



God is doing marvelous things at Emmanuel!

Friends, today we write:

October 1, 2022

to thank you for your generosity in serving and funding our ministries
to celebrate the marvelous things that God is doing through the creative and visionary leadership of our Rector, Della+
to honor the guidance and direction from our vestry, and
to invite you to join us in God's service for another exciting, blessed year.

We celebrate the continuation and expansion of our community engagement:

- our collaboration with Newport Classical completing its first full year, making possible Newport Classical's first ever season of year-round chamber concert programming, in Emmanuel's handsome, resonant Recital Hall
- significant grants from the Alletta Morris McBean Charitable Trust and the van Beuren Charitable Foundation to repair the chapel windows, roof, and heating system, engaging interest and forging relationships in the broader community, and selection as a finalist in the National Fund for Sacred Places grant program
- over 1000 pounds of fresh greens grown and harvested on Emmanuel's hydroponic system, and delivered to the MLK Food Pantry last year
- the return of Soup's On, our beloved monthly feeding ministry, after its COVID hiatus
- your generous expansion of the Rector's Discretionary Fund to support neighbors

We celebrate the blossoming of our music ministry. Dynamic, delightful, and highly gifted, Randy Elkins has transformed our Sunday worship and our presence in Newport in less than a year.

- leading the Emmanuel Choir presence at the Long Wharf Christmas Tree Lighting
- locating a replacement organ perfect for our needs at an affordable price
- welcoming musicians from the community to join in our Musicians Circle at worship services
- nurturing the talents of choir members, and drawing others in
- developing Emmanuel's presence as a venue for weddings and events.

Please join us as we grow in God's call to love and serve. Our pledges—and yours — are essential in creating the 2023 budget. Give generously, give faithfully.

In Christ's love,

Debra Venancio
Senior Warden

Susan Barnes
Stewardship Committee