Parish Profile



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"For Anne, the mother of Mary, forebear of Christ our Lord:
from her own line descended the blest incarnate Word.
Her witness may stand silent, her life a mystery, but in the Father's heaven

St. Anne's Verse, Hymn 232 Written By: Rev. Lonnie Lacy

she sings eternally."

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OUR BELIEFS AND VALUES

Every church has things it values and believes. At St. Anne's we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and we worship God in the mystery of the Trinity. We value the rich history of the Episcopal Church and the beauty of the Anglican Communion. Here are some of the other things we hold dear.

Love & Grace

We believe God is a God of love, healing, forgiveness, and-above all-grace. Whomever you are and wherever you may be on your spiritual journey, we are certain that God loves you, and we try to do the same.

Reason & Mystery

At St. Anne's, we live at the intersection of reason and mystery and seek to love God with our whole being: heart, soul, body, and mind. We believe Christians should think critically about their lives, God, and the world around them, but we also know that the experience of God goes far beyond the capacities of the human mind. That's why we also seek to engage the mystery of God through spiritual practices—such as prayer and the Sacraments—that have fed Christians for over 2,000 years.

Scripture & Sacraments

There are countless ways God speaks to humanity. Two that we and other Christians throughout the ages have found enduring and reliable are Scripture and the Sacraments. Scripture tells us where humanity's been with God and gives us a sense of where we're going. It is the story of God's love. We seek to listen to it deeply each Sunday and apply it to our lives. The Sacraments allow God to communicate to us beyond words. They remind us that God is incarnate, involved, and interested in our world here and now, not dwelling only in some remote heaven lightyears away.

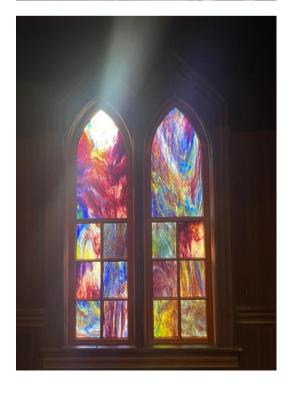
Life As a Church Community

We enjoy being together. Though the people of St. Anne's are diverse in many ways-age, occupation, upbringing, family structure, political leanings, and more-our worship draws us together. It transforms our differences into gifts, not hindrances. Through cookouts, retreats, youth groups, prayer partners, supper groups, and more, we enjoy sharing our lives together beyond Sunday morning and Wednesday evening.

HISTORY







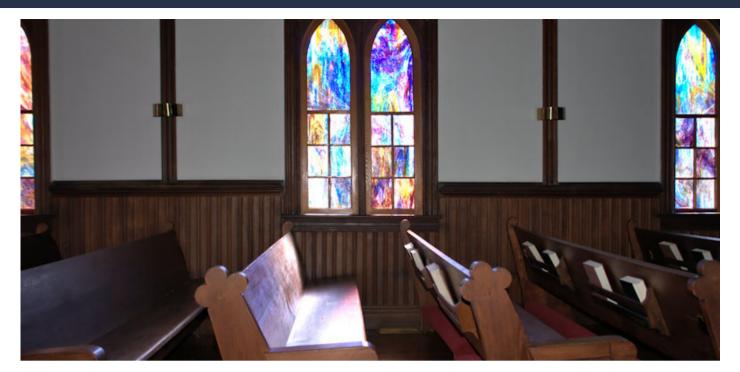
A short history of St. Anne's Episcopal Church

After his 1892 consecration as the third bishop of Georgia, the Rt. Rev. Cleland Kinloch Nelson began the task of locating and organizing isolated Episcopalians in south Georgia. During this process, he found a handful of communicants in Tift County who wished to establish a mission for the Episcopal Church in Tifton. In 1898 the congregation known as St. Anne's was born, and the bishop sent the Rev. J.W. Turner to conduct monthly services in space borrowed at the nearby Methodist church on Love Avenue.

