

# Announcements

**December 2018**

## *Worship*

### *Sunday*

8:00 AM.....	Spoken Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM.....	Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Music and Children's Worship
11:00 AM.....	Choral Holy Eucharist
5:30 PM.....	Worship Service and Children's Worship

### **Sycamore Tree (Children's Liturgy)**

Your child may worship in the Sycamore Tree on Sundays at 9:30 or 5:30. During the service, children participate in a special message, music, and prayer in the choir room.

- **9:30 AM** – Children follow the acolyte to the choir room and return to their parents for the Eucharist.
- **5:30 PM** – We welcome children beginning at 5:15 and parents pick up their child after the service.

## *News & Notes*

### **Holiday Happenings**

Please see the back of this bulletin for our full Advent and Christmas schedule. Other important information:

- There will only be one service on Sunday, December 23. It will be at 9:30 AM.
- There will be NO 5:30 PM service on either December 23 or December 30.
- St. Anne's office will be closed from December 25 through January 1.
- There will be NO 12:10 service on January 1.

Have a safe and blessed Christmas!

### **Christmas Memorial Flowers**

Christmas Memorial Flower cards can be found in each pew and may be filled out for Christmas flowers in memory or in honor of those you wish to have included in our Christmas bulletins. The deadline for turning in those cards and donations is Friday, December 14.

### **Advent Reflections Booklet**

Our St. Anne's booklet is a gift for our community created by our community--29 members of our parish have created visual and written reflections in response to a scripture passage for our reading and prayer during Advent. Each day will bring a new emailed reflection. If you do not already receive our regular emails you may simply call or email Kirsten (khair@stannes-annapolis.org) to sign up. An electronic form will be available on our website and we will have paper copies in the narthex.

## *Children and Youth*

### **Children's Sunday Discovery**

Children's Sunday Discovery, our Christian education and formation for children between 3 years old and the fifth grade, happens from 10:45 AM to noon at 199 Duke of Gloucester Street. *There will be no Sunday Discovery on December 23 or December 30.*

### **A Christmas Carol by the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company**

On Saturday, December 8, St. Anne's Church and our friends at the Stanton Center are coming together to see a classic Christmas tale. We will carpool to Baltimore, eat pre-show cookies, enjoy the show, and each other's company. We have discounted block seats--\$19.00 kids and \$33.60 for adults. (Scholarships are available!) Car pools will leave at 12:30. Please contact Connie Saeger to reserve your seat.

For more information or to sign up for any of the above events, contact Connie Saeger at [clsaege@stannes-annapolis.org](mailto:clsaege@stannes-annapolis.org) or 443-808-1361.

### **Christ Child Pageant**

St. Anne's traditional Christ Child Christmas Eve service and pageant will be held at 3:00 PM. This annual celebration will again feature St. Anne's children in costume, voice, and music. It is always an exciting and memorable event, and one to look forward to. No try-outs, all children are welcome to dress in costume, sing, and present the Christmas story. Older children and youth may have speaking parts. If your child would like to take part in the pageant, please sign-up. There are two pageant rehearsals. The first is Sunday, December 23 from 10:45 AM to noon, and the second is Monday, December 24 at 2:00 PM. Those with speaking parts must be at the rehearsals. Costumes will be distributed on Sunday, December 23. Parents are needed to help with costume distribution and with the pageant. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4facac23a1f85-pageant>.

## *Outreach Ministries*

### **Caring for our California Neighbors**

We at St. Anne's will devote Sunday, December 16, to collecting donations to send to the Diocese of Northern California to support those affected by the devastating fires. All donations will be collected before and after all three Sunday morning services in the back of the church and sent on behalf of St. Anne's Parish. Checks can be written to "St. Anne's Episcopal Church" with "California Disaster Relief" in the check memo line.

### **Winter Relief**

Support St. Anne's Outreach Ministry for winter shelter of the chronically homeless. Winter Relief Christmas gift cards are available for sale again this year after each Sunday's service on December 2, December 9 and December 23. Consider giving these gift cards by making a donation for a much-needed doctors visit (\$75), one night's stay (\$50), or a bus pass (\$25)—helping those less fortunate. Each year, Arundel House of Hope coordinates these week-long efforts of 60+ area churches that provide temporary shelter for the chronically homeless during the cold winter nights from November through April. Donations are essential to maintaining this outreach ministry. In 2019, St. Anne's and First Presbyterian Church will host 25+ homeless guests from February 11 through February 18. Your volunteer efforts and support are greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in coordinating or assisting with the administration of this ministry, please contact Rev. Jessica Sexton at [js Sexton@stannes-annapolis.org](mailto:js Sexton@stannes-annapolis.org); Joyce Nay at [wrnay@comcast.net](mailto:wrnay@comcast.net); or Steve Esmacher at [esmachers@yahoo.com](mailto:esmachers@yahoo.com).

## Adult Education

### Sunday Forum in Advent

Join us at 11:00 AM in the St. Anne's Parish House Parish Hall, located at 199 Duke of Gloucester St.

