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ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Living Stories this Sunday

Last year, St. Anne's was invited to join the Living Stories movement. Living Stories is an innovative homiletical approach transforming traditional sermons into dynamic, interactive storytelling sessions. This unique method involves both children and adults in responding to the story, fostering intergenerational dialogue and participation.



Drawing inspiration from Montessori and Godly Play traditions, Living Stories brings the Sunday Lectionary readings to life in an accessible and engaging way.

We're proud to share that St. Anne's is now a part of the Living Stories Sermons cohort of 12 churches nationwide using Living Stories on a regular basis, and Mtr Jess will be using Living Stories to tell her sermon this Sunday. You won't want to miss this communal and inclusive experience on Sunday!

You can learn more about Living Stories on [St. Gregory of Nyssa's website](#).

Remember and Honor Your Loved Ones with Easter Flowers

Make your donation by Monday, April 14

You are invited to make a donation of beautiful Easter flowers in memory of a loved one who passed away, or in thanksgiving for the blessings of family members or friends.

Recommended donation is \$45 and must be received by Monday, April 14, to be included in the worship bulletins at all Easter Services. [Make your dedication here](#).



If you would like to help our flower team arrange Easter flowers, please [contact Martha Furniss](#) for details!

Adult Formation: Praying With African American Spirituals

Next Sunday, April 6, 4-5:30, 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 "**My Lord, What a Morning**," a spiritual with a call-and-response, verse-refrain structure.

As with many spirituals, the text does not have a single author or composer but was probably written collectively. Many spirituals were written by enslaved people, but "**My Lord, What a Morning**" was more likely written by free Black people. The text of the spiritual refers to multiple passages in scripture, from falling stars in Revelation and Matthew, to the trumpet blasts in 1 Corinthians and 1 Thessalonians.



All are welcome to join us in the Library from 4:00-5:30 on Sunday, April 6. Any questions, please reach out to the leaders, [Mother Annie Cooper](#) and [Chris Cameron](#).

Civic Support Group

Tuesdays @ 7:00-8:00 PM, Library

Federal workers, contractors, and government retirees, we recognize the extreme challenge and turmoil that you and others in our congregation are experiencing with the new administration. In everchanging times like these, it is important to stay grounded in God and community.

Join us Tuesdays in Lent at 7 PM in the Library as we pause to recenter in Christ and support one another in community. The Civic Support Group is a safe space to help us process and share what we are experiencing. A place to ask questions, share resources, and reflect on how the political climate is impacting us. A place to be in solidarity with one another and hold each other up in hope and love of Christ.



Come **LIVE IT OUT** at VBS This Summer - REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

*June 23-27, 9:00-12:15; Camp Sunday, June 28
Deadline to register is May 4*

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

VBS will be held in June this year (June 23-27) and we'd love to have our little campers back for another week of summer fun! Gredel Ellender and Alicia Peralta have agreed to be Co-Directors for the camp and we are so grateful to them!



LIVE IT OUT will help us discover how to love like Jesus by focusing on five key aspects of faith: love, live, share, forgive, and serve. Each aspect is rooted in a Bible story that encourages campers to embody these values in their daily lives. This emphasizes practical application, guiding children to live out their faith through tangible actions that reflect Christ's teachings.

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)

Compline Service

Tuesdays during Lent @ 8:00 PM via Zoom

Join us via Zoom on Tuesdays at 8 PM during Lent for Compline, also known as Night Prayer, or the *Prayers at the End of the Day*. Compline is the final prayer liturgy of the day in the Christian tradition of canonical hours and lasts approximately 15-20 minutes. All are welcome. No sign-up necessary. Zoom information is below.



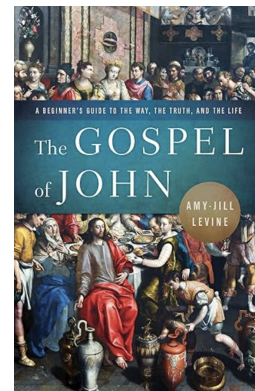
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Monday Morning Bible Study

Mondays through April 28, 10:30-12:00, Zoom

The Monday Morning Bible Study began its last course for this semester on March 24 and you're still welcome to join. The text is *The Gospel of John* by Amy-Jill Levine. It's a 6-lesson study available on Amazon and Cokesbury.



We meet via ZOOM from 10:30-12:00 on non-holiday Mondays. Class format includes a brief video presentation by the author followed by class discussion.

Newcomers are always welcome. [Contact Jane Smith](#) to be added to the roster.

Moving Mountains Mission Trip

June 14-21, 2025

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

This trip is an incredible opportunity to make friends and bond with St. Anne's teens. Friendships will be forged that continue throughout the year, as our teens this past summer have shown us! Clifton Poole will lead the trip once again.



The mission gives participants an opportunity to volunteer for building/home repair projects, teaching elementary school students in the community, or scientific research at Estanoa Wetlands Learning Center.

Teens will lead work sites, admin crews, make decisions and keep things moving.

The trip is open to rising 9th graders through 2nd year college students. Exceptions are made for rising 8th grade when their parent/guardian comes along.

Participants will travel by car to St Paul, VA located in the Appalachian Mountains in southwestern Virginia. The area is known for its beauty and its great people.

Seen Around St. Anne's...



Deacon Nancy welcoming the children during the service on Sunday. Such a special part of Worship every week! (photo courtesy of Eileen Ellis)



Thank you to the Sunday School students who provided the delicious pretzels during Java Junction on Lenten Pretzel Sunday! Such a fun tradition at St. Anne's! (photo courtesy of Eileen Ellis)



Beekeeper Team Member, Ray Lundquist, with employees from the Virginia Department of Agriculture who were here Monday inspecting the hives to ensure they are healthy. Beekeeper Team Member, Eileen Ellis, is happy to report that they "passed the inspection with flying colors, which is a testament to our Bee Team's attentive management of our apiary."



Actually seen OUTSIDE St. Anne's...the Lenten Dinners are in full swing! Here's a group enjoying a meal together at Kathleen and Ray Lundquist's home. (photo courtesy of Eve Angerosa)

Have you taken any fun or interesting pictures of our ministries or activities in action that we've held in our parish? [Please share them with us!](#) We will add as many as we can to future e-news's!

St. Anne's Vestry

Daria Antonucci, James Brooks (senior warden), Sarah Brummett, Bernadette Capelle, Rosie Horn, Carol Leos, Christian Pelfrey, Clifton Poole, Suzanne Robinson, Nancy Santoro, Charlie Saunders (junior warden), Cat Tucker, 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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