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Annual Meeting Thank You

What a joyous morning we had last Sunday reflecting on our past year of ministry together and dreaming for the year to come! Thank you to everyone who attended in person and virtually, and to everyone who worked to put the meeting together.

We celebrated and shared all the ways in which God's spirit has moved among us here at St. Anne's. To read Mother's Jess's address and all of our ministry reports, [click here](#) for the 2026 Annual Report.

Thank you to outgoing vestry members: James Brooks, Clifton Poole, Charlie Saunders, and Carol Leos (fulfilled a one-year term). We are so grateful for your leadership!

Welcome to new vestry members: Marian Egge, Brandon Huffman, Margaret Light, Matt Scott, and to our youth rep, Diana Brooks!

We are also grateful to James Juran for completing his term on the Endowment Committee.

To watch the annual meeting, [click here](#).



Mary Poppins Pops In This Sunday!

THIS SUNDAY, February 15, 2026, 3:00 PM

[Sign up here](#) to provide an item for the English Tea-themed reception following the show!

Join us this Sunday, February 15, at 3:00 PM, when Mary Poppins flies into St. Anne's for the afternoon! Mini Musicals on the Move will perform *Mary Poppins* as a benefit for the St. Anne's Food Pantry!

The show will feature our own Daria Antonucci as Mary Poppins! The 60-minute show will include sing-alongs for the audience so it's perfect for families.

We will end with an English Tea-themed reception. Please [sign up to contribute](#) if you are able.

Admission is free, but donations to expand the reach of the St. Anne's Food Party will be gratefully accepted. You won't want to miss this fun performance for all ages!



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

This Tuesday, February 17; 6:00-7:15 PM, Great Hall

On Shrove Tuesday, February 17, St. Anne's Youth Group will be hosting the Annual Pancake Supper from 6:00-7:15 PM in the Great Hall.

We're looking for a few more adult volunteers to help in the kitchen and also with cleanup. Please [email Mtr Kara](#) if you are available.



The pancake supper is an opportunity for fellowship, and **everyone is welcome to join us!** So come on out with your family, relatives, neighbors, and friends. This event is a gift from our St. Anne's youth to the congregation and is free to attend.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18

Begin your Lenten journey with Holy Eucharist and the imposition of ashes

Services at 12 pm and 7 pm (with choir @ 7)

Ashes to Go with Mtr Kara at the Wiehle Metro 7:30-9 AM

Assist at Ashes To Go

Wednesday, February 18, 7:30-9:00 AM (Wiehle-Reston Metro Station)

Join Mtr Kara to bring the traditional blessing of marking a person's forehead with ashes out to our Reston community on Ash Wednesday.

[Email Mtr Kara](#) to let her know you're interested in helping out.

Lenten Group Dinners

Sign up by [February 20 here](#)

Christians in the early church gathered in homes around meals to share fellowship and the faith. Lent is a perfect time to get to know your church family - so come break bread with your St. Anne's friends! We are organizing small group dinners (families welcome) at parishioners' homes from mid February through late March.



Whether you'd like to host a dinner or just attend and enjoy, [sign up by the February 20 deadline here](#) or in person at church on Feb 8 or Feb 15. Questions? Contact [Eve Angerosa](#) or [Cat Tucker](#).

Stargazing & S'mores

Friday, February 20, 7:00-9:00 PM, Parking Lot

Bill Burton and Charles Twardy will be at St. Anne's with their telescopes again to guide us on a tour of the night sky on Friday, February 20 at 7:00 PM! In case of clouds, we'll meet on Feb. 22.



Highlights will include a waxing crescent moon, Jupiter, the Orion Nebula, and other glories of the late winter sky!

Be sure to **bring a camping chair!** So that we know how many people will be there, [please click here to sign up to attend](#). It's sure to be a fun time in fellowship with your St. Anne's family.

Cool Blue Bags: Youth Group Food Drive

Now through March 1 until 3:00 PM



You are invited to participate in a food drive hosted by the St. Anne's Youth Group to benefit our Food Pantry! Take a reusable bag from the Narthex this Sunday, fill it up with our Pantry's most needed food items (see below), and drop off your bag outside the Sunday School youth room (you'll see a table in the hallway for collection) by Sunday, March 1 at 3:00 PM.

