

## **April 2016 Vestry Summary**

The Vestry met on Wednesday April 20, 2016. Present were Martha Lovejoy, Judy McPhail, Vickie Haines, Paul Carey, Patti Gerseny, Rob Thomson, Pam Manus, Pete Mitchell and Larry Rice

### Minutes Highlights

#### Budget and Finance

- Considering the changes in Vestry membership, a motion was passed to update the authorized signers on all cash accounts.
- We received a request from Family Promise to pay our pledged and budgeted contribution of \$5,000. A motion was passed to pay this amount out of a designated account.

#### Buildings and Ground

- Repairs are underway to the irrigation system in the Memorial Garden. Half the system has been repaired.
- The new stove with electric pilot lights is on order and should arrive in 3-4 weeks. George Schell has put the current stove on Craig's List and has had some interest.

#### Ministry Fair

- It was reported there has been positive feedback regarding the new format for the Ministry Fair, and that people have enjoyed hearing from one Ministry each week. Moreover, having it in the spring seems to be a good idea.

#### Committee Reports

- All the new committees are being formed, with many planning for their first meetings.

#### Other Business

- Two Samaritan Funds applications were received: one from Special Olympics and the other from Hopkinton Parks and Rec Day Camp. It was agreed to put these applications on hold until the June Vestry meeting.
- HUB Ministry –The original plan for the HUB Ministry was for there to be an Assistant Rector at St. Andrew's who would, as part of their duties, provide services to St. John's in Dunbarton and Holy Cross in Weare. Currently, these two parishes are in a very difficult place and their future looks challenging. Holy Cross has hired Rev. Winnie Skeates, Vicar for three Sundays each month and Winnie will serve at St. John's on one Sunday a month. The rest of the Sundays at St. John's will be a Morning Prayer service.

- Arbor Day Event –Given that the sugar maple to the west of the church will not be around much longer, Paul has hired an arborist to plant a younger sugar maple to take its place. This tree will be planted on Arbor Day, April 29. Paul Carey has spread the word about the planting event. A resolution was passed to proclaim April 29, 2016 Arbor Day.