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Fall Fellowship

*Sunday, September 7, 3:30 PM (Note New Time!),
Herndon Trailside Park*

Please join us for a congregation-wide Fall Fellowship at Herndon Trailside Park on Sunday, September 7 at 3:30 PM. Please note this is a new time!

There are so many ways to volunteer...set up, clean up, assist with parking, and/or to provide an item to bring. [Click here to sign up!](#)

The Fall Fellowship kicks off our exciting program year. There will be food, fellowship, icebreakers, games, activities around our ministry areas, music and prayers. Fun was had by all last year and we are looking forward to the kick-off of our 2025-26 year!



2025-26 Sunday School & Youth Group [Registration Now Open!](#)

We are so excited to begin our new program year on September 7th! Parents, please take a moment to register your child(ren) for Sunday School (Pre-K–6th grade) or Youth Group (6th–12th grades). [Click here to register.](#)

We ask all families to complete a new registration each year, even if you've registered in the past.

We look forward to a joyful year of faith, learning, and community!



Adult Formation is Almost Here!

Sunday, September 21, 4:00-6:00 PM, Library

Mark your calendars for the first of many fabulous adult formation offerings on Sunday, September 21, 4:00–6:00 PM. We will begin the first of three gatherings in our **Reston/St. Anne's Community Series** on that date. This series will:



- Revisit the origins of both Reston and St. Anne's
- Explore our shared history through the voices of our members
- Discern how God is calling us into future ministry within our community

We'll kick things off that day with ***Another Way of Living: The Story of Reston, VA*** — a film screening followed by discussion.

And stay tuned for next week's e-newsletter, where we'll give you the entire Fall line-up of our incredible faith formation offerings!

August Food Pantry Update

August brought an incredible surge in need at St. Anne's Food Pantry. Compared to July, the number of family members served increased by more than 50%. This month, we provided food to 117 households, supporting a total of 334 family members.

Families received pantry staples such as canned vegetables, fruit, tomato sauce, beans, rice, pasta, mac & cheese, and shelf-stable milk. In addition, we were able to distribute fresh vegetables, frozen meat, toiletries, cooking oil, spices, condiments, and other essentials.



The increased demand extended to our Diaper Ministry as well. We assisted 51 families, distributing 62 packages of diapers. Size 6 diapers were, once again, the most requested (22 packages given), followed by size 5 (15 packages). Unfortunately, we ran out of size 2 early and substituted size 3 when needed.

Looking ahead, next week's e-newsletter will include a donation list. We will also begin offering gently used, clean clothing for babies and toddlers. Parents deeply appreciate donations of toys, stuffed animals, and other baby/toddler items.

Thank you for your continued generosity, St. Anne's! It is because of your support that we can meet the growing needs of our community.

All God's Children Have a Place in the Choir!



St. Anne's Choristers

St. Anne's Choristers, our children's choir, is welcoming new members for the upcoming church year! All children and youth in Grade 3 and up are invited to join.

Rehearsals: Sundays after the service (approx. 45 minutes).

Singing in Church: About once a month — on those Sundays, we rehearse at 9:30 AM before the service.

First Rehearsal: Sunday, September 7

No prior experience needed — just a love for music and a willingness to participate! If your child is interested, please speak to Rob after a service or [email Rob](#).

St. Anne's Choir

St. Anne's Choir is always looking for new voices to join our musical ministry—whether you're a soprano, alto, tenor, or bass! As we prepare for the new program year, now is the perfect time to get involved.

Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, and Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM before the service.

If you're interested in joining or would like more information, please speak with Rob after a service or [reach out to Rob via email](#).



The Closet: Investing in Our Community's Future

The Closet continues to make a powerful impact in our community! So far, in 2025 alone, \$60,000 in college scholarships were awarded to local students, helping them pursue their dreams of higher education. Since its founding in 1974, The Closet has invested over \$779,000 in scholarships for area youth.



In true St. Anne's fashion, we love supporting our community and in particular, The Closet, and are so grateful for the strong presence St. Anne's has there! We recently received our volunteer schedule for The Closet through the end of 2025. Please mark your calendars and join us at one, two, or all of the dates. Your time and service make a huge difference in the continued success of this important ministry.

