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### Vestry Update

On Sunday, Feb 22, the Vestry met for their annual transition and orientation meeting. They gathered for a meal, celebrated the wisdom and gifts shared by outgoing members, commissioned new members, and provided onboarding orientation.

Margaret Light was appointed as our new Senior Warden, and Cat Tucker was appointed Junior Warden. Karl Hafer will continue as Treasurer, and Shannon Barna will continue as Registrar.

Vestry also received an update on the progress of the Feasibility Study. Members are very excited for Kirby Smith to share their conclusions with the congregation during the week of March 15.



### Feasibility Study Survey

*Due by next Friday, March 6*

Through the feasibility study feedback, St. Anne's leadership will finalize a plan to address our space needs. Now is the time to make your voice heard!



Haven't completed a survey or participated in an interview? There is still time! Extra paper surveys are available in the church office or [you can click here to access it electronically](#).

A date and time can be [chosen online for interviews as well by clicking here](#) or by contacting Richie Musser at 484-364-0601 or [rmusser@kirbysmith.com](mailto:rmusser@kirbysmith.com).

You can [read more about the Feasibility Study here](#), including the vision presentation and brochure.

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### Lenten Group Dinners - Last Call for Sign-Ups

*Sign up by tomorrow, February 27, [here](#)*

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 now through late March.

Whether you'd like to host a dinner or just attend and enjoy, [sign up by tomorrow, February 27, here](#). Questions? Contact [Eve Angerosa](#) or [Cat Tucker](#).



## Praying with African American Spirituals

*This 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.



## Cool Blue Bags: Youth Group Food Drive

*Deadline to turn in your bag is this Sunday, March 1, by 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 on 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 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

## Food Drive Sorting

*This Sunday, March 1, 4:00-5:30*

St. Anne's youth (and friends!) are invited to join us **this Sunday, March 1**, from 4 to 5:30, to sort the donations from the food drive, and reflect on our Lenten journeys so far.

## Thanks to the Youth for a Fabulous Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!



## Food Pantry Update

### FOOD

In February, the St. Anne's Food Pantry served 139 families, totalling 415 individuals, through our monthly distribution. Each family received pre-packed grocery bags with non-perishable items, fresh produce, frozen meat, hygiene products, and a variety of choice staple items such as cooking oil, flour, and salt.



Those served included 165 children (0–17), 131 adults (18–60), and 119 seniors (60+). More than 30 volunteers supported the distribution, with additional volunteers working throughout the month to collect food from partners including the Capital Area Food Bank, Food for Others, Cornerstones, and A Simple Gesture. Volunteers included members of the St. Anne's congregation, the Reston community, and Food Pantry recipients.

We are deeply grateful for the generous food and financial donations from our parish community. Thank you to all who volunteer, support, and sustain this vital ministry.

### DIAPERS

In February, the Diaper Team served 45 families, distributing 76 bundles of diapers. We are currently in urgent need of sizes 5 and 6. Our supply of size 5 has been depleted, and while we met all requests for size 1, that inventory is now exhausted. Sizes 1 and 2 are also needed. Size 6 remains the most requested, as children typically use this size for an extended period. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

## Wednesday Morning Prayer Time

*Wednesdays, 8:30 AM, Chapel*

Join Mtr Kara in starting your Wednesday with a contemplative morning prayer service. All ages are welcome to this brief (approximately 15 minutes) service of prayer and scripture reading.



## Moving Mountains Mission Trip

July 11-18, 2026

[Get information and register now here!](#)

Youth who will be rising 9th–12th graders next summer (and rising 8th graders who attend with a parent—so current 8th graders and up) are invited to join St. Anne's and the North Fairfax Region for our youth mission trip to Southwest Virginia.



Last year, our team built multiple ramps and helped improve a family's living conditions. Because of that work, one woman was finally able to access parts of her home she previously couldn't reach. The impact was powerful—for her and for all of us.

This trip is a wonderful opportunity to serve, grow, and build lasting friendships with fellow St. Anne's teens. Bonds formed during the week often continue throughout the year, as last summer's group so beautifully demonstrated. Clifton H. Poole will lead the trip, with Mtr. Kara serving as chaplain.

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### 🔑 Kids Key Moment 🔑

Reese shared that her class talked about sharing on Sunday, and she showed us her picture which she planned to share with her whole family. She certainly took the sharing lesson to heart!



