



Dear Friends,

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You are receiving this letter because St. John's is your church. You worship here, serve here, love and are loved here. This is a community where you are invited to be fully on your unique journey, one where you find yourself belonging and believing. You celebrate, grow, grieve, doubt, cry and laugh here. You journey through passages of your life here. And each of you has a unique reason why you gravitate to this particular faith community. You have a testimony as to how you arrived here, and why you stay. In the spirit of this year's stewardship campaign, you have a unique St. John's banner that waves in the spiritual breeze that moves through your heart, a banner that captures the reason why you make St. John's your spiritual home.

As we have now opened our campus onto Thornhill Road, we have an opportunity to also open our hearts to thousands of our neighbors, some of whom are just like we were when we accepted an invitation to this amazing community. This is a time when our new concrete bridge to the main road can be a metaphor for the loving bridges we can build to our neighbors and friends. Perhaps the banner in our heart is a good place to start. Name it—share it with us—so that we can celebrate it and begin afresh to share it with our neighbors.

Bridge building has begun in a new way. With a complete staff team and an incredibly time-consuming project mostly behind us, we are laser-focused on sharing our story with the broader community in a way that helps us grow our church both spiritually and numerically. And we are all invited to participate by sharing not only from our financial treasure but also from the very treasure of our stories.

*Will you make a renewed commitment—to not only give generously from your financial resources, but also to combine that generosity with a commitment to share **yourself**, remembering that **you are the real treasure**?*

Will you join us this season in pondering what you would say to others when they ask you why you go to church? What is your elevator speech—or what would you put on your refrigerator magnet—when it comes to St. John's? ***What would your banner proclaiming St. John's say?***

Let's make this a banner year. Commit to supporting St. John's—with your wallet and your words.

Gratefully,

Scott Denman, Rector

Sarah Jones, Senior Warden