

**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 April 21, 2021 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:04PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

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

Elders Excused: Sandy Egli

Elders Absent: none

Guests: none

Clerk's Report:

- Lawn Sale: the women's group today decided to hold a bake sale inside the church like we did in 2019 but we will not do the popcorn. All the food for the sale must be bagged in packaging for selling; ex. pies in plastic bags or plastic wrap, cookies in small portions in plastic bags and so on. To deal with lawn sale leftovers, we will hold a \$1 bag sale from 12 to 1. I will be contacting the Rockdale church folks to see if they want to pickup the leftovers but we will not be delivering like last time as that was too much for us. I will again take stuff to Nex-To-New. A decision about having a chicken bbq with Chad Harris that day needs to be addressed.
- Kitchen use by others: the PW will be working on a checklist for those using the kitchen to assure that all areas are left in clean condition. It was found that the meat processor was left dirty and that mice had come in. The kitchen doors were also left unlocked. They plan to work on this at their May meeting.
- The PW decided to give \$50 a month to Elma for the Blessing Box purchases.
- The new leaders for PW (upon Kathy W's relocation and Lola's retirement--many, many thanks for their years of service) are Elma Taylor and Jancy Cole co-chairs, Judy Ives secretary and Kathy Schmidt treasurer.
- Earth Care: I will be picking up from Tim Shupperd the sweat free tshirts. There are 2 picture books from the Maji project that our church supported in the past.

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

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 recommendations, virtual church services were held, via Zoom/phone, at 10:00AM, on the following Sundays: March 21, 28, April 4, 11 and 18. All services were led by Pastor Patty Wolff, with the exception of the April 11 service. Pastor Patty was on vacation during this time and Mike Clare from Windsor Presbyterian Church led the service. All services were held jointly with Bainbridge Presbyterian Church. Windsor Presbyterian Church joined us for some Sundays.
- Palm Sunday was celebrated at the March 28 service. Palms were made available at the church a few days before for those wishing to pick them up.
- A virtual Maundy Thursday service was held on April 1, at 7:00PM. Communion was held, with congregants breaking bread and drinking from the cup in their own homes. Pastor Patty was the officiant for communion.
- A virtual ecumenical Good Friday service was held on April 2, at noon. Various pastors from different denominations participated in the service.
- Easter was celebrated at the April 4 service. Communion was held, with congregants breaking bread and drinking from the cup in their own homes. Pastor Patty was the officiant for communion.
- During the Lenten season, OGHS offerings were collected. A "Moment for Mission" was included in the Sunday services.
- 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:

No report.

Nominating Committee:

No report

Personnel Committee:

No report.

Presbytery Assembly Report:

No report

Pastor's Report:

1. Administrative & Continuing Education
2. Presbytery & Ecumenical
 - a. Operation Merry Christmas Books and Outreach
 - b. Attended COM Meetings and provided minutes
 - c. Working with AC to approve remaining COM Policies/Procedures/Resources/Forms
 - d. Published 2 Documents for Sidney Ministerium and East Guilford Church to use as needed:
 - i. Extreme Assistance Requests
 - ii. Catholic Charities Document – East Guilford Session approved being on the Caring Connections Email list
3. Days Off (Vacation) Requesting
 - a. Took April 5th through 11th as 1 week vacation
4. Worship/Events
 - a. Joint Worship over ZOOM on March 7, 14, 21, 28
 - i. Added Windsor on March 14 and 21
 - b. Sending Bulletins to Colleen Lewis (Each Sunday) who does printing and mailing
 - c. Held Palm Sunday Worship on March 28
 - d. Sent out Daily Thoughts and Prayers for the COVID situation and the world as able

- e. Recording Worship and Sharing Virtual Link w/ Anyone who asks and usual ZOOM attendees who are missing on any given Sunday - Current list has 12 East Guilford folks
- f. 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 – Finished The Grace of Les Miserable by Matt Rawle; taking hiatus as we look for another series
6. Mission
 - a. Windsor Presbyterian – staying in contact. They will be joining us at various times in 2021 as needed
 - b. Blessing Box

Old Business:

- It was decided and approved to tell Erin and Justin that we would need a date before the end of May so that the schools can get names before they close. Pastor Patty advised them that with the yard sale there can be no dinners June 27th through July 10th.
- Patty did a poll via ZOOM last Sunday and will do the same next Sunday April 25 to get feedback on when people would be comfortable to resume in-person church. The initial poll on April 18th showed 59% in favor of waiting until June for in person service.

Devotions:

Pastor Patty read from Prayers from the Heart; one minute devotions.

New Business

- It was moved, seconded and passed to allow First Place to meet starting in May at church either outside or in the church fellowship hall 2:00-4:00pm on Mondays.

The next meeting of the session will be Tuesday May 18, 2021 at 6:00PM via Zoom. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Don Cole at 7:02PM.

Submitted by: _____
Katherine Hager Schmidt, Clerk of Session