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Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, February 9, 10:00 AM

Our annual meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 9th at the 10:00 worship** service. This will be an exciting time to highlight on the ways that God's Spirit is working in our community.

We will reflect on and celebrate the accomplishments of the past year, recognize outgoing vestry members, raise up new leadership, and dream up how God is inviting us to use our spiritual gifts to meet the needs of the world.

To foster and encourage participation, there will be no 8:00 AM service that day.



Vestry Corner

Vestry reconvened after Christmas break on Sunday, January 26 for their regular scheduled meeting.

The Stewardship campaign has come to a close. Vestry was happy to report that through the diligent work of the Stewardship Team, pledges came in just over \$700,000. Factoring in our non-pledged, but recurring donations, we expect to come within \$2,000 of our 2025 goal of \$723,000.

They also shared out updates from various ministries. Expenses for 2024 came within 1% of our budgeted amount, which was good news. Vestry is continuing to catch up and complete audits for prior years.

The Vestry is preparing for transition next month with the outgoing Vestry, recognizing and thanking our outgoing members and welcoming and orienting our new members. Please make sure to join us on Sunday, Feb. 9 at 10:00 AM for the annual meeting.



Praying with African American Spirituals (Adult Formation)

This Sunday, February 2, 4-5:30 PM, Library

Come sing and pray the African American Spirituals with us and expand our knowledge of racial history in the United States!



This session will focus on *Lift Every Voice and Sing*. This song is not a traditional spiritual, rather a poem set to music written in 1900 for school children in celebration of Abraham Lincoln's birthday. It has become known as the Black National Anthem, and is seen as one of the most powerful hymns in American history.

All are welcome to join us in the Library from 4:00-5:30 on Sunday, February 2. Any questions, please reach out to the leaders, [Mother Annie Cooper](#) and [Chris Cameron](#).

Adult Formation Rescheduled

February 16 & 23, 4-5:30 PM, Library

The adult formation committee is sponsoring three discussion sessions on various sermons by Martin Luther King, Jr. as a way of celebrating not only the MLK, Jr. Day but as an educational endeavor to understand through his sermons the themes, illustrations, and rhetorical powers of Martin Luther King, Jr. Most of us understand him as a Civil Rights leader, but King is worth studying as an outstanding preacher.



The first session took place earlier this month. The other two will be held on February 16 and February 23 at 4:00 PM in the Library. Each session is a "stand alone discussion" with different sermons discussed for each session. Any questions, please [reach out to Don Boileau](#).

St. Anne's Book Club

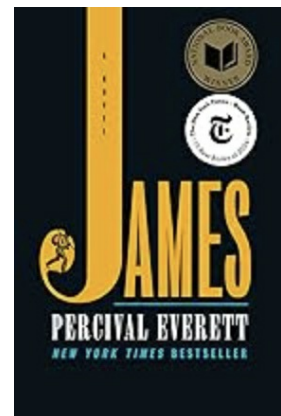
Monday, February 24, 9:00 AM [note time change to 30 minutes earlier], Zoom

Book: **James**, by Percival Everett

When the enslaved Jim overhears that he is about to be sold to a man in New Orleans, separated from his wife and daughter forever, he decides to hide on nearby Jackson Island until he can formulate a plan.

Meanwhile, Huck Finn has faked his own death to escape his violent father, recently returned to town. As all readers of American literature know, thus begins the dangerous and transcendent journey by raft down the Mississippi River toward the elusive and too-often-unreliable promise of the Free States and beyond.

While many narrative set pieces of *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* remain in place (floods and storms, stumbling across both unexpected death and unexpected treasure in the myriad stopping points along the river's banks, encountering the scam artists posing as the Duke and Dauphin), Jim's agency, intelligence and compassion are shown in a radically new light. Brimming with the electrifying humor and lacerating observations that have made Everett a "literary icon" (*Oprah Daily*), and one of the most decorated writers of our lifetime, *James* is destined to be a cornerstone of twenty-first century American literature.



[Email Don Boileau](#) with any questions or to receive the Zoom link.

New DucksRow Course Coming to St. Anne's!

