

**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 October 19, 2021 in person and via ZOOM.. The meeting was called to order at 4:00PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

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

Elders Excused: none

Elders Absent: none

Guests