

## **Update from the Search Committee 8/20/2014**

After completing the Parish Portfolio, the Search Committee has been taking a break while Dan Smith collects names of potential candidates. Over the past two weeks we have met to prepare questions that relate to the values that the parish expressed as most important in the meetings we had last spring. This week we met with Dan Smith to educate him about those values and questions, and he will begin the process of interviewing candidates and narrowing the choices. We have organized the questions into areas of interest that include such things as Liturgy and Worship, Pastoral Care, Spiritual growth, Christian Education, Preaching, Community Outreach and Administration, as well as several others. The big question everyone has of course is how long will it take before we have a new rector in place? We are already behind our original schedule, but in comparison to other parishes we are actually moving fairly quickly. Depending on the screening process that Dan Smith will do, we hope to have a handful of promising candidates by October. At that point we will begin our own interviews and schedule site visits. We cannot really predict how long all of that will take. Please keep us in your prayers.