Upcoming Volunteer Dates:

- Wednesday, September 17
- Saturday, October 11
- Wednesday, October 29
- Thursday, November 20
- Monday, December 15

In addition to volunteering at The Closet, following are three other ways you can support it as well in the month of September:

Annual Fashion Show: Saturday, September 6, 4 PM – 7 PM

Join us Saturday, September 6 for The Closet's Annual Fashion Show – in the store for the first time – and an *exclusive* shopping experience like never before! More information can be found by [clicking here](#) (note this is a link to a Facebook page).

Tickets are on sale now for \$10 inside the store!

Restocking the Racks after the Fashion Show: Monday, September 8, 8 AM - 10 AM

The Closet needs help restocking the racks after the Fashion Show from 8-10AM.

Please [click this link to volunteer](#) via SignUp Genius.

The Closet's Everything Christmas: September 19-20

Holiday Shopping is starting early this year with the Everything Christmas Sale on September 19-20.

Location: Moose Lodge, 779 Center Street, Herndon

Time: Friday, September 19 – 3:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 20 – 9:00-noon

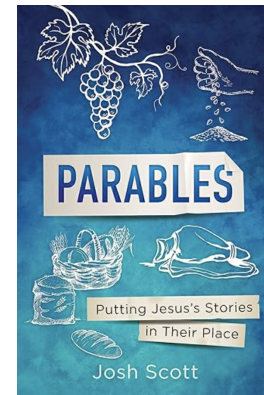
If you have questions about volunteering, please [reach out to Cat Tucker](#).

Monday Morning Bible Study

Resumes Monday, September 8, 10:30 AM via Zoom

Monday Morning Bible study resumes Sept. 8 with a 6-week study of *Parables: Putting Jesus's Stories in Their Place* by Josh Scott. We enjoyed our first encounter with this author so much that we're ready for another round.

Class meets Monday mornings 10:30-Noon via ZOOM (not on government holidays) and consists of a short DVD by the author (usually 10-12 minutes) followed by class discussion. All are welcome. [Contact Jane Smith](#) to be added to the email list.



St. Anne's Book Club

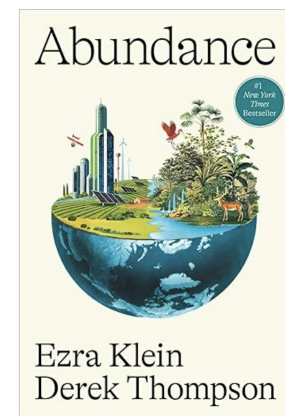
Monday, September 15, 9:00 AM via Zoom

Abundance, by Ezra Klein and Derek Thompson, is September's book club read. *Abundance* is a once-in-a-generation, paradigm-shifting call to renew a politics of plenty, face up to the failures of liberal governance, and abandon the chosen scarcities that have deformed American life.

Abundance explains that our problems today are not the results of yesteryear's villains. Rather, one generation's solutions have become the next generation's problems. Rules and regulations designed to solve the problems of the 1970s often prevent urban-density and green-energy projects that would help solve the problems of the 2020s. Laws meant to ensure that government considers the consequences of its actions have made it too difficult for government to act consequentially. In the last few decades, our capacity to see problems has sharpened while our ability to solve them has diminished.

Progress requires facing up to the institutions in life that are not working as they need to. It means, for liberals, recognizing when the government is failing. It means, for conservatives, recognizing when the government is needed.

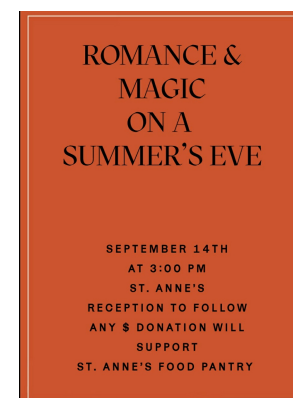
[Contact Don Boileau](#) to be placed on the mailing list for the zoom link.



