

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

A regular monthly meeting of the Session of the United Presbyterian Church of East Guilford was held May 9, 2017 at the church. The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:04 PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

Elders Present: Jan Lafayette, Judy Ives, Sharon Havens, Gordon Spreutels, April Geiger, Patty Wolff, moderator; with a quorum being present.

Elders Excused: none

Elders Absent: none

Guests: none

The **Clerk of Session Report:** The poem found during the kitchen renovations by Jim Thyren will be made into a cross stitch by a friend of Elma Taylors. The couch and chair in the cellar will be given to Kathy Schmidt.

Membership Roll

Last report.....	53
Gains:.....	0
Losses:	0
Membership Roll, this report.....	53

Sacraments

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

The following **Communications** were received: JAARS, COM new format (Patty explained), Earth Care, Bill from US Yellow Pages (Jan will call, as it seems to be a bill), solicitation from William A. Smith & Sons (for insurance - will be thrown out)

Consent Agenda:

- Reviewed and set agenda for meeting.
- Approval of April minutes.
- Approval of standing committee reports.
- Approval of Clerk of Session report.
- Receipt of treasurer's report for April
- Personnel Committee report and description of committee

Consent agenda was moved and passed.

Removed from Consent agenda:

- Discussed and approved Pastor's report and mileage for April.

Worship Committee, Judy Ives and Jan Lafayette, chairs:

Communion was served on May 7th by Dick and Lola Palmer with Pastor Patty officiating. Communion supplies were replenished.

Earth Day worship service was held April 23 with at least 5 people participating along with Patty. It was well received.

Building and Grounds, Gordon Spreutels, chair:

Kitchen remodeling has begun.

Parish Life, Sharon Havens, chair:

No report.

Mission & Stewardship:

No report.

Nominating Committee:

No report

Personnel Committee, Jan Lafayette, chair:

The personnel committee, Jan Lafayette and Sandy Egli, met with Pastor Patty and Pastor Mays from the COM. Notes of the meeting were presented and a description of the committee was approved by session to be included in the manual of operations and on the website.

Presbytery Report:

No report.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Patty has continued to work with Operation Merry Christmas with processing payments and lending assistance to those in need. She continues to be involved with the Tri Town Ministerium and participated in the Good Friday Service at the Sidney Methodist Church. The special services at our church for April included Easter, Maundy Thursday, Palm Sunday, Earth Day and dedication of the kitchen project. Pastor Patty continues to lead Bible study for the afternoon group and the morning group.

Old Business:

Blessing box: is set up and filled with a letter sign with a message about it. Jan is writing an article for the newspaper about it. Rain has leaked in and Jan will try to fix it with foam insulation strips.

New printer: Patty has discussed with Christine Rogalski. Presbytery Executive Team must make any decisions. Church pays the service plan of approximately \$300/year which covers everything. May be worth keeping the copier until it is not longer operable. Sharon will go ahead and make a service call as we await Presbytery direction.

Kitchen remodeling: As of Sunday. \$9800 was collected for the kitchen fund. 285.5 hrs. worked. New closet is in. Everything torn out but cabinet by outside door.

Running new wires. Tore up floor to do wiring, plumbing in old closet area. Repair of floor joists. Ran 100 amp service. Jerry Harris offered to continue to do lawn. Will start running drain pipes. Need volunteers for painting. Stove may not have electronic ignition now. Will be meeting with 2 restaurant supply salesmen. Discussed providing lunch (around noon) to workers – call Gordon (563-1420) or Marie (373-9391) if interested.

Devotions: Patty read from Luke 18 – parable on what kingdom of heaven is like, and how difficult it is for rich to enter heaven. Discussed that money produces anxiety in churches. If we are spending money, we should make sure that congregation knows, and knows why.

New Business:

Sharon Havens will attend Presbytery Assembly Meeting on May 20 in Owego.

Approved purchasing 3 dozen flowers for women of the church on Mother's Day.

Discussed Passing of Peace at the end of the church service. Approved change to service order as follows: Benediction, sing Amen, and then Passing of the Peace.

Our next meeting of the session will be June 13, 2017 at 6:00PM, tentative location is the church. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by April Geiger at approximately 7:50 PM.

Submitted by:

Jan Lafayette, Ruling Elder