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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. It is about storytelling and sharing our words, our actions, our love, our joyous songs, and our connection to each other and the world.

We are grateful to those of you that have already submitted your pledge which puts us at 27% of our goal of \$795,000.

You may [make your pledge online by clicking here](#). Any questions please **contact the church office.**

All Saints Sunday is *This Sunday*

On All Saints Sunday, November 2, St. Anne's will gather in remembrance of those who have entered God's eternal care during the past year.



If you are worshipping with us [online via the livestream](#), we invite you to keep a candle close at hand, to light in memory of loved ones and as a symbol of the light that endures even in our grief.

Vestry Corner

On Sunday, October 26, Vestry met for their regularly scheduled meeting. Vestry took time to "tell out" how they are

seeing and experiencing God's greatness in this season and then received an update on the pledge campaign, which is off to an excellent start!

In addition, Bernadette Capelle and Rosie Horn reported on the 2024 audit findings. Vestry was pleased to hear that St. Anne's has a sound approach which complies with Diocesan regulations and work to address a handful of findings is already underway.

Many thanks to Bernadette and Rosie for their leadership and hard work over the past few months!



Envisioning the Future of St. Anne's

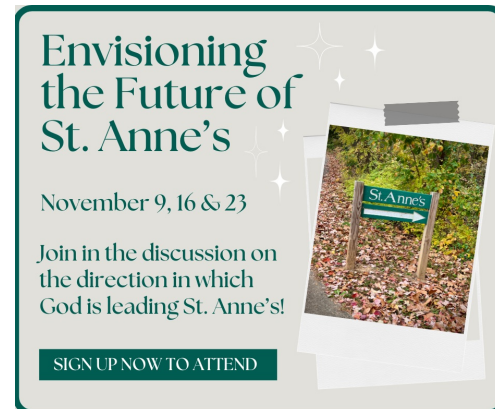
Sunday, November 9, 16 & 23

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 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, 16 and 23. Sign-ups will be broken up into small groups and we will meet in the various classrooms. If you have any questions, please [reach out to Suzi Jones](#).



Pledging 101 Information Session

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!

Youth Group: Lock-In Postponed; Will Meet at Regular Time This Sunday

Sunday, November 2, 4-5:30 PM, Room 1

The youth lock-in scheduled for this Saturday and Sunday has been postponed to accommodate many of our members who are traveling this weekend.



Instead, we will meet on Sunday at our regular time: 4-5:30 pm. We will be doing some crafting for Thanksgiving tablescapes and focusing on gratitude, especially for the saints in our lives who made us who we are today. See you then! If you have any questions, please [email Sarah Brummett](#).

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.

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- ☐ 3 cans vegetables (no green beans)
 - ☐ 2 cans fruit
 - ☐ 1 bottle olive or canola oil (24 oz)
 - ☐ 1 box instant potatoes, stuffing, or mac & cheese
 - ☐ 1 box or 2.5 lb. bag rice
 - ☐ 1 box biscuit or muffin mix
 - ☐ 1 (1-2 lb) bag dried beans or lentils
 - ☐ 1 box dessert mix - cake, cookies, etc.
 - ☐ 2 lb. bag flour
 - ☐ 2 lb. bag sugar
 - ☐ \$25 grocery store gift card (place in an envelope and leave in church office)

- **[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!**

Gift Card Drive

Due by Sunday, December 8

Our annual partnership with Cornerstones continues with our Gifts for Kids drive. Please [sign up 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!

Significant Sermons - Adult Formation

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.



Next month (November 9), we will discuss Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's sermon on "Love," from the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. Mark your calendar now to join us - you won't want to miss it!

☐ 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! ☐



☐ Sunday's Key Kids Moment ☐

Brody, Jack, Madelyn and Rory shared that when Moses and the Israelites were in the wilderness, they ate manna from off the ground. They brought up a basket of white fluffy "manna" with them.

For another fun and artful telling of Moses and the Israelites' time in the wilderness, [check out this video](#).



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](#).

Share Warmth: OAR Coat Drive

Now-February 16, 2026

THANK YOU to those that have already made donations of warm coats this Fall! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

St. Anne's coat ministry supports OAR



(Opportunities, Alternatives and Resources), a local non-profit restorative justice organization providing human services since 1971.

Needed: Clean, washable, water-resistant coats in sizes XS to XXXXL. The exception is long wool dress coats that require dry cleaning.

St. Anne's has been helping OAR for many years by donating women's and men's gently-used warm coats in all sizes. The coats go to help recently released prisoners through this act of kindness. We are helping to give these people a warm start to a new life.

Please drop off your coat(s) in the bin marked "OAR" located in the back of St. Anne's narthex where we hang our coats.

For additional information and volunteer opportunities, [contact Shon Cooper](#). THANKS for everything this congregation has done in the past to help with this valuable ministry! OAR is extremely grateful for all we do!

Diaper Ministry

We've had a significant number of Size 6 diapers donated in the past week. **Many thanks!!**

The shelves are now mostly bare for sizes 5, 4, and 3. We are still rebuilding our stock from the wipeout in September, and we have only one carton of wipes.



We know there are so many "asks" in November and we really appreciate your continued gifts to our needy community of young families.

Vote Faithfully

THIS Saturday, November 1, is the last day for early voting in Virginia's election for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and all 100 members of the House of Delegates.

On Election Day November 4, polls will be open from 6 am to 7 pm.

Information on early voting sites and hours and your polling place is available on your county's website. If you are not registered to vote or need to update your registration, you will be eligible to vote using a provisional ballot.



Seen Around St. Anne's...



Our wonderful Flower Guild continues to delight us each week with their stunning floral creations! The most recent arrangement—featuring pumpkins and gourds—has been a true celebration of the season. Here are Bernadette Capelle and Martha Furniss at work, bringing their artistry to life!



Earlier this month, our youth group hit the trails for a dose of fresh air and fellowship! Join us this Sunday in Room 1 at 4 PM for more youth group fun! (Photo courtesy of Alicia Hernandez)



A brand new welcome mat!



St. Anne's Vestry

Daria Antonucci, James Brooks (senior warden), Sarah Brummett, Bernadette Capelle, Rosie Horn, Carol Leos,

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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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