



2022 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Dear Friends of Old Durham Church,

As we reflect on the past year, we rejoice in our ability to regather in church services, fellowship events, and ministry work. We are learning to live in a world changed by the pandemic, including the starts and stops we all have experienced, never quite knowing what the next day might bring, or when the next surge in cases might come. At the same time, we have experienced the joy of seeing old friends and welcoming new ones.

This year's Annual Giving theme, *See, I Am Doing a New Thing*, comes from the prophet Isaiah, and reminds us that God is always doing something new. Beginning with the creation story in Genesis, scripture abounds with stories of how the most unexpected of events provided the opportunity for being church and serving others in new ways. Here at 'Old Durham,' we have not only been able to resume in-person worship services including baptisms, but we have also begun to make use of our new high-speed internet connection, have addressed issues with our physical plant, and have been accepted into a multi-year congregational development program aimed at helping us thrive. While these examples are visible signs of God's presence among us, it is important to remember that they are made possible through your financial support for our church.

Over these past two years of uncertainty and change, the consistent financial support for Old Durham has enabled us to continue to fulfill our mission by serving those within our church family and those within the wider community. You have always been so supportive of the church, generously giving of your time, wisdom, and experience to sustain and grow our work and ministries. As we begin this year's *See, I Am Doing a New Thing* Annual Giving campaign, we hope we can count on your financial support as well.

Included with this mailing is a pledge card for 2023. Please prayerfully consider the amount you might be able to give so that our church can continue its work of following Jesus into a loving, liberating, and life-giving relationship with God, with each other, and with the earth. We have come far over the past two years and now eagerly look forward to the future and to sustaining and growing the church that is our spiritual home. With your support, we will no doubt see the ways in which God is doing a new thing.

If you have any questions or would like to further discuss making a gift to Old Durham, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Catharine T. Gibson, Rector