

## REPORT FROM THE VESTRY

January 14, 2007

Your Vestry had two very important meetings this week. Last Sunday, January 7th, we held a Special Meeting to consider the appointment of a Priest in Charge under Special Circumstances to our parish. We were joined at that meeting by most members of the Search Committee, and heard their report that unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed the appointment. We met and interviewed the candidate, and unanimously chose to consent to that appointment. Accordingly, Bishop vonRosenberg will appoint The Rev. Dr. Howard J. Hess as our Priest in Charge effective March 1st. Within the confines of this report, it is impossible for us to adequately describe Fr. Hess, or our enthusiasm in taking this action, but the unanimity of both the Search Committee and Vestry actions should speak volumes.

We began our second meeting, January 9th, with Evening Prayer led by Courtney Zirkle and Robin Kell. Our newly ordained Deacon, Amy Morehouse, joined us for the meeting and graciously offered her assistance in any way needed by the Vestry. Her offer regarding assistance with Christian Education was quickly accepted.

We heard reports from two commissions. George Arrants and Tom Hale of the Stewardship Commission reported that 158 pledges have been received, and that about 90 more are needed to meet the minimal needs of our parish without further reduction in staff. The pledges so far reflect an increase in the average pledge, but fewer pledges than had been hoped for. Efforts are being made to complete the stewardship campaign.

Our Treasurer, Vaiden Taylor, presented the Finance Commission report. December receipts were good and all bills were paid. Nevertheless, annual receipts fell about \$55,000 short of what was necessary to completely pay down of the line of credit we used to get us through the lean summer months. Given the incomplete stewardship campaign, we are operating on a tentative budget right now, and plan of approving the final budget at our March meeting. At that same meeting, we will consider the three-year audit that was recently completed for our parish.

We appointed the Vestry Liaisons for the various commissions that will lead our parish over this year. Those commissions and liaisons are listed below. Individuals interested in serving on any of these commissions, or in assisting the commissions in other ways, should contact the appropriate Vestry Liaison.

Building & Grounds: Jim Phillips

Education: Randy Nichols, Courtney Zirkle

In-reach: Babs Richardson

Pastoral Care: Anne Kaminsky

Worship & Music: Robin Kell

Communications: Lida Barrett

Finance: Rick Deaderick

Outreach: Nancy Butler, Les Hargrove

Stewardship: George Arrants, Tom Hale

Youth: Danny Maddox

Our next regular meeting will be February 13th. All commissions will report at this meeting, and most of the calendar will be finalized. Finance, Budget, and actions regarding the Building Fund are planned for the March 13th meeting.

For the Vestry,

Tom Ladd and Mary LeMense, Wardens