In a letter dated February 7, 1898, Bishop Nelson gave his approval to a building plan and pledged \$300 toward the total cost of \$500 for the project.

Construction began on March 29, 1898, under the supervision of Edmund Harding Tift, brother of Tifton's founder Captain Henry Harding Tift. Highly successful in the lumber and shipbuilding industries, the Tifts provided for and oversaw the woodwork in the original church. Constructed from rare curly pine so delicate it had to be carved underwater, the stately carpenter gothic sanctuary became a stunning addition to the downtown Tifton landscape. After its completion, the church was consecrated by Bishop Nelson on June 1, 1902.

From 1898 to 1938, St. Anne's grew from 3 to 39 communicants and was served by fourteen different visiting priests. In 1940 while the Rev. John R. Bentley served as vicar, a combination parish hall/rectory was constructed on the property. This building allowed members to gather for social events, meals, and more while also providing living space for a resident vicar.



By 1955 St. Anne's had become fully self-supporting, thereby attaining parish status in the Diocese of Georgia. The Rev. Charles C. Demere served as the first rector from 1955 to 1959. During the 1970's St. Anne's reverted back to mission status but was later revitalized under the guidance of the Rev. Arnold A. Bush, Jr. Serving as vicar and later rector from 1974 to 1983, Fr. Bush encouraged the members of St. Anne's in growth and evangelism, ultimately resulting in the need for significant expansion.

In 1982, the same year the Rev. H Jacoba Hurst was called as rector, the small seventy-nine-year-old church was loaded on a truck and moved ten blocks north from its historic location to the church's current property at Central Ave. and 24th St. In 1983 an education building was constructed on the property, allowing room for offices and Sunday School classes.

With three Sunday services conducted each week in the small original sanctuary, the need for a larger worship space had become pressing. In 1985 a new 300-seat sanctuary was built in a style compatible with the elegant simplicity of the original church, which now serves as a chapel and is known affectionately as "Little St. Anne's."

The Rt. Rev. Harry Woolston Shipps, eighth bishop of Georgia, consecrated the new sanctuary on October 12, 1985. A new parish hall followed in 1986. In 1994 the Chambers Memorial Organ, built by Casavant Frères of Canada, was installed in memory of Jerry Chambers.

Under the leadership of Fr. Hurst, the 1980s and 1990s proved to be a season of significant spiritual growth at St. Anne's. As a result of his abiding devotion to strong liturgical worship and his abilities as a spiritual teacher and historian, St. Anne's became a thriving center for healing, education, thoughtful spirituality, and worship steeped in the sacraments. After Fr. Hurst's ministry of twenty-three years, the Rev. Ronald Davidson was appointed interim rector in 2006.

"Where minds are open. Where love runs deep." Where you have a place at Gods table."

The Clergy of St. Anne's Episcopal Church

Appointed Missionaries

- The Rev. J.W. Turner (1898-1899)
- The Rev. Allard Barnwell (1899-1900)
- The Rev. T.C. Tupper (1900-1901)
- The Rev. L.C. Birch (1901-1903)
- The Rev. H.T. Walden (1903-1906)
- The Rev. Samuel Denman Day (1906-1910)
- The Rev. W. Lawton Mellichampe (1910-1912)
- The Rev. G.A. Cornell (1912-1914)
- The Rev. J.M. Walker (1914-1917)
- The Rev. W.W. Webster (1917-1918)
- The Rev. J.M. Walker (1918-1919)
- The Rev. William B. Sams (1919-1923)
- The Rev. J. Harry Chesley (1923-1928)
- The Rev. Arthur D. Caslor (1928-1931)
- The Rev. F.J. Wilson (1931-1938)