Begins Friday, February 28 and runs every other week for 6 sessions, 10:00-11:45 AM, Room 6

DucksRow is a 6-session course designed to

support you as you tackle the immense task of organizing the life you spent decades building. Many of our St. Anne's Life Planning Workshops focus on the need to ease the administrative and emotional burden on your loved ones when your time comes. This course shows you how.



Classes meet every other week at 10:00 am for 1.5 - 2 hours beginning Feb 28. Each meeting includes an educational component as well as the opportunity to share ideas and discuss relevant concerns. Expect accountability, camaraderie, mutual support and a few laughs as we tackle this daunting task together!

Cost is \$50 for the workbook and materials. More information can be found on the [DucksRow website](#). To register, [contact Brian Wynne](#). Participation is limited to 14 and will be handled on a first come first serve basis.

Food Pantry January Distribution Update

The St. Anne's Food Pantry provided food to 88 Reston households at the January distribution, with a total of 232 individuals in those households. There were 85 children age 17 and younger served, 69 adults ages 18-59 and 78 senior citizens aged 60+ that received food. Each recipient received 1-2 bags of groceries, a bag of fresh produce, packages of frozen meat, personal care items and choices of spices, cooking oil, flour and assorted other food items.

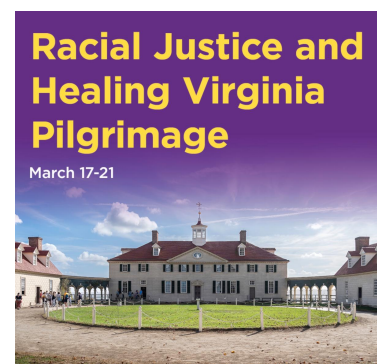


The Diaper Team distributed 62 packages of diapers to 31 families. Each family also received one package of wipes. The most frequent request was for size 6. No surprises there but we were happy to note two requests for size one so we have some newborns in our thriving community. We also offer any donated baby related items to our families. Used clothing for both girls and boys is greatly appreciated. We will refine our list of needed diaper sizes next week, but rest assured it's safe to donate size 6 and wipes!

Diocesan Event: Pilgrimage for Racial Justice in Virginia

March 17-March 21

The Virginia Diocese is hosting an immersive, transformative experience designed to deepen your understanding of racial justice and healing in Virginia. This pilgrimage will take you through visits to historic sites, guided reflections, and opportunities for prayer and meaningful conversation. Participants will engage with the history of racial injustice and the ongoing work of racial justice. For more information and to register, [click here](#). **Space is limited and the first deposit is due by Friday, Jan. 31.**



Important Requirement: To participate, you must have completed Sacred Ground or some other relevant racial justice training programming within the last 2 years. Note: The pilgrimage involves high mobility demands, including significant amounts of time walking and standing throughout the journey.

We look forward to walking with you on this journey of reflection, justice, and healing. For more information and/or registration please [contact Tammy Lewis](#).

Monday Morning Bible Study

Mondays from January 27-March 3, 10:30-Noon, Zoom

Monday morning Bible Study resumes on Jan. 27 with a 6-week study of *Context - Putting Scripture in Its Place* by Josh Scott. The book is available from [Cokesbury](#) or [Amazon](#).

Class meets via ZOOM from 10:30-noon and consists of a brief video by the author followed by class discussion.

All are welcome. [Contact Jane Smith](#) to be added to the mailing list.



Seen Around St. Anne's...

Shon Cooper working hard on sanding the old altar in preparation to mount our four gospel wood carvings. So exciting...thanks for all your work on this, Shon!



St. Anne's Vestry

Kathy Boileau, James Brooks (senior warden), Sarah Brummett, Bernadette Capelle, Sandy Chamblee-Head, David Egge (youth representative), Peggy Hobler, Christian Pelfrey, Clifton Poole, Suzanne Robinson, Nancy Santoro, Charlie Saunders (junior warden), Christine Skitol, The Very Rev. Jessica Holthus (rector & chair), Rev. Dr. Nancy D. Searby (deacon)

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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 at administrator@stannes-reston.org. 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 at administrator@stannes-reston.org with the date, time and number of people you expect in attendance.



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