You are also welcome to bring your items to church with you in any bag. Our food pantry has seen a dramatic increase in the number of families we are serving this year, and we are especially focused on items most needed for children and families. As always, anything you can donate is needed and greatly appreciated.

Following are Pantry's most needed items. You can [click here for a printable list](#) for convenience.

- Chef Boyardee Microwavable Bowls, 7.5 ounces, any variety
- Single-serve cereal boxes or cereal cups, approx. 1.05 ounces, any variety
- Shelf stable milk (8 ounces) or any variety of juice boxes or pouches
- Hygiene items including any variety of bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and toilet paper. Multipacks welcome.
- Cleaning products including toilet bowl cleaner, bathroom cleaner, dish soap, and disinfecting wipes

Advocacy Ministry Meeting

Sunday, February 22, 11:30 AM, Library

Join us for our first meeting as we collectively envision and forge our next steps for the new Advocacy Ministry at St. Anne's!

If you feel called to lean into your baptismal covenant, to "strive for justice and peace in all people and respect the dignity of every human being," then you've come to the right place. Let's talk about the focus of our ministry and brainstorm how we can maximize our impact together in faith and community. No need to RSVP just come!

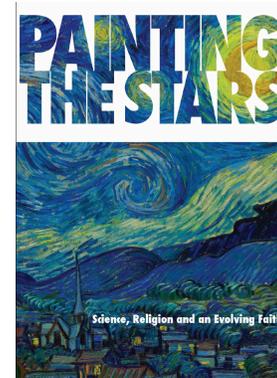


Adult Formation: Painting the Stars

Series begins Sunday, February 22, 4:00-5:30, Library (See other dates below)

From the same company that brought us "Saving Jesus Redux," *Painting the Stars: Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith* explores the promise of evolutionary Christian spirituality.

Mother Kara and Suzi Jones will guide us through the works of over a dozen leading theologians and progressive thinkers celebrating the communion of science and faith.



- Sunday, February 22, 4:00 - 5:30 pm
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- Sunday, April 12, 4:00 - 5:30 pm
- Sunday, April 26, 4:00 - 6:00 pm, including a potluck dinner

Praying with African American Spirituals

Sunday, March 1, 4:00-5:30 PM, Library

The Spirituals were created, prayed, and sung to express a deep and abiding faith in God and to share stories of the enslaved. The Spirituals were also used as a means of communicating coded messages. The songs provided hope, comfort and promise of a better future.



In this session, happening March 1 at 4:00 PM, and led by Mtr Anne Cooper and Chris Cameron, we will talk about "Lead Me, Guide Me," a gospel hymn from the 1950's. We will engage this song using the practice of Audio Divina.

Lenten Cantata: A Musical Meditation

Sunday, March 15, 4:00 PM, Sanctuary

Come join us for a sensory lenten worship experience unlike any other! Several of St. Anne's own musicians, Rob Hamilton, Laurie Corkey, and Section Leads Nicolette Polifonte and Katherine Schram, will be joined by a small chamber ensemble including Reed Trevelyan and members of the



Interchangeable String Quartet to perform a "Lenten Cantata: A Musical Meditation."

This cantata is set exclusively to Bach's music and includes selections from cantata 21, cantata BWV 156 and solo cantata BWV 82.

We will have worship stations throughout the sanctuary to help experience Lent through scent, through art, through lectio divina and more! Together we will lament, we will hold vigil with Jesus, ask for healing, and walk with him during this sacred time.

Participants will arrive and depart in silence to encourage contemplation, reflection, and prayerfulness. If you have any questions, please [reach out to Katherine Schram](#).

2026 Vacation Bible School: [Registration](#) is Open!

From Monday, June 22, 2026 to Friday, June 26, 2026 (9:00 am to 12:15 pm daily) St. Anne's will host its annual Vacation Bible School. The theme this year is *Illumination Station--Shining a Light on Who Jesus Really Is!* [Click here to sign up your child](#).



If you have any questions, please [email Anna Mary Coburn](#) or call her at 703-795-6283.

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.

