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Update on Envisioning the Future of St. Anne's



From November 9, 2025 to January 11, 2026, parishioners at St. Anne's were invited to participate in brainstorming groups to begin the process of visioning where God may be calling us next. Ninety parishioners participated in twelve visioning groups! A description of the trends of the ideas offered in these groups can be found by [clicking here](#).

The vision session leaders will be at the 8:00 and 10:00 services on Sunday to answer questions. Thank you to everyone who offered their ideas. Together, we are embarking on an exciting journey!

Migrant Accompaniment Training

This Saturday, January 17, 9:30 AM - 12:30PM

Location announced after registration

Learn how to provide practical and emotional support during ICE/ISAP check-ins and court hearings, easing the impact of a dehumanizing immigration system. Whether offering transportation, being a compassionate witness, or simply showing up with a caring presence, your support makes all the difference.



More information and registration can be found by [clicking here](#).

Calling all Stuffies!

Bring stuffies to St. Anne's no later than this Sunday, January 18

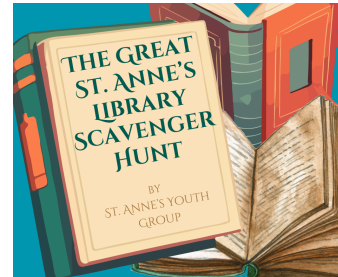
St. Anne's is collaborating with Epiphany Episcopal Church in Herndon to collect and distribute stuffed animals ("stuffies") to support vulnerable children impacted by ICE and deportation issues. If you would like to participate in this program, please bring a new stuffie to St. Anne's no later than this Sunday, January 18. We will deliver the stuffies to Epiphany next week for distribution to the children. Please, new or very gently used stuffed animals only.



Youth Group Scavenger Hunt

This Sunday, January 18, 4:00-5:30, Library

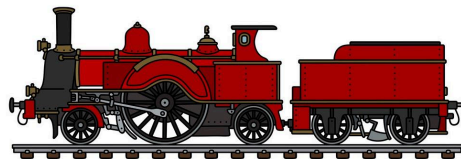
Grab your friends and pull up to youth group this Sunday for our 3rd Annual Library Scavenger Hunt! We're meeting in the St. Anne's Library at our usual time (4–5:30 p.m.). We'll split into teams and uncover some cool hidden gems you've probably walked past a hundred times.



Expect friendly competition, fun surprises, prizes, and a few bonus challenges along the way!

Goodie Bringers Needed for Java Junction

[Click here to sign up to bring goodies](#)



Some say "food is love," and our Java Junction team loves to feed St. Anne's but we could use some help. We are looking for people to help provide those goodies that parishioners look for after the 10 AM service on Sundays. It's helpful to [sign up in advance](#) (by Saturday morning every week) so the Java Junction team knows what will be provided.

We have a considerable number of congregation members with food allergies so thank you in advance for considering gluten-free, nut-free and dairy-free options and letting a Java Junction team member know about the ingredients in your homemade items.

Due to considerable peanut allergies in the congregation, we appreciate at least one weeks' notice if you plan to bring something with peanuts in it.

And if you're great at brewing coffee, plating food and/or washing coffee pots and platters, the Java Junction team welcomes you, too! For additional information, please [contact Eileen Ellis](#).

Community Responder Training

Wednesday, January 21, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Location is in Reston and will be announced after registration

Are you interested in taking action locally to support our immigrant neighbors? They particularly need help in Herndon as just this past Friday, 11 of our immigrant neighbors were taken from a Herndon parking lot.

Join NVM (New Virginia Majority) Loudoun & Western Fairfax Solidarity Committee for Community Responder Training. You'll gain the knowledge and skills to take action to create more safety for immigrant neighbors. This is for people who are NOT at risk of ICE action.

Questions? Feel free to message the organizer at gfrazer@verizon.net or call 703-966-7944.