Vicars

- The Rev. John R. Bentley (1940-1942)
- The Rev. Henry T. Egger (1942-1943)
- The Rev. Charles E. Crusoe (1943-1947)
- The Rev. Thomas G. Mundy (1947-1952)
- The Ven. John L. Jenkins (1952-1953)
- The Rev. S. Alson Wragg (1953-1954)
- The Rev. Royal K. Tucker (1954-1955)

Rectors

- The Rev. Charles C. Demere (1955-1959)
- The Rev. Vance N. Clark (1959-1961)
- The Rev. Claudius I. Vermilye, Jr. (1963-1965)
- The Rev. Carroll C. Barbour (1965-1966)
- The Rev. Malcolm H. Prouty (1968-1970)
- The Rev. H. Alfred Rogers (Vicar 1970-1974)
- The Rev. Arnold A. Bush, Jr. (Vicar/Rector 1974-1982)
- The Very Rev. H. Jacoba Hurst (1982-2006)
- The Rev. Ronald L. Davidson (Interim Rector 2006-2009)
- The Rev. Thomas A. "Lonnie" Lacy II (2009-2022)

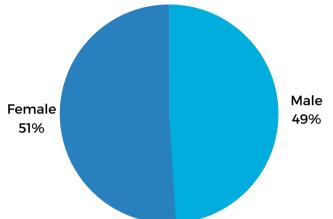
In 2009, the Rev. Thomas A. "Lonnie" Lacy II, was called. Building on the foundations laid by generations past, St. Anne's placed new emphases in the 2010s on strong lay leadership, biblical literacy, foreign mission, local outreach, and ministry with the young. In 2015 during a new season of growth, the church built a new ministry center, replacing the original education building and expanding the congregation's capacity for education, outreach, and ministry. The ministry center is dedicated to lifelong parishioner and architect Roy Rankin, a descendant of Captain Tift. Traditional liturgy combined with a broad approach to music, a strong theology of grace in the pulpit, and a joyful focus on celebrating the fullness of the Christian year all brought new meaning and strength to the life of the parish.

From St. Anne's humble beginnings as a tiny mission in the 1890s to our thriving life together today, we are deeply aware of God's presence and guidance throughout our history. With grateful hearts for all that has been, we offer the present to God's glory, and we look to the future with hope.



PARISH DEMOGRAPHICS





Ages 0-15	17%
Ages 16-30	15%
Ages 31-50	23%
Ages 51+	45%

207 households

437 total members





WHO ARE WE?

We learned a lot about ourselves through our exceptionally robust survey return rate.

We feel very good about the way forward with each other and with our new rector.



The lessons of the survey describe us clearly:

- Compelling sense of purpose and energy. We're not just going through the motions.
- Ministry-focused
- High regard for families and children, and how we reach out to include them
- Eager to thrive during the transition not on the fence, as if waiting

Survey data shows our strong satisfaction with a wide range of parish activities:

- High-quality education for all ages
- Leadership really represents the membership
- Parishioners respect the vestry
- Music strengthens worship, and ours is excellent
- Giving matters, and our percentage exceeds national Episcopal averages

Hopes and dreams paint a picture of our future notions. "Aspirations" the survey calls them:

- Develop ministries that work toward healing those broken by life circumstances
- Create more opportunities for people to form meaningful relationships
- Expand outreach ministries that provide direct services to those living on the margins of society
- Develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to reach new people and incorporate them into the life of the church
- Strengthen the process of how members are called and equipped for ministry and leadership

Our love of tradition is abundant, and so is our willingness for flexibility and innovation. We recognize the pitfalls of conflict and believe in addressing it.

We like telling one another, "You are making a difference."