Upcoming Schedule:

- December 2 & 9 - The Rev. Christopher Dreisbach, PhD - *Just War and the Descendants of Abraham*.
- December 16 - J. Ernest Green, Jr. - *A Journey from Advent to The Nativity of Christ through Music*.
- **Episcopal Rainbow at St. Anne's**
- Join the Episcopal Rainbow for Brunch at Harry Browne's at 12:15 PM on December 16. RSVP to Jill Lake at [jilllake3@yahoo.com](mailto:jilllake3@yahoo.com). All are welcome!

### Self Defense Course: Introductory Brazilian Jiu Jitsu

In January, come learn street-smart self-defense techniques with Two-Time Pan American Champion and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Black Belt, Monroe Hall. This introductory Brazilian Jiu Jitsu course will teach grounding and subduing an aggressor while keeping you as safe as possible. For more information or to sign up, please contact The Rev. Jess Sexton at [jsexton@stannes-annapolis.org](mailto:jsexton@stannes-annapolis.org) by January 5. There are only 20 spots available.

## Pastoral Care

### Prayer Letter

Our weekly prayer letter gives you a chance to mention by name those who have asked for our prayers. Copies are available for you to take home and include in your daily devotions. To add someone to the list, contact Patricia Spencer 301-751-0555 or [spencerpatricia1968@gmail.com](mailto:spencerpatricia1968@gmail.com).

### Prayers for Those Deployed

We invite the prayers of the congregation for:

Sgt. David Landymore

Lt. Kyle Sweet, USCG

1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. J.P. Saul, USMC

CDR William Guarini

1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. H. Wade Griffith

Brian Jensen US Army

LT Brandon Hardin, USN

Hector Alejandro, USMC

David Brice, ANG

Pastor Stephen and people of Sudan Africa

Jeff and Jocelyn Cornish, USN

CDR Warrant Yu

Jay Kelch

LT Aaron Brown

Jeffrey Hallopeter

Jason King, USAF

Loren Reinke

Joseph B.

Bryan Bergman

2<sup>nd</sup> LT Ryan Fowler, USMC

LT Kate Ford, USN

David Campbell, USN

If you have a loved-one in Iraq, Afghanistan, or other place of danger with the military or assistance group, please contact Kirsten Hair ([khair@stannes-annapolis.org](mailto:khair@stannes-annapolis.org)) so we can invite prayers of St. Anne's for them.

## Personal Prayers during the Offertory

During the Offertory at each Sunday morning service, someone from St. Anne's Prayer Ministry will be at the Holy Family Chapel ready to pray with/for you or a loved one – for healing, hope, thanksgiving, intercession, small requests, large requests and/or a blessing and anointing. All prayers are confidential. If you feel like coming to the Chapel but don't know why, come anyway, come for a prayer – we are a praying community and all are welcome.

## *Preschool for the Arts at St. Anne's*

It's Christmastime at PASA! The children are celebrating all things Christmas and preparing for their annual Christmas Shows on **December 12 and 13 at 9:30AM**. Chaplain Meg is teaching them all about the season of Advent and they are learning the nativity story in their classrooms. They are all anxiously awaiting the arrival of Baby Jesus. And, of course, are also very excited for another special visitor that comes this time of year, Santa!

Looking to join the magic? PASA's application for the 2019-2020 school year will go live on our website in late December! Please call or email Director Amy Hoffman @ 410-268-9010 or [ahoffman@preschoolforthearts.org](mailto:ahoffman@preschoolforthearts.org) to schedule a tour.

### Join us as we celebrate Advent & Christmas 2018 at St. Anne's

Sunday, December 2	3:00 PM 5:30 PM	Advent Party: wreath making, live music, and St. Nicholas visitation. Cantata Vespers
Sunday December 9	5:30 PM	Jazz Vespers
Sunday December 16	5:30 PM	Sung Compline
Wednesday December 19	6:00 PM	The Longest Night - A service to remember loved ones.
Thursday December 20	7:00 PM	Magnificat: Celebrating the feminine voice with Bach's "Magnificat". For more visit <a href="https://bachplusmd.org/index.php/schedule/masterworks">https://bachplusmd.org/index.php/schedule/masterworks</a>
Friday & Saturday, December 21 and 22	8:00 PM	Handel's Messiah The Annapolis Chorale and Annapolis Chamber Orchestra. For tickets, call 410-263-1906. For more visit <a href="http://www.liveartsmaryland.org">www.liveartsmaryland.org</a> or purchase at the door.
Sunday December 23	9:30 AM	Holy Eucharist - one service only this Sunday
Monday December 24	3:00 PM 5:00 PM 8:00 PM 11:00 PM	Christ Child Service: A Christmas Eucharist and Pageant, with children and their families. Festival of Christmas Lessons and Carols Festal Candlelight Eucharist for the Nativity of our Lord. Festal Candlelight Eucharist for the Nativity of our Lord.
Tuesday December 25	10:00 AM	Christmas Morning Eucharist: carols and music

*We welcome you to any of our Christmas Eve services. 8:00PM and 11:00PM have the most seating available.  
For more information go to: [www.stannes-annapolis.org](http://www.stannes-annapolis.org)*

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