[Click here to register.](#)



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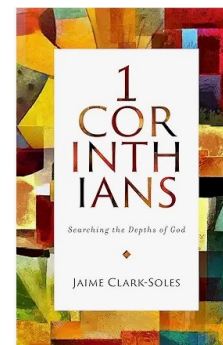
DATE: Wednesday, Jan 21
TIME: 4:00-6:00 pm
LOCATION: Reston
Exact address provided upon registration.
Contact Tracy (571.259.0624) or tracyendo@gmail.com for more info!

Monday Morning Bible Study

Begins Monday, February 2, 10:30-12:00 via Zoom

Monday Morning Bible Study begins a new course February 2. We will be 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.](#)

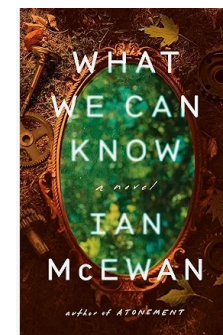


St. Anne's Book Club

Monday, February 9, 9:00 AM via Zoom

The St. Anne's book club will meet Monday, February 9 at 9 AM to discuss *What We Can Know*, by Ian McEwan. From the Booker prize-winning author, a genre-bending novel where a scholar in 2119 investigates a mysterious poem read at a dinner party in 2014, uncovering love and crime in a post-apocalyptic England.

For questions and the zoom information, please [email Don Boileau](#).



Kids Key Moment

Last Sunday, Madelyn shared her picture of the three wise men, and told us how they heard Jesus was born, so they came looking for him.

Here's [a great all-ages song](#) by James Taylor about the wise men and Epiphany. Thank you, Madelyn!



Mary Poppins is Making a Stop at St. Anne's!

Sunday, February 15, 2026, 3:00 PM

Join us on February 15 at 3PM, 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, and her husband Larry Travis as Mr. Banks! The show will include sing-alongs for the audience so it's perfect for families (or as Mary Poppins would say....it's "practically perfect in every way!").

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



Annual Meeting - Save the Date!

Sunday, February 8, 10:00 AM

Save the date for our annual parish meeting on Sunday, February 8 at the 10:00 worship hour. This will be an exciting time to highlight the ways that God's Spirit is working in our community. During this yearly time together we will recognize outgoing vestry members and raise up new leadership. No 8:00 AM service that day.



Coats Still Being Collected

We're truly blessed and grateful for the coats we have received thus far and we pray that you'll continue donating to this need as the temperatures dip and the need increases. Your generosity and kindness goes a long way and is appreciated.



Help provide a warm, fresh start to those who are newly released from prison. OAR (Opportunities, Alternatives and Resources) of Fairfax needs 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 box for donations is available in the Narthex. Together let's bring warmth to our neighbors and to our hearts and make the world a better place through our collective actions.

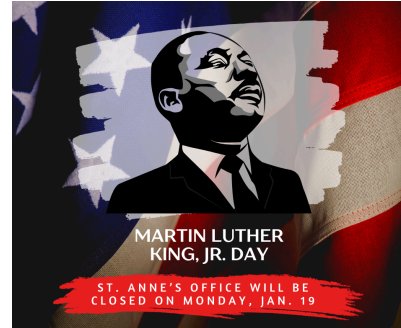
Please feel free to [email Shon Cooper](#) if you have any questions or interest in volunteering to this ministry.

Stewardship Update:



Church Office Closed This Monday in Observance of MLK Day

If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the church office and leave a message and someone will get back to you.



In and Around St. Anne's...



Christian and Kelsey Pelfrey, along with their daughters Ophelia and Violet, enjoyed a wonderful tour of the National Cathedral last Saturday with fellow St. Anne's members. A huge **THANK YOU** to Emily Muha for organizing such a memorable and engaging experience!



Bob Rich always generously and graciously lends his time and expertise with counting the offering money before it goes to the bank. Thanks for all you do, Bob!



Meet Remy, St. Anne's resident racoon and office mascot, holding Mtr Kara's sweet little bee. Come by and say hi next time you're at the church!

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), The Rev. Kara Laughlin (associate rector for discipleship)

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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 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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