OUR COMMUNITY

Tifton, The Friendly City

Population of Tifton - 17,235

Population of Tift Co - 41,212

Persons under 18 - 21.5%

Persons 65 and older - 13.9%

White – 56% African American – 35.3% Asian – 2.35% Other – 4.08%

H.S graduate or higher - 84.5%

Bachelors degree or higher - 18%

Average household income - \$52,273

Average home value - \$161,000





Tifton, known as the "Friendly City", is a community located in South Georgia that truly exemplifies Southern hospitality. Located just off Interstate 75, Highway 82, Highway 319, and U.S. 41, we are eager to extend some of that hospitality to visitors and prospective newcomers alike. At the crossroads of central Georgia, Tifton is known around the world for agricultural research. Our history, culture, recreation, and progressive spirits are also what make Tifton so special.

Tifton and Tift County have deep roots in agriculture. Discover scenic, sprawling farmlands that use state-of-the-art agricultural technology, and relish a blast-from-the-past historic working farmstead. We also have the perfect collection of museums, art galleries, shopping venues, historic sites, restaurants, and outdoor recreation opportunities. USDA draw scientists from across the globe, curating a unique diversity for a small South GA town.

All year round, Tifton hums with activity. While it may be difficult to believe a city our size offers so much to do, it's a welcome reality. From arts and agriculture to outdoor activities and antique shopping—whatever you're in the mood for—you'll find it right here. Best of all, you can always get to what's going on here without traveling far.

Set in the heart of Georgia's agricultural community, Tifton is at the crossroads of multiple highways and byways. Nicknamed "The Friendly City," it was settled in 1872 at a railroad junction. Much of the downtown is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

EDUCATION

Tift County School District

The Tift County School District holds preschool to grade twelve and consists of eight elementary schools, two middle schools, one high school, and an alternative school. The district has 467 full-time teachers and over 7,641 students.

Private schools

- Tiftarea Academy, located in Chula, Georgia (K-12)
- · Grace Baptist Christian School

Higher education

- Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College Main Campus
- · University of Georgia Tifton Agricultural Campus
- · Southern Regional Technical College Tifton Campus



EXPLORE TIFTON!

Arts and Entertainment

Annual Festivals

<u>Healthcare</u>

Outdoor & Recreation

Shopping & Antiques



ABAC



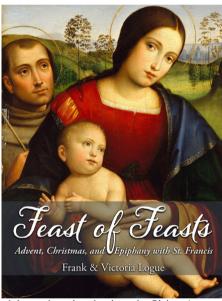
Tifton



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF GEORGIA



Bishop Frank Logue



Advent devotional written by Bishop Logue and his wife, Victoria



Bishop Logue with acolytes during his visit at St. Anne's

Among the settlers arriving with Georgia founder James Edward Oglethorpe in 1733 was a clergyman from the Church of England. The Diocese of Georgia was established in 1823 and by 1907 had grown so much that it was divided geographically and the Diocese of Atlanta was created.

Today, the Diocese of Georgia spans the southern portion of the state from the rolling farms and piney woodlands in the west to the marshes and coastlands in the east. We are home to 69 parishes diverse in size, theology, liturgical style, wealth and race. We also maintain several chapels throughout the Diocese. Thirty of our congregations are located within 20 miles of cities with populations of 40,000 or more, and the other 40 congregations are situated in suburbs, county seats, and rural towns.

Our current bishop, the Right Reverend Frank S. Logue, was ordained on May 30, 2020, becoming the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia. Approximately 150 clergy are canonically resident in the Diocese of Georgia at any given time. Included in the active clergy are more than 30 non-stipendiary vocational deacons, who serve in the Diocese under the guidance of the Bishop. Most of the clergy in the Diocese serve in parishes and missions; some serve as school, hospital, and hospice chaplains or in other non-parochial ministries expressing their special gifts.

Priests of the Diocese of Georgia are expected to participate in convocational clericus meetings (monthly through most of the year), clergy conferences, and the diocesan convention. Clergy are also called upon to serve on various diocesan boards, committees, and commissions as part of their service to the larger church.

WORSHIP

Worship services at St. Anne's are typically celebrations of the Holy Eucharist, and is best described as "high church".

