

**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 on July 16, 2019 at the manse. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

**Elders Present:** Dave Williams, Becky Holley, Sharon Havens (by speaker phone) and Patty Wolff, moderator; with a quorum being present.

**Elders Excused:** Judy Ives and Jan Lafayette

**Elders Absent:** none

**Guests:** none

**The Clerk of Session Report:**

**Membership Roll**

Last report.....	50
Gains:.....	0
Losses: .....	0
Membership Roll, this report.....	50

**Sacraments**

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

The following **Communications** were received:

- We received a 'Thank You' card and a \$50 donation from the line dancing group that has been using the church.
- The packet of materials from the "Crossing the Racial Divide" workshop was passed to Becky Holley.

**Consent Agenda:**

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

**Consent agenda was moved and passed including the following:** Except Treasurer's Report which was not received.

**Worship Committee, Judy Ives and Jan Lafayette, chairs:**

- Communion was celebrated July 7 with Pastor Patty officiating and Jan Lafayette and Lola Palmer serving.
- It was our first joint worship service with Bainbridge Presbyterian for the summer season. Services for July will be held at East Guilford at 9 AM. There was a rewarding number of 40 plus in the congregation. Pastor Patty continued her series of four sermons on the psalms.
- We will be celebrating a baptism on the last Sunday of July, with hopes of a combined choir for that day.

**Building and Grounds, Dave Williams, chair:**

- We have secured a used light pole and Jim Johnson has dug up the wire as needed to relocate the pole to a better position. Tim DuMond helped transport the pole. We are waiting for Steve Clark to make a hole.
- Gordon Spreutels and Don Cole spent a day washing down the siding that was within reach of the ground. They also pruned the bushes between the sanctuary and the front deck.
- A dehumidifier has been installed to dry the sanctuary basement and noticeable improvement has already been made.
- Work has commenced to repair the damaged block wall to correct the bilco door problems.
- Gerry Harris and I will be mowing lawn during July and August.

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

- No report.

**Mission & Stewardship, Jan Lafayette, chair:**

- No report

**Nominating Committee:**

- No report.

**Personnel Committee, Jan Lafayette, chair:**

6/19/19 Personnel Committee Meeting

Attendees: Rev. Patty Wolff, Kathy Williams, Jan Lafayette, Sandy Egli

- Patty has resumed discussions to move ordination to United Church of Christ instead of the Presbyterian church. There should be no changes in either church with respect to Patty's call.
- Discussed Patty's concerns about a particular member who seems less open to differing opinions and who may be more resistant to change. Asked for our (Personnel Committee and eventually Session) help to insure all people have an opportunity for input without judgment.
- Closed in prayer by Kathy @ 7:50 PM

**Pastor's Report: June**

- Administrative & Continuing Education
  - Worship Planning for July/August
  - Attended COM Policy Review Team Meeting
  - Personnel Meeting on 6/19
  - Draft Child Protection Policy Sent out
- Presbytery & Ecumenical
  - Administration for Operation Merry Christmas
- Worship/Events

- Yard Sale
- PW Summer Luncheon
- Bible Study – Two Groups at East Guilford
  - Wednesday @ 8:00 AM – Reading Minor Prophets (Habakkuk/Nahum)
  - Thursday at 2:30 PM – Reading Proverbs and Revelation
- Mission
  - Stocked EG Blessing Box
- Items For Consent Agenda
  - Pastor's Mileage & Report

**Old Business:**

- Moved (Dave)/Seconded (Sharon)/Passed to accept the Child Protection Policy as drafted with the stipulation that over the next year we will rewrite sections that do not apply to our church.
- Suggested we attend Otsego County Fair (7/30 – 8/4) to “taste test” Chad’s Chicken before we decide whether to do a Chicken Fund Raiser.
- The deadline for the NYS Mandatory Sexual Misconduct Training is in October. However, while the materials have been downloaded, there is still no word from Becky Kindig, Stated Clerk. Patty will follow up. At East Guilford, Patty, Judy Ives, and the volunteers that work operation Merry Christmas require training. Patty plans joint training (East Guilford and Bainbridge) as soon as she gets clarification from the Stated Clerks.

**Devotions:**

None.

**New Business:**

- Patty spoke about the fact that our brief discussions regarding joint worship did not include our organist, or the organists at Bainbridge. M/S/P to pay Judy Ives for August.
- M/S/P to allow the Bainbridge congregation, with whom we will worship throughout July, to use the sanctuary for the baptism of Cato Matthew Unmack, infant son of Taron (Wade) and Neil Unmack.
- Session M/S/P to accept the resignation of Jan Lafayette from the Session and the Personnel Committee.
  - Session may appoint someone from among the other ordained elders (not married to current Session members) in the church: Sally Straka, Kathy Schmidt, Sandy DuMond, Elma Taylor, Ray Taylor, Tina Utter, and Sandy Egli. Patty will contact them.
  - Don Cole might be interested but would need to be ordained, requiring both an action of the Nominating Committee, and a congregational meeting.

Our next meeting of the session will be Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 6:00PM, at the church. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Dave Williams at 6:54 PM.

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

Patty Wolff, Moderator