

# **Vestry Meeting**

## **Episcopal Church of the Messiah**

### **Sunday, September 13, 2015**

**Present were:** Beth Ault, Gay Cooke, Randy Ferebee, David Hardin, Mary Lauer, Rick Stall, Veanna Talbot

Randy stated that we chose the name Messiah, a historic name, and we have been evolving into that identity over the past few months.

It is the vestry consensus that we continue with a part time priest and not seek a priest shared with another church. It is also the vestry consensus that we make a quarterly boost in pay to the vicar and use the language weekly pay or stipend rather than Sunday pay since he serves more than just Sundays.

We then brainstormed words & terms for a vision statement & a mission statement.

#### **A vision statement is a being statement**

- God's light in a new world
- Inclusiveness
- Devoted/dedicated
- Keep the Episcopal Church alive
- Reconciling & healing
- Loving & serving the world
- Faith & growth

- Doing good work in community
- Honest Episcopal faith
- Hope for future
- Respect
- Evolving
- Fuel for the journey

**A Mission statement is a doing statement**

- Forgiveness
- Love & serve the lord
- Doing good work
- Spreading the joy of worship
- Reconciling & healing
- Unity & sense of family
- Community
- Strengthen our foundations
- Spiritual growth within evolving Episcopal faith
- True fellowship
- Outreach
- Grateful
- Generous

- Keep Episcopal Church alive
- Communicate with people of all ages
- Be God's light
- Share time, talent & treasures
- We stand for all people

Rick & Bobbi will work together to form a mission statement & vision statement from the above lists.

Mary Lauer has offered to help calling for pledges for our annual pledge drive.

The final pledge ingathering will be on the Sunday that the Bishop is here. The pledging theme this year is an attitude of thankfulness in our lives and the excitement of generosity.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Ault