gift cards from a grocery store valued at \$25 should be placed in an envelope and labeled "Thanksgiving Box" and left in the office with Angie or Sheri.



- **[Make a financial contribution](#)** to ensure food security in our community at Thanksgiving and year-round. If you choose this option by giving a direct donation to Cornerstones, please **[email Nate](#)** to let us know so your contribution can count towards our St. Anne's goal of 100 boxes.

For more information, **[click here](#)** to download the flyer directly from Cornerstones.

Once boxes are collected, we will need several volunteers to help drive the full boxes from St. Anne's to Cornerstones' FREE from Hunger Center in Sterling on Wednesday November 19, at 4pm. If this is something you can help with, **[please contact Nate](#)**.

**[Click here to email if you have any questions](#)**.

We can ***"Tell Out Our Soul"*** and share the gratitude and blessings we have with our community this Thanksgiving. **THANK YOU SO MUCH for your donations!**

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## Gift Card Drive

*Due by Sunday, December 8*

Our annual partnership with Cornerstones continues with our Gifts for Kids drive. THANK YOU SO MUCH to those of you who have already signed up to provide card(s). The need is great.

There are still children to sign up for. Please **[click here to supply a gift card](#)** for one of our younger neighbors in need. Once on the sign-up, choose the child or (children) you would like to purchase the gift card for.

The gift card wishes are either \$50 or \$75 depending on the age of the child.

Once you've purchased the gift card(s):

- Write the amount of the card on the top right of the card in permanent ink.
- Place the card in an envelope with the child's name and number on the front of the envelope (you will see the number to the left of their name in the sign-up)
- Put the envelope in the offering plate or mail/bring it to the church office (**please mark the outer envelope with "kids."**)



Cards must be in by **Sunday, Dec. 8** (this deadline is not flexible—Cornerstones will start distribution that week).

Thanks so much for your generosity!

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## ☐ **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing — It's Pageant Time Again!** ☐

*Parent Info Meeting is Sunday, November 16, 9:00 AM, Room 6*

Get ready to shine in the 2025 St. Anne's Christmas Pageant!

Join us as we bring the story of Christmas to life at the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve service — a beloved tradition here at St. Anne's filled with music, laughter, and holiday spirit.



Want your child/youth to be a part of the magic? Join us at the parent info meeting to find out how:

☐ Sunday, November 16 ☐ 9:00 AM ☐ Room 6

☐ [Register your child and view the full rehearsal schedule here!](#)

Come be part of the joy, the costumes, and the carols — and help make this Christmas Eve one to remember! ☐

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## ☐ **Sunday's Key Kids Moment** ☐

On Sunday, our two older Sunday school classes shared the banners they made of saints. Our 3rd and 4th graders talked about living saints: people in their lives who have been saints to them. Our 5th and 6th graders made banners of St. Valentine and St. Patrick.



Here are videos of children around the world celebrating as their favorite saints: In [Israel](#) and in [Ohio](#). How many do you recognize?

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## **The Closet: Volunteers Needed for St. Anne's Regularly Scheduled Days**

Below you'll find St. Anne's volunteer schedule for The Closet through the end of 2025. Please take a few moments to add these dates to your calendar.



- **Thursday, November 20**
- **Monday, December 15**

Your volunteer hours make a real difference in the ongoing success of The Closet, and we're so grateful for how strongly St. Anne's continues to be represented.

If you're interested in volunteering but haven't been to The Closet before, Cat will be there each time from 9 a.m. to noon and will be happy to help you get set up in the system to log your hours and introduce you to the staff.

☐ [Click here to visit The Closet's homepage](#) (Address is 845 Station Street in Herndon, VA)

Thank you again and if you have any questions at any time, please get in touch with either [Cat Tucker](#) or [Rita Smith](#).

## Seen Around St. Anne's...



Ray Lundquist, St. Anne's member and all-around star handyman, sanded and rehung the staff supply closet door for us last week. Thanks so much, Ray!



Unloading food for the pantry. THANKS so much to our volunteers in this photo, Clai and Poul Jorgensen, and Brady Theis. For a list of needed pantry items, please see article above.



We are deeply grateful to the Shoresim Jewish Community for their generous support of our food pantry this week. We also extend heartfelt thanks to Bernadette Capelle (pictured here with Mtr Jess), whose care and efficiency every week in managing the donated items embody the true spirit of St. Anne's ACTION Ministry!



St. Anne's will be closed this Tuesday, November 11, for Veterans' Day. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the office and leave a message and someone will get back to you.

## 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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