

# The Pittsboro Presbyterian Church Transition

Finding Our Path Forward

Transition Team Update: January 28, 2018

This is the first in a series of short reports on the progress of the Transition Team as we gather information for the PPC Mission Study<sup>i</sup> and move towards the selection of a permanent pastor for PPC.

Our work includes helping the congregation reflect on who we are and how we are living out the mission of PPC:

SEEKING to grow in our relationship with God and each other,  
SERVING God by serving our neighbors,  
SHARING through our gifts, prayers, and service.

## Phase I Insights

### ➤ Church Group Discussions

- Held during Second Sunday Lunch on November 12, 2017
- More than 40 people participated
- Questions focused on the “good” aspects of PPC
- Findings
  - What drew you to our church? Why did you stay?
    - *People come to PPC for all the usual reasons (denomination, location, size, etc.)*
    - *They stay primarily because of the people*
  - When did you feel God's presence here most clearly?
    - *God's presence at PPC is felt in different ways*
      - *Special worship activities such as communion*
      - *Interactions with others: passing of the peace, sharing joys and concerns*
      - *Ministries: working with children, with the community*
  - When we (the church) are at our best, what are we doing?
    - We are at our best when we are serving others
      - Taking care of each other (within the church)
      - Serving the community
- Key themes:
  - Our core strength is our congregation
  - We are moved in the Spirit by our interactions with others
  - We are drawn to service both in and out of the church

Over the next few weeks, we will share insights from the individual/family meetings and the congregational survey, culminating with a congregational meeting (with food!) after church on **March 18**.

**If you have any questions about the process, please contact a member of the Transition Team**

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<sup>i</sup> Mission Study: A critical element for calling a new pastor, a mission study is designed to help the congregation understand who it is, where it wants to go, and what God is calling it to do.