

**The United Presbyterian of East Guilford Church  
Regular Session Meeting**

A regular monthly meeting of the Session of the United Presbyterian Church of East Guilford was held September 20, 2016 at the church. The meeting was called to order at 7:17PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

**Elders Present:** Kathy Schmidt, Sharon Havens, April Geiger, Gordon Spreutels and Pastor Patty Wolff, moderator; with a quorum.

**Elders Excused:** None

**Elders Absent:** none

**Guests:** None

The **Clerk of Session Report:**

**Membership Roll**

Last report.....	55
Gains:.....	0
Losses: .....	0
Membership Roll, this report.....	55

**Sacraments**

Communion.....	1
Infant Baptism.....	0
Adult Baptism.....	0
Weddings.....	0
Funerals.....	0

The following **Communications** were received: defibrillator information

**Consent Agenda:**

- Reviewed and set agenda for meeting.
- Approval of August minutes.
- Approval of standing committee reports.
- Approval of Clerk of Session report.
- Approval of Pastor's report and mileage for August.
- Receipt of treasurer's report for August.

**Consent agenda approved the following:**

Consensus for calling hours and service to be held on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the church for Al Clune's daughter Allison Erika Clune DOD 18 Sept 2016.

Approval was given for Autumn Himes baptism on September 25, 2016. Mandy Himes, mother of Autumn, is Don and Jancy Cole's daughter. Sharon Havens will be the session sponsor and the class will be held September 24<sup>th</sup> with the family.

**Removed from the consent agenda:** None

**Worship Committee, April Geiger, chair:**

Communion was held on September 4th with Elma Taylor and Dick Palmer serving and Rev Patty Wolff officiating.

**Building and Grounds, Gordon Spreutels, chair:**

The heating system plumbing had a leak and was repaired by Jim Karl and Gordon. Jim donated his professional services. Money was approved for the purchase of parts \$15.07.

The humidifier in the basement wasn't working and Gordon has fixed it but a new one might be needed to be purchased in the future.

**Parish Life, Sharon Havens, chair:**

No report.

**Mission & Stewardship, Kathy Schmidt, chair:**

No report.

**Nominating Committee:**

No report.

**Presbytery Report:**

No report.

**Pastor's Report:**

Pastor Patty awarded the Tri Town Ministerium fuel bid to Blue Ox, attended a meeting regarding the investigation of Presbytery Finance issues, worked with CoLP for new lay preachers and co-edited the Presbytery Child Protection Policy. Patty continues to do financials for Operation Merry Christmas.

**Old Business:**

- Pastor Patty went with Makalia to SUNY Delhi to buy books and supplies for her first year of culinary school. The session approved \$200 towards this and Operation Merry Christmas will pay the balance of the total bill \$1370.27.
- Pastor Patty will be attending a moderator conference in Louisville at the end of October and will return in time for the Bible Translation Sunday worship on October 30th.

**Devotions:**

Pastor Patty read from Calling God She by Dr. Barbara Green "Tripping Through My Religious Life".

**New Business:**

- Bill and Debbie Pratt of Guilford are interested in the antique pump organ and removal of it will be facilitated by Kathy Schmidt.
- Earth Care recertification will be due in January of 2017. Jan Lafayette will be asked to assist in the recertification process.
- Pastor Patty has written a summary of our church's mission for the Presbytery's Thursday Thoughts highlights.
- The congregation and Women's Group has been donating food, personal supplies and other items to a GMU family of 5 each month with delivery on the third Friday. By consensus, it was decided that in addition to this, we would get 2 other GMU families at Christmas time. We will make tags for the these families for the congregation to shop for Christmas presents.
- Sharon Havens was the commissioner to the September Presbytery Assembly.
- Pastor Patty presented a request for a salary raise for the coming year and it will be passed onto the Personnel Committee.
- April Geigers, treasurer, and Marie Spreutels, assistant treasurer, will work on updating PCUSA benefit information.
- By consensus it was decided to participate in the Food Week of Action October 9-17 including World Food Day October 16. Pastor Patty will prepare a sermon on local and global hunger for October 16th. The congregation will be encouraged to bring donations for the food pantry and the GMU family we are assisting.
- An "Eat What You Preach" dinner will be held on Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm with a request for dishes prepared with local produce. We will encourage people to read food labels so they can determine where the food or ingredients in the prepared dish is from. Participants are to bring the recipe of the dish to pass in order to make people aware of food sources as well as allergens. April Geigers volunteered to create a postcard to be sent out to the congregation and friends inviting them to this dinner.

Our next meeting of the session will be October 11, 2016 at 7:00PM at the church. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by April Geiger at 8:49PM.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Katherine Hager Schmidt, Ruling Elder and Clerk of Session