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In the Interim...

In the midst of the comings and goings of this very busy summer, the work of getting ready for your next senior pastor/head of staff continues. Where are we in the process? The Mission Study Committee of fifteen leaders has completed tasks of surveying, listening, recording, assessing, praying, and discerning for God's calling for First Presbyterian. Also, data from the church survey is being shared regularly in *The Spire Light*. The committee thanks all who participated in this process.

Here is a tentative schedule for what is next:

August—A Mission Study Report will be summarized from the work of the committee.

September—The report will be presented to the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery with a request for permission to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee.

October—A meeting of the congregation will be held to receive names from the Church Nominating Committee for the special Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).

November—The elected PNC will do orientation for their tasks and complete a Ministry Information Form (MIF) that describes this congregation and the skills desired in pastoral leadership.

December—The Session will approve and submit the MIF so that, in the first months of 2018, the PNC can begin receiving Personal Information Forms (PIFs) to screen for candidates to interview.

In the midst of this, the work of First Presbyterian Church will continue with all the activities of fall, including a 220th anniversary celebration. Interim means interval, but it does not mean slow down. Let us keep praying and discerning. Let us keep growing and going.

It is a privilege to be on the journey with you,

Wanda Neely