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**PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE:**

The Pastoral Search Committee has been meeting every two weeks on Monday night in the Conference Room at 7:00 p.m. After meeting with the Session and representatives from the Presbytery of the Alleghenies, we have started to collect the information that we will need to begin the search for a Senior Pastor. This information includes:

1. A community packet of information and details about schools, housing market, community demographics and characteristics, main businesses, organizations, community identity, etc.
2. A brief church history.
3. Our church vision statement, core values, guiding principles, outreach focus, discipleship process, etc.
4. Our church website information.
5. A church profile document (Church Information Form) available from the EPC.
6. Church statistical information including financials, budget, membership, average worship attendance, officers, and staff, including job descriptions.

We also are each taking a “Uniquely You Membership and Ministry Profile” so that we can better understand how each of us is uniquely gifted and predisposed. This information should help us work better together. We will also ask pastoral candidates to fill out this form.

We are in a great place because of the work of Pastor Christopher and the Incline Team that helps us identify what we want to be “when we grow up.” This information should help us find a pastor who best fits our needs and our church direction.

As we go forward, we ask for your prayers for discernment about who God has called to be our Senior Pastor. If you are interested in joining the PSC Prayer Team, please contact one of the members of the PSC.

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