- Rite II, formally is observed
- The Gospel Book is processed and read amongst the congregation.
- · Incense is used during Sunday service.
- Prayer Books and Hymnals are used regularly and are found conveniently in pews.
- · Live-streaming services began during the pandemic and have continued.
- An MC, Lay Eucharist Ministers, acolytes, readers, greeters, and ushers assist during Sunday services.
- Bulletins are expanded on major feasts to include the entire service and readings for ease of the congregation, especially visitors
- An Annotated Eucharist is also offered occasionally for the benefit of visitors.







Weekdays

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist		6 p	6 p.m. Eucharist		8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer	
LOCATION	Sanctuary	LOCATION	"Little St. Anne's" Chapel	LOCATION	Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament	
MUSIC	Congregational singing with choir, organ, piano, and a variety of hymns	MUSIC	None	MUSIC	None	
SERMONS	Focus on the scriptures of the day and the application of God's grace to our daily lives	SERMONS	Brief and focus on the lives of the saints commemorated on the Church calendar	SERMONS	None	
STYLE	Joyful and somewhat "high," meaning a greater emphasis on the sacraments, reverence, symbolism, and mystery	STYLE	Quiet and "low," meaning less emphasis on symbolism and mystery. The overall feel is casual.	STYLE	Quiet and contemplative, focused on the psalms, readings, and prayers of the day.	
NURSERY	Available, professionally staffed	NURSERY	Available, professionally staffed	NURSERY	None	
LENGTH	60-75 minutes	LENGTH	25-30 minutes	LENGTH	15-20 minutes	
LIVESTREAM	YouTube and Facebook	LIVESTREAM	1 None	LIVESTREAM	1 None	

Wednesdays _

WORSHIP



CHOIR

Our music ministry is a prominent part of worship at St. Anne's. The choir rehearses weekly and sings for the 10 a.m Holy Eucharist. The choir also presents special musical selections on occasions such as Midnight Christmas Mass and The Great Vigil of Easter.



ACOLYTES

St. Anne's has a very large, enthusiastic acolyte program. We believe every young person should have a Sunday ministry. Acolytes assist the clergy in serving the altar on Sundays. Children and youth in 2nd through 12th grades are eligible to acolyte. Training takes place regularly through the year.



ALTAR GUILD

The altar guild is a volunteer team of the parish whose ministry is to care for the altar and altar linens. Altar Guild members also prepare the sanctuary for services and clean up afterwards.



GREETERS AND USHERS

All members of St. Anne's are considered to be greeters. However, there is a group of members who volunteer to greet every Sunday on a scheduled rotation. We feel greeting visitors and newcomers is a Christian responsibility of welcoming everyone to St. Anne's.

Ushers are ready to assist anyone needing assistance in seating or just simply finding their way in the church. The ushers at St. Anne's also counts the number of people in the congregation, collect and present the offerings at the offertory and assist the congregation during the administration of communion.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

St. Anne's has MCs present in the liturgy to direct the movements of the various ministers and people involved and to coordinate a sustained ceremonial style throughout. Also present are eucharistic ministers who are licensed by the bishop to administer the consecrated elements of the Eucharist.



OUTREACH

Christian people live in two different worlds: the world as it is, and the world as God calls it to be. For that reason, the "outreach" we do through St. Anne's is about something far greater than civic volunteerism, personal altruism, or simple charity. Christian outreach is about recognizing that God is in the business of healing and reconciling this world, and we are called to be active participants in that healing. Can we fix everything that's broken? No. But we can bear witness to God's love in ways large and small. It begins in our own backyard.



This ministry provides a monthly box of non-perishable (and limited perishable) groceries to families requesting special assistance.

Emergency Food Bags

Emergency Food Bags provide a bag of non-perishables that require little, if any cooking. Bags are packed and ready for those who come to the church office needing food assistance. Volunteers pack the bags that are stored in the St. Anne's Outreach Pantry and are ready when needed.

Knots of Love

Knots of Love is a ministry provided by a dedicated group of volunteers at St. Anne's. They provide knitted, crocheted, and other hand-made items to those who are experiencing illness or bereavement in our community and beyond. This group also makes the crocheted angels used as gift tags for the Angel Tree gift program.

Loaves of Love

This ministry shows compassion by baking and delivering bread and cookies to individuals and other ministries in our community, including Ruth's Cottage and Brother Charlie's Rescue Mission.









OUTREACH





All Hallows' Eve st. Anne's St. Anne's October 31 %6-8 p.M. Trunk or Treat • Food • Games • Hayrides Everyone is welcome! ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Love Notes

Each month, volunteers send greeting cards to residents at the Rehabilitation Center of South Georgia.

Angel Tree

Every Christmas, members of St. Anne's come together to provide wrapped Christmas gifts to 35 residents of the Rehabilitation Center of South Georgia.

Adopt-a-Mile

As stewards of the earth, St. Anne's volunteers of all ages gather bimonthly to pick up trash on the road adjacent to the Georgia Museum of Agriculture.

Hope for Kids Holiday Project

St. Anne's members provide Christmas gifts for disadvantaged and abused children.

Lunch at ABAC

Many St. Anne's parishioners work or study at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC). The group gathers for friendly banter and, if desired, to discuss the upcoming Sunday's Scripture readings.

All Hallows' Eve

The St. Anne's All Hallows' Eve celebration is a free community event. Festivities include a Trunk-or-Treat, hayride, carnival games, and free supper. This event has nearly over 500 attendees annually.

Other Ministries

The Outreach Support Group has been involved in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life events, Cancer Care, and the Tift Regional Hospital mask-sewing project.

PARISH LIFE

St. Anne's offers regular Sunday services, as well as special services for holy days and other occasions. We have various ministries and groups that provide opportunities for parishioners to connect with each other and grow in their faith. A strong and growing community has been developed over the years through parish life and community-wide events. While COVID sidelined a lot of in-person events, St. Anne's handled the pandemic with grace and understanding and is coming out of it with a renewed commitment to Parish Life.

St. Anne's has a strong focus on community service and outreach, with programs such as the Food Ministry, Loaves of Love, Knots of Love, and a Youth Mission Trip that merge parishioners' pastoral care and community needs.

In addition to its regular programs and services, St. Anne's hosts special events and celebrations throughout the year. Some of these events include Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Holy Week Observances and Celebrations, Holy Ghost Weenie Roast (Pentecost Picnic), Vacation Bible School, Rally Sunday, All Hallows' Eve, Ice Cream Socials, and Christmas Observances and Celebrations. Another St. Anne's parish favorite event is the annual St. Anne's Got Talent Show where the parish comes together to raise funds for the mission ministry.





Small Groups have also been a stronghold at St. Anne's. Foyer Groups, Bible Study, Sunday Schools, and our growing youth groups bring folks together as part of the overall community at St. Anne's.

St. Anne's Episcopal Church is a welcoming and vibrant community that seeks to serve God and its neighbors through worship, fellowship, and service.



PARISH LIFE















CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian formation is offered at St. Anne's to God's children of all ages. Our multiple offerings, as well as worship and prayer, help to open our hearts and minds to God's will and God's call for our lives. In the process, our parishioners build a sense of community, as well as nurturing leadership. We learn and grow best when we share our ideas and thoughts. We embrace the opportunity to become vulnerable enough to learn from God and each other.





Adults

The adult formation is centered around scripture and is offered throughout the week.

- · Sunday School
- Weekly Bible Study Groups
 - Thursday Morning Bible Study
 - Wednesday Night- Bible Study for Grownups
- <u>Education for Ministry (EfM)</u>- a four year formation program led by a trained mentor
- <u>Episcopal 101</u>- Instructional and informal classes for those interested in confirmation, reaffirmation, or reception into the Episcopal church.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Children and Youth

The following programming is offered and led by lay leaders in the parish.

- Wednesday Nights- On Wednesday nights children
 PreK 5th grade enjoy a night of Bible lessons and age-appropriate spiritual formation, supported by games, crafts, laughter, and fun.
 - PreYC PreK 5th grade (Ages: 4/5 10/11)
 - Junior EYC 6th 8th grade (Ages: 11/12- 13/14)
 - Senior EYC 9th 12th grade (Ages: 14/15 -18)
- <u>Sunday School-</u>On Sundays after worship, St. Anne's children gather upstairs in the Ministry Center for Sunday School to learn the Bible and grow in their knowledge of the Lord.
 - Godly Play
 - Pre-K- 2nd Grade
 - 3rd-5th Sunday School
 - Middle and High School
- VBS- St. Anne's is proud to offer a week of VBS at no charge to our community.









FINANCE

FINANCIAL HISTORY FOR THE PAST 3 YEARS

2022:

Budget: 463,935 Expenses: 405,256 Income: 511,205

2021:

Budget: 463,836 Expenses: 429,532 Income: 454,190

2020:

Budget: 476,184 Expenses: 423,346 Income: 451,533

CURRENT BUDGET (MARCH 2023)

2023:

Budget: 468,800 Expenses: 375,311 Income: 472,576

Stewardship

Our desire at St. Anne's to serve God through love forms the backbone of our style of stewardship. We think of stewardship as worship, just as we do the sharing of our time and talents. . . and that means "togetherness" is part of our planning. On Consecration Sunday, we complete our pledge cards in the pews, and we place them on the altar where they are blessed. When the service concludes, the entire parish assembles in the Parish Hall and affirms together our zeal for forward motion in church planning and preparation by sharing a meal. Taken together, this reflects our understanding that all we have is a gift from God.



RECTOR SEARCH







- St. Anne's is searching for an engaging and inspiring preacher of the gospel who is strong in the environment of worship
- We are in need of a rector who will maintain a traditional service while welcoming our theological diversity
- We expect a priest who will embrace the Episcopal tradition
- We are anticipating an innovative thinker as our rector, who is also patient in guiding us along when new ideas arise
- We appreciate the rector taking the time to recognize each parishioner's gifts and talents and utilize them wisely
- Our rector should recognize, equip, support, and guide the development of lay leaders, in addition to overseeing Christian Formation
- We desire an energetic and dynamic rector who enjoys being involved in the larger community
- The people of St. Anne's are looking for a deeply engaged priest who is loving, caring, and compassionate
- We have high regard for children and youth and would like our rector to share that regard



The parishioners of St. Anne's look forward to working with our new rector to assess the congregation's needs as we go into this new journey as a parish together.

VESTRY



Rich McDonald (Senior Warden)
Shelley Schmeisser (Junior Warden)

Erin Campbell

Jill Coogle

Joe Falcone

Jeff Gibbs

Kimberly Jacobs

Sherry McCullough

Jenna Claire Riddle

Karen Smith

Pat Walker

Brian Yost

Lorie Felton (Treasurer)

Pam Leonard (Clerk)

SEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jeannie Rigdon (Chair)
Kathy Moreno (Vice Chair)
Kaleb Bell
Ann Clayton
Tom Coogle
Patrick Davies
Abbi Hendrix
Kimberly Jacobs
Jeff Johnson
Nicky Lamb
Bettie Sue McDonald
Hans Schmeisser
Suzanne Smith



O God, who has blessed and sustained us through the years; we ask that you continue to lead us, stretch us, and direct us, in our search for a new rector. Raise for us, we pray, a priest and pastor who will boldly proclaim your Gospel, faithfully administer your sacraments, and serve your people with love and compassion, that we may continue to grow in the likeness of Christ and be a beacon of love and hope to our community and the world. To the glory of your Holy Name. Amen.