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Walk, Bike & Roll to Worship

This Sunday, August 23

Participate in Fairfax County's 5th annual Bike, Walk & Roll to Worship Week by walking or rolling into worship at St. Anne's this Sunday!

For folks arriving at church, there will be a refreshment station at the front door with Cliff Bars, water and electrolytes.

In addition, St. Anne's will be out on the bike path Sunday morning passing out Cliff Bars. Eileen Ellis is looking for 2-3 more volunteers to assist. Please **reach out to Eileen** ASAP if you are able to help.

This mission has a positive impact on the environment in addition to health and wellness. It's a great activity that families can do together and promotes safe, affordable transportation for all ages. And we have fun swag for everyone who participates!



Back to School Blessing This Sunday

Sunday, August 23

Mark your calendar for St. Anne's second back-to-school blessing. We offered a blessing last Sunday for Loudoun County students, and this Sunday, August 23, we will offer up a blessing for Fairfax County students. Receive your cool backpack tag if you haven't already and get ready for a fabulous school year!



Fall Fellowship

Sunday, September 13, 3:30-6:30 PM, Herndon Trailside Shelter, 1022 Crestview Drive

Come join us for our congregation-wide Fall Fellowship at Herndon Trailside Shelter on Sunday, September 13 from 3:30-6:30 PM.

This event kicks off our exciting program year in the spirit of "Community!" And what a fabulous community we have! There will be food, fellowship, icebreakers, games, music and prayers.

[Sign up here](#) to bring a side dish or dessert or volunteer to help with parking, set up and/or clean up.

Fun was had by all last year and we are looking forward to the kick-off of our 2026-27 year!

Monday Morning Bible Study

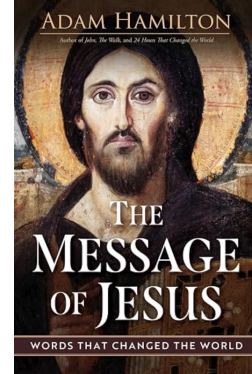
Monday, September 14, 10:30-12:00 via Zoom

The Monday Morning Bible Study will resume on Monday, Sept. 14, via Zoom, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

We will begin the semester with *The Message of Jesus* by Adam Hamilton (one of our favorite authors).

Class format is a brief video by the author followed by class discussion. The book is available on Cokesbury and Amazon.

To join the fun [contact Jane Smith](#)



St. Anne's Book Club (In Person!)

Monday, September 14, 12:00 PM, Room 6
Bring your own lunch!

Join us for an in-person book discussion of *The Coming Wave* by Mustafa Suleyman on Monday, September 14, in Room 6 at St. Anne's. Bring your own lunch.

A co-founder of DeepMind, Suleyman explores how artificial intelligence and other rapidly advancing technologies are poised to transform our world, bringing extraordinary opportunities as well as profound challenges. Together, we'll discuss what this technological wave could mean for our future and how society might navigate the road ahead.

Whether you've read every page or just want to join the conversation, all are welcome! Any questions, [reach out to Don Boileau](#)



CPR/AED Training

Saturday, September 19, 10:00-12:00, Library

St. Anne's is offering CPR/AED training for members of our congregation on Saturday, Sept 19, from 10 AM to 12 PM. We still have a few spots available for anyone interested in signing up.



This is a good course for lay/volunteer adults that will include didactic plus practice on mannikins and AEDs.

It is NOT a certification course required by certain professions. Those courses require online instruction & testing in addition to the practice component, usually offered through the American Heart Assn and Red Cross.

The cost per participant is \$35, due at the class. The instructor's name is Mary Beth Pratt, an RN and owner of Mission4life CPR LLC. She comes highly recommended by the staff at the Fairfax County Health Department.

We have several spots available and would love to fill them. Please [email Argie](#) if you are interested in participating.

Passport to Fun This Summer - Hooray!

All Summer!

Don't forget to grab your passport when you arrive on Sunday mornings! If your child hasn't already done so, kids can still grab a Passport when they arrive at church! Pick one

up near the name tags in the Narthex!

We continue to go on quite a journey this summer...and we'd love for your child to join us!



Volunteer with The Closet

We already have the first date on our schedule for next week, Tuesday, August 25. See all the dates below:



Volunteer Dates Assigned to St. Anne's

- Tuesday, August 25 (next week!)
- Saturday, September 19
- Tuesday, October 13
- Thursday, November 5
- Tuesday, December 1
- Saturday, December 26

Also, they will be needing extra support from the volunteers the week of October 12, getting things unpacked, priced, and put on display tables at the Moose Lodge for the Everything Christmas Sale on October 16-17. Everyone really enjoys helping with this event.

If you or a friend might be interested in volunteering, please give it a try! The Closet is a well-run thrift store that gives back to the community in countless ways. Its success depends on dedicated volunteers, and every helping hand is truly valued.

Upcoming Dates to Save

- September 5: The Closet's Annual Fashion Show (Get your ticket ASAP because as of earlier this week, they only have 26 tickets left.)
- October 16–17: Everything Christmas Sale
- December 12: Winter Market

Please feel free to [reach out to Rita Smith](#) if you have any questions!

Vote Faithfully Series

Thursdays, Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5; 1:30-2:00 PM

On the first Thursday of each month from June through November, The Episcopal Church's Public Policy and Witness team is hosting a series of "Vote Faithfully" calls to support voter engagement in ways consistent with Episcopal values.



During the calls, hosts will share resources and ideas to help congregations promote voting and civic participation while remaining nonpartisan (avoiding support for specific political parties, candidates, or platforms).

Today's call focused on important voter registration and election deadlines and how to make a congregational communications plan.

[Registration and additional information can be found her](#)

Any questions, [reach out to Susan Schreiner](#)

Public Witness Weekly Prayers



The Episcopal Public Policy Network is a grassroots advocacy program of The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations. It works to educate, equip and engage church members on national issues in line with our values.

Join us each week as we share new prayers for the vulnerable among us facing challenges, fears, and threats. We will name many of the harms unfolding and acknowledge what is being erased, lost, and threatened.

These prayers are not a replacement for action; they are meant to offer space for grounding and discernment as we seek to bear one another's burdens in the love and way of Christ.

[Read the full blog post here.](#)

Seen Around St. Anne's...



Last Sunday, Mtr Jess offered a sweet blessing of the honey gathered from St. Anne's very own bees, with Eileen Ellis by her side. A wonderful treat from St. Anne's littlest members of our community! 



St. Anne's staff stopped by Evan & Angie Gray's to wish Evan a happy 95th birthday yesterday. Shown are Rob Hamilton, Sheri Schaffer, Angie & Evan Gray, Mtr Jess and Mtr Kara. Be sure to wish Evan a happy birthday when you see him!



Special delivery for the Bee Team...a freezer chest to keep the honeycombs cold! 

St. Anne's Vestry

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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 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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