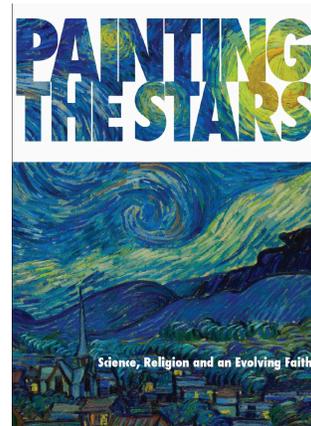
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## Adult Formation: Painting the Stars

Sunday, March 8, 4:00-5:30, Library (See other dates below)

***Are science and religion really in conflict? Can we remain faithful Christians while embracing the truths of modern science?***

*Painting the Stars: Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith* invites us into this rich and timely conversation. Featuring a compelling video dialogue with more than a dozen leading theologians and progressive thinkers, this series explores the dynamic relationship between scientific discovery and Christian faith — and celebrates the deep communion between them.



Through thoughtful teaching and engaging discussion, we will consider how faith and science together can expand our understanding of God, creation, and our place within it.

The series started last Sun (Feb 22) but you are welcome to come anytime it works for you. Following are upcoming dates:

- Sunday, March 8, 4:00 - 5:30 pm
- Sunday, March 22, 4:00 - 5:30 pm
- Sunday, April 12, 4:00 - 5:30 pm
- Sunday, April 26, 4:00 - 6:00 pm, including a potluck dinner

A participant handbook accompanies this curriculum and will enrich your experience. You can [download it by clicking here](#). Use this password to access it: **sm9843pts**

We hope you'll join [Mtr. Kara](#) and [Suzi Jones](#) for this exciting, thoughtful, and faith-expanding series!

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## Finger Labyrinth Workshop

*Friday, March 13, 4-6 PM, Room 6*

On March 13 from 6-8, you and your family are invited to join us for a Finger Labyrinth Making Workshop designed for all ages and stages of life. Whether you come on your own, with a friend, or as part of a family, there will be options for everyone—simple, hands-on designs for children and beginners, as well as more detailed and intricate patterns for those who'd like a deeper creative challenge.



Each participant will leave with a handmade finger labyrinth to use throughout the remainder of Lent as part of a personal prayer or contemplative practice. We'll also share resources on the history of labyrinths and offer practical guidance on how to incorporate finger labyrinths into prayer, reflection, and quiet meditation.

No experience is needed—just come curious!

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## 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](#).

Note that youth group will meet from 3:00-4:00 on this Sunday (March 15) so they can attend this event.

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## Good Friday Stations of the Cross and Labyrinth Walk at St. Anne's

*Friday, April 3, following the Noon Good Friday Service*

On Good Friday, April 3, we will be walking in the way of Jesus by following the path of the labyrinth using Stations of the Cross.

Led by Rev. Linda Calkins, somewhat retired clergy in the Diocese of Virginia, she has written a Stations of the Cross using artwork and new wording.

We will gather in the library following the Noon Good Friday worship to walk the labyrinth. The library will be quiet and dark with candles; the labyrinth is one used at St. Anne's previously but this time with a specific focus.



Please join with others honoring the via dolorosa as we make our way to the cross, then leave in silence, remembering this most holy day in the death of Jesus.

## Looking for VBS Campers & Volunteers

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!*



Sign up for campers and volunteers is below. If you have any questions, please [email Anna Mary Coburn](mailto:anna.mary.coburn@stanne.org) or call her at 703-795-6283.

[Camper Registration Form](#)

[Jr Counselor Volunteer Form](#)

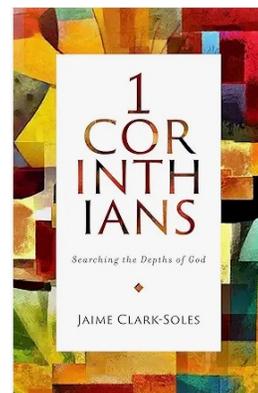
[Adult Volunteer Form](#)

## Monday Morning Bible Study

*Mondays, 10:30-12:00 via Zoom*

The Monday Morning Bible Study group is 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.](#) All are welcome!



## 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.

## Seen Around St. Anne's... Friday Night's Stargazing was a Success!



St. Anne's grounds wrapped in a quiet blanket of snowfall Monday morning.



Ashes to Go last Wednesday. A huge thank you to Chris Cameron, Robin Drake, and Sidney Johnson who came to assist Mtr Kara.

## 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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[The Very Reverend Jessica Holthus](#), Rector  
[The Reverend Kara Laughlin](#), Associate Rector for Discipleship  
[Robert Hamilton](#), Music Director  
[Margaret Light](#), Senior Warden  
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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.

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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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