

**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 June 16, 2020 via ZOOM. The meeting was called to order at 3:08PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

**Elders Present:** via Zoom: Sharon Havens, Judy Ives, Becky Holley, Dave Williams, Kathy Schmidt, clerk, Patty Wolff, moderator; with a quorum being present.

**Elders Excused:** Sandy Egli

**Elders Absent:** none

**Guests:** none

**The Clerk of Session Report:**

**Membership Roll**

Last report.....	49
Gains:.....	0
Losses: .....	0
Membership Roll, this report.....	49

**Sacraments**

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

The following **Communications** were received: Request from Good Shepherd for annual donation. Waiver for Board of Pensions dues for 3 months information.

**Consent Agenda:**

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

Consent agenda was moved, seconded and passed.

**Items removed from consent agenda:**

- Sanctuary Roof:
  - Dave has contacted 2 contractors Stafford Building and Ed Frazier Construction for estimates and he will contact another contractor. George Smith who did previous work on roof stated that the steeple roof will need to be done as well.
- Food Pantries:
  - Judy will contact Carol Clum to see if the \$75 is needed for the Mt Upton Food Pantry and Patty will check with the Sidney Food Bank as we presently give \$75 to each monthly.
- Gazebo:
  - We will need to decide if it is worth fixing the steps to the gazebo or just block them off as they are unsafe now. This will depend on holding outdoor worship using the gazebo. The staples on the gazebo roof are working out.

- Mirabito Fuel

A contract was received but was not acted upon within the given timeframe. The fuel tanks are presently ½ full and will be filled at the present low fuel oil prices. Dave will get another quote looking for a better price.

**Worship Committee, Sandy Egli and Becky Holley, chairs:**

- Due to the current pandemic and stay-at-home mandate, virtual church services were held, via Zoom/phone, at 9:30AM, on the following Sundays: May 24 and 31, June 7 and 14. All services were led by Pastor Patty Wolff and were held jointly with Bainbridge Presbyterian Church.
- The May 31 service celebrated Pentecost and all congregants were asked to wear red in honor of the day.
- Communion was held during the June 7 service, with congregants breaking bread and drinking from the cup in their own homes. Pastor Patty was the officiant for communion.
- On June 14, during the worship service, high school and college graduates were recognized for their achievements. Congratulations to all!
- Cleaning of the church has stopped at this time. Once services begin again in the church building, cleaning will resume.

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

- I have contacted two contractors regarding the sanctuary roof. One left a message that he had looked at it but I have no details.
- The gazebo needs attention. Staples holding the wood shingles are coming loose and the steps are in need of replacement if it is to be used. Otherwise I recommend removal of the steps and a barricade to keep people out. If we are not going to use it we could also consider offering it for sale. There is no point in maintaining a structure that we do not use.
- The lawn continues to grow very quickly, often requiring cutting on a five day cycle. Don Cole has been assisting me with this work.

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

No report.

**Mission & Stewardship, Judy Ives, chair:**

The mission report at this point really involves mostly the blessing box. Patty and I continue to fill it 4 times a week and it is emptied regularly. We have regular contributions of canned meals and cereals. I try to include bread once in a while, and some P,BJ. Someone leaves delightful cookie and other sweet treats once in a while. We can always use fruit. Our mission at present is right here in our neighborhood.

**Nominating Committee:**

No report

**Personnel Committee:**

No report.

**Presbytery Assembly Report:**

Dave Williams submitted a report from the June 6, 2020 assembly.

**Pastor's Report:**

1. Administrative & Continuing Education
  - a. Took 2<sup>nd</sup> CE Week from May 17, 2020 through May 23,2020. Virtually attended the Festival of Homiletics. Cost \$75 for "On Demand"
  - b. Sending out bulletins and telephone Information via snail mail
2. Presbytery & Ecumenical
  - a. Administration for Operation Merry Christmas – Receiving Donations in Memory of Doug Ireland.
  - b. Attended COM Meetings
  - c. Attended COM Policy Review Team Meetings

- d. Restarted Sidney Ministerium Meetings in May – sharing re-open information
3. Days Off (Vacation) - None
4. Worship/Events
  - a. Joint Worship over ZOOM on May 3,10, 24 (Memorial Day), and 31, 2020
  - b. Prepared/Sent information for Other virtual worship for May 17
  - c. Sending out Daily Thoughts and Prayers for the situation and the world.
  - d. Working with Judy to have a few live hymns
  - e. Recording Worship and sharing virtual with anyone who asks
5. Bible Study – Suspended for May and June
6. Mission
  - a. Filling up the blessing box two to three times per week
  - b. New Blessing Box signs indicating call Sidney United Methodist if box is empty
  - c. Reaching out to Nineveh Presbyterian
  - d. Reaching out to colleagues to get them going w/ ZOOM

**Old Business:**

See removed from consent agenda.

**Devotions:**

Patty read “Matters of the Heart” from Heart Shaped Life by Karen Moore.

**New Business:**

- NYS Re-Opening”
  - Requirement documents were distributed and discussed. Pastor Patty has started to fill in information for East Guilford. This document would need to be available should a health inspector stop.
  - July 12<sup>th</sup> might be the first day for re-opening under phase 4.
  - Makalia Bean is willing to help with the cleaning of the church. A plan for cleaning procedures will need to be developed.
  - Moved, seconded and passed to continue worship services over Zoom until the requirements for church services are relaxed.
  - Pastor Patty contacted Chenango County to find out if there are additional requirements for a drive in or outdoor services.

The next meeting of the session will be Tuesday July 16, 2020 at 6:00PM, at the church or via Zoom. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Judy Ives at 4:05PM.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Katherine Hager Schmidt, Clerk of Session