

The following information from session was shared with the congregation at each service on Sunday, January 19, 2025

First and foremost, we thank you for your prayers as we move through this journey together. We, the session, are making a commitment to keep the members of this church updated as to when things are happening, and when we are in a period of being still.

Second, being a member of the PCUSA and the Carlisle Presbytery, there are certain protocols and policies that dictate how we can approach this specific scenario in a church's period of transition. Because we are held to these protocols and policies, there may be times when it feels as though we are not making progress. This is when we need to be in prayer and trust God has this and has us under his care. He is calling upon us in various ways to answer His call. When anxious about what is or isn't happening, we, as in all of us, must dedicate ourselves to:

- be still
- pray
- listen for the Holy Spirit and to one another
- hear God's call
- work as He has called us

In the timeline of this journey, this is where we currently are: First, we are offering listening times for members and regular attenders to come and discuss what you are feeling and answer any questions you may have. The dates and times for these listening opportunities are:

Monday, January 27 6:30-7:30pm in room 107-108 of the Christian Education Building

Sunday, February 2 11:20am – 12:20pm in room 107-108 of the CEB

Discerning our transitional leadership needs:

- We have formed a Transitional Team and will be completing a Church Profile.
- Securing a transitional leader who will provide us the needed opportunity to meet the protocols and policies set before us, while putting our energy and time into securing a full time pastor.
- The purpose of the transitional leader will be to lead us through the transition, and help us better define who we are as church and ready ourselves to welcome a new pastor.

Next steps:

- Our congregation needs to meet under the supervision of someone who is trained in helping us discern who we are, what are our needs as a church, where do we feel called to be as a church.
- Once we have created a congregational profile based on congregational input, we can form a Pastor Nominating Committee and begin searching for a pastor who feels called to meet our needs and join us on our journey in Christ.

How beautiful that God has called upon all of us to be part of this period of self-evaluation and pilgrimage to better serve God. What a gift.

Faithfully,

Your Elders (Dana Baker, Sue Bodner, Renee Brink, Steve Bucher Jr., Carl Francisco, Cheri Kearney, Dave Mummert, Mitch Rosenberger, Braden Smith, Brian Truesdale and Jodi Wright)