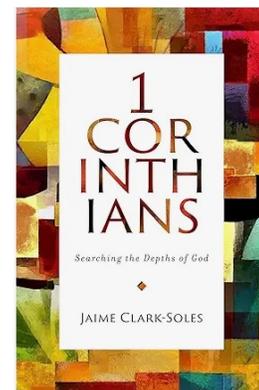
- [VBS Junior Counselors Volunteer Form](#) (rising 7th grader-12 grade) Get your school service hours at VBS!
- [Adult Volunteer Form](#)

Monday Morning Bible Study

Mondays, 10:30-12:00 via Zoom

Monday Morning Bible Study began this week but it's not too late to join! They are using *1 Corinthians: Searching the Depths of God* by Jaime Clark-Soles. The book is about the first-century church and the teachings of Paul, covering topics such as church history, spiritual gifts, death, afterlife, human sexuality, and community living.

Class format is a brief dvd presentation by the author followed by class discussion. We meet via ZOOM 10:30-noon on Mondays and new participants are always welcome! [Contact Jane Smith to join and for the zoom information](#).



The Closet Volunteer Schedule

St. Anne's was assigned six days to volunteer at The Closet starting last Fall. Three of the dates have already happened. The next three are:



- Tuesday, February 24
- Wednesday, March 18
- Thursday, April 9

To everyone who gives their time at The Closet—please know how deeply you are appreciated. Your contributions make a tremendous impact in our community!

If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering, please [reach out to Rita Smith](#).

OAR Coat Drive

Deadline is this Sunday, February 15

It has reached that time, but it's still not too late, for you to look within your closets and if you have a coat you haven't worn in years that is in good quality and meets the criteria of need, please do donate it.



We are beyond thankful and grateful for the coats we have received during our September through February 15 coat drive and we pray that our Lord will bless you for your generosity and kindness. As a reminder you are helping to provide a warm, fresh start to those who are newly released from prison through your donation of coats to OAR (Opportunities, Alternatives and Resources) of Fairfax. The criteria of need is gently used, clean, washable, water-resistant coats in sizes AS to AXXXXL for men and women. They cannot use dressy, long wool coats that need to be dry-cleaned.

An OAR labeled clear plastic box for coat donations is available in the Narthex underneath the coat rack on the left after you've entered the church.

Together let's bring warmth to our neighbors and to our hearts and theirs and make the world a better place through our collective actions. Please feel free to [email Shon Cooper](#) if you have any questions or interested in volunteering for this ministry in the future.

Shrine Mont is Coming - Save the Date for our Parish-Wide Retreat!

October 2-4, 2026



SAVE THE DATE!

We're so excited to be heading back to Shrine Mont for our Parish Retreat this year! Join us for a weekend of rest and renewal filled with fellowship, music, worship, learning, and time in the beauty of God's creation. The St. Anne's Shrine Mont Parish Retreat will take place October 2–4, 2026.

Nestled in the town of Orkney Springs, Virginia, Shrine Mont is a retreat and conference center owned by the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. Located at the foot of Great North Mountain in the Shenandoah Valley and bordering the George Washington National Forest, it offers a peaceful setting perfect for reflection and community.

LOOKING FOR A PLANNING TEAM!

We're currently looking for enthusiastic members to join our planning team! Do you enjoy organizing, leading crafts, planning games, or helping create meaningful experiences? We'd love for you to be part of making this special weekend happen! Please [send Sheri an email](#) to let her know you're interested in the planning committee and we'll be back in touch.

St. Anne's is Closed on Monday, Feb 16

St. Anne's office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 16. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the church office and a staff member will connect with you.



Seen Around St. Anne's...



Replacing the parking lot lights last Friday.



Angie Gray and Mtr Jess prepping for the annual meeting (with our mascot, Remy, overseeing from the background!).

St. Anne's Vestry

Daria Antonucci, Sarah Brummett, Bernadette Capelle, Marian Egge, Rosie Horn, Brandon Huffman, Margaret Light (Sr Warden), Christian Pelfrey, Suzanne Robinson, Nancy Santoro, Matt Scott, Cat Tucker (Jr Warden), The Very Rev. Jessica Holthus (rector & chair), The Rev. Kara Laughlin (associate rector for discipleship)

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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](#). 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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