

**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 March 16, 2021 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:03PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

**Elders Present:** via Zoom: Judy Ives, Don Cole, Gordon Spreutels, Sandy Egli, Becky Holley, Patty Wolff, moderator; with a quorum being present and Kathy Schmidt, clerk.

**Elders Excused:** none

**Elders Absent:** none

**Guests:** none

**Clerk's Report:** received Earth Care Congregation certificate.

**Membership Roll**

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

**Sacraments**

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

**Consent Agenda:**

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

**Consent agenda was moved, seconded and passed.**

**Action via email:**

None

**Items removed from consent agenda:**

None

**Communications were received:**

None

**Worship, 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 10:00AM, on the following Sundays: February 21, 28, March 7 and 14. All services were led by Pastor Patty Wolff and were held jointly with Bainbridge Presbyterian Church. Windsor Presbyterian Church joined us for some Sundays.
- Communion was held on the March 7 service, with congregants breaking bread and drinking from the cup in their own homes. Pastor Patty was the officiant for communion.
- A virtual Ash Wednesday service was held on February 17, at 7:00PM, with congregants providing their own ashes if available.
- With the beginning of the Lenten season, One Great Hour of Sharing is underway. A "Moment for Mission" has been included in the services each Sunday to date.

- Cleaning of the church has stopped at this time. Once services begin again in the church building, cleaning will resume.

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

No report.

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

- The blessing box continues being filled and used. One Great Hour of Sharing's Minute for Mission is being read weekly during our church ZOOM service to remind us of how our contributions are being used in other countries and our own.

**Nominating Committee:**

No report

**Personnel Committee:**

No report.

**Presbytery Assembly Report:**

No report

**Pastor's Report:**

1. Administrative & Continuing Education
  - a. File new terms of call with COM
2. Presbytery & Ecumenical
  - a. Attended Presbytery Assembly on February 20 and published report
  - b. Operation Merry Christmas books and outreach
  - c. Attended COM Meetings and provided minutes
  - d. Working with AC to approve remaining COM Policies/Procedures/Resources/Forms
3. Days Off (Vacation) Requesting
4. Worship/Events
  - a. Joint Worship over ZOOM on February 7, 14, 21, and 28
    - i. Added Windsor on February 14 and 28
  - b. Sending bulletins to Colleen Lewis (Each Sunday) who does printing and mailing
  - c. Provided two different devotions for Lent
  - d. Held Ash Wednesday service over ZOOM
  - e. Sent out daily thoughts and prayers for the COVID situation and the world as able
  - f. Recording worship and sharing virtual link with anyone who asks and usual ZOOM attendees who are missing on any given Sunday - Current list has 12 East Guilford folks
  - g. Update Prayer List
5. Bible Study – Continuing
  - a. Wednesdays at 8:00 AM – reading Letters from a Skeptic by Dr. Gregory Boyd
  - b. Thursdays at 7:00 PM – using The Grace of Les Miserable by Matt Rawle
6. Mission
  - a. Responding to requests for assistance – working with Sidney Ministerium and Catholic Charities to help local folks
  - b. Windsor Presbyterian – staying in contact. They will be joining us at various times in 2021 – usually 2 times per month
  - c. Contributing to Blessing Box
7. Items Included in Consent Agenda
  - a. Pastor's Mileage & Report
  - b. Holy Thursday Service with communion April 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM
  - c. Ecumenical Good Friday Ecumenical Service on April 2, 2021 Time TBD
  - d. One week vacation from April 5, 2021 through April 11, 2021

**Old Business:**

- A letter will be sent to Justin and Erin Burpoe regarding the meals they are planning to provide this year. The session is very willing to assist with obtaining names of families from area organizations/schools and would like to have their plans a month prior.

**Devotions:**

Pastor Patty shared music from spirituals giving us hope in Jesus.

**New Business:**

- Holy Thursday service will be on April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7PM via ZOOM with communion
- Ecumenical Good Friday service will be held on April 2<sup>nd</sup> via ZOOM at noon.
- Easter service will be over ZOOM.
- Reopening plans for our church will be on the agenda for our next meeting.
- Permission was given for Operation Merry Christmas to be on their call list with Pastor Patty as first contact. If there are any additional requests for help that are unmet, Patty will bring it before session.
- Presbyterian Women's group meeting at the church following COVID procedures with masks, social distancing, cleaning after, 50% capacity was approved.
- Earth Care Sunday topic will be chosen soon and then the information sent out to the congregation asking for participation.
- Palms will be purchased with Bainbridge church and will be put out at the church in East Guilford. The cost will be split between the two churches.

The next meeting of the session will be Tuesday April 20, 2021 at 6:00PM via Zoom. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Sandy Egli at 7:06PM.

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

Katherine Hager Schmidt, Clerk of Session