

## **KINGSLAND FIRST UMC RETREAT REPORT AND PRELIMINARY VISION STATEMENT**

**MARCH 2019**

The leadership of Kingsland First UMC (KFUMC) held a Retreat Saturday, January 12, 2019 at Epworth by the Sea, St Simons Island, Georgia. Thirty-five folks from the congregation spent over 200 hours from 9:00 am until after 3:00 pm dreaming of and discussing a future for Kingsland First United Methodist Church. Their work resulted in eight specific areas of focus. Eight individuals accepted assignments to begin initial work on these areas of focus. Their efforts were reported and discussed at the first Church Council meeting of the year, Tuesday, February 26, 2019. This two-hour work session resulted in the following Preliminary Vision for Kingsland First UMC for 2019 and beyond.

1. Communications – Lyn Hrivnak reported Kingsland First UMC is known by several different names throughout the community, across the Coastal District, and in the South Georgia Conference. Communications will develop a single name and logo for Kingsland First UMC in order to project a consistent, recognizable brand across all communication elements including, but not limited to, print, digital, and social media. Lyn will recruit and lead a Communications Committee in this effort.
2. Long-Term Vision and Mission Statement – Larry Martin assessed the current Mission Statement and offered evidence of how it is being lived out. The preliminary Vision Statement you are reading attempts to capture the work of the KFUMC Retreat Group and Church Council.
3. One Unified Service Plan – The Retreat Group unanimously recommended transitioning to one unified worship service. Don Koski coordinated with Pastor Bruce Vaughn to develop a transition plan to one unified worship service. Church Council unanimously approved an implementation date of August 11, 2019. Worship will be at 10:30 am; Sunday School at 9:00 am. Additional details will follow.
4. Tracking Attendance – Don Koski reviewed Attendance Tracking procedures in order to determine what was absolutely necessary and what could be eliminated. Church Council unanimously approved discontinuing the use of Attendance Cards. Attendance Counts still will be conducted in order to comply with attendance reporting requirements for the Coastal District and South Georgia Conference. Connection Cards will continue to be used for Visitors and as Prayer Cards.
5. Prayer Chain – Mark Kevan reported Prayer Chain visibility was being increased by adding contact information to the bulletin. He also confirmed procedures are in place for the Prayer Chain and added Prayer Chain “texting” is being investigated.
6. Outreach to Military families – Rick Warren and Allen Rassi will explore the development of an Outreach Ministry to military members, spouses, and families.
7. Warehouse Ministry – Jared Heath presented an outline of a comprehensive plan for making the Warehouse a full-time ministry for all youth in Camden County. The outline addressed infrastructure needs for the Warehouse. Jared noted this would require a commitment from the

entire church and asked for prayer about such an undertaking. Church Council asked Jared to form a team to develop additional details and to include the Trustees in that effort.

8. Youth Sundays – Jared Heath and Madeline Lee will develop a plan to have Youth Sunday's on a regular basis.

These areas of focus will continue to be addressed at Church Council meetings, along with regular Church Council business, throughout the year. We will work hard to keep you informed of our progress. We welcome your input. And we ask that you keep us in your prayers as we move forward together. Blessings.

Chris Shumway – Church Council Chair

Mark Kevan – Retreat Coordinator

Bruce Vaughn – Pastor