Romance & Magic On A Summer's Eve Recital Supporting St. Anne's Food Pantry ☐ ☐ ☐

Sunday, September 14, 3:00 PM, Sanctuary

You are cordially invited to a chamber music recital featuring the musical stylings of soprano, Katherine Schram, violinist Reed Trevelyan, and pianist Hai Jin Kim. Featuring the lush melodies of romantic era women composers like Amy Beach, Clara Schumann, Rebecca Clark, and Cecile Chaminade, join us for an enchanting program filled with fantasy, love, and wonder! [Click here](#) for more information and to RSVP.



EfM and Adult Formation at St. Anne's

New seminar starting September 2025



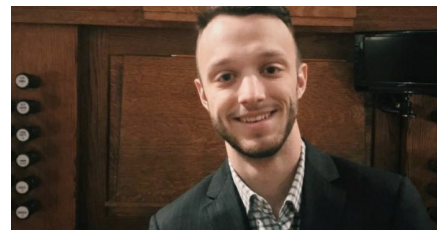
Education For Ministry (EfM) is a unique four-year, small-group formation program based on study and practice in theological reflection. Since its founding in 1975, this international program has helped over 120,000 participants discover and nurture their call to Christian service in their daily lives, where they live, work, and play. EfM helps the faithful explore our Christian tradition, bringing it into conversation with their experiences of the world. EfM seminar groups develop theologically informed, reflective, and articulate seekers of God. EfM has undergone a comprehensive curriculum redesign, and this year we will be implementing the new curriculum.

St. Anne's is blessed to have an active EfM program that meets on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 PM and is conducted 100% online using ZOOM. This adult formation opportunity has a long, rich history at St. Anne's and we are preparing for a new seminar session starting in early September 2025.

If you are interested in hearing more about EfM and/or participating in the new seminar starting this Fall, [contact Paul Bishop](#) via email or at 703-244-3706.

Rob Has Done it Again!

Our very own music director, Rob Hamilton, was one of the winners of Toronto's Royal Canadian College of Organists 100th Anniversary Organ Composition Competition!



Composers were asked to submit a two-movement organ work, roughly eight minutes in length. Works were to consist of a slower first movement and a faster second movement, playable either as a complete work in a recital, or as a prelude and postlude in a church service.

Rob was awarded the Postlude Prize for his work, *Glorious Visions* from *Alpha and Omega*. According to the [press release](#), this "work is a real tour de force. The organ writing is superb, the harmonic thinking is adventurous (yet controlled), and the movement back and forth between quasi-improvisatory and structured writing is satisfying. (The "Prelude" movement, entitled *A Wind from God*, is admirable as well – and the jury is recommending publication of both movements.)"

Keep an ear out for his performance of this piece in church this October. Congratulations, Rob!

Vote Faithfully

Early voting is underway for the special elections September 9 to fill the vacancy in Virginia's 11th Congressional District covering Fairfax County.

Early voting locations at Fairfax County and North County Government Centers are now open weekdays. Additional sites will open weekdays beginning August 29. All sites will be open Saturdays August 30 and September 6. Check the Fairfax County website at [fairfax county.gov](#) for hours at each location. All sites will be closed on Labor Day, September 1.



St. Anne's Closed on Monday

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

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable Labor Day.



Seen Around St. Anne's...



We're excited to share that Mtr Kara officially began her first day in the office on Tuesday! Our staff and parish family is thrilled to have her with us.



This week, a dedicated crew has been hard at work tackling the big job of cleaning out the attic files. Pictured are Rosie Horn, Nancy DeDona, Lora Mackie, and Marguerite Keady—led by their fearless leader, Bernadette Capelle. A heartfelt thank-you to each of you for your time, energy, and commitment to helping spruce up St. Anne's!



Welcome lunch for Mtr Kara on Wednesday at Reston Town Center. Pictured are Charlie Saunders, James Brooks, Mtr Anne Cooper, Judy Skirbunt, Angie Gray, Mtr Jess, Mtr Kara, and Sheri Schaffer.



The Narthex will look a little different when you come on Sunday. It's amazing what a fresh coat of paint will do!

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. Kara Laughlin

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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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