

**SEPTEMBER 2018**

**PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE:**

The Pastoral Search Committee (PSC) met with Session and a representative from the Presbytery of the Alleghenies Ministerial and Church Development Committees to discuss the pastoral search process and to answer our questions. The PSC decided to meet every other Monday beginning on September 24th. At the first meeting, we reviewed the list of data and information that is required before we begin the search. We identified what information we already have and who has it. We also identified what new information that we will need. We began collecting the available information the week of September 24th with the goal of reviewing it at our next meeting. We will be taking a personal Membership and Ministry Profile to identify the gifts and attributes of the team so that we can more effectively work together.

We decided to provide updates on our progress after each meeting in the following Sunday's church service bulletin. **Finally, we decided that we would only be successful if our work was covered in the prayers of the congregation.** We ask the you begin to pray for discernment of God's will and our unity as we move forward. We also would like volunteers for a prayer team to specifically pray for the team and our work. If you are interested in being a prayer partner, please call the church office or e-mail us at, [office@hickoryunitedepc.org](mailto:office@hickoryunitedepc.org).

Your servants,

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