

# *See, I am doing a new thing*

Beloved of St. Anne's,

October 11, 2022

I wonder... Where do you see God's Spirit stirring and creating a new thing at St. Anne's?

*See, I Am Doing a New Thing*, the theme for our 2023 Stewardship Campaign, comes from the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 43:19). This scripture reminds us that God is always doing something new. Beginning with the creation story in Genesis, then God's covenant with Abraham, the 10 Commandments with Moses, all the prophets, and of course Jesus Christ, scripture abounds with stories of how the most unexpected of events provided the opportunity for being a people of faith and serving others in new ways.

As we embrace our *Genesis II* season, we are prayerfully recreating, reforming, and rediscovering who God is inviting St. Anne's to become. We draw upon the stories of Scripture and our own history at St. Anne's to glean wisdom and insight that enhance our present and future. As your new Rector and member of the St. Anne's community, I have witnessed ministries being rebuilt and revitalized with fresh ideas and new life. We have made new friends, experienced worship in fresh expressions, and examined how we can best follow Jesus into a loving, liberating, and life-giving relationship with God.

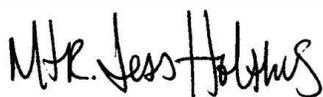
Our theology of giving is grounded in the stewardship triad of *Work, Wisdom, and Wealth* (time, talent, and treasure), the ways in which we share our God-given gifts with the world. Through stewardship we seek to meet the needs of the world, we respond to the Gospel, and we sustain our community.

You embody the work, wisdom, and wealth that is the very Christ-centered life of our faith community. Without you, our church and our ministry would be diminished. Throughout the year I have witnessed such generosity as you contributed your ideas, your money, and your time to our community. Every gift shared comes from the heart and goes to support our mission and ministry.

This packet includes an invitation to name and pledge the gifts you will make in the coming year to help our church and our neighbors. I ask that you pray with us as we launch our annual gathering of gifts and gratitude, and consider how you will contribute your gifts of work, wisdom, and wealth.

I am deeply grateful to you, and to all the members of our congregation.

In abundant gratitude,



The Reverend Jessica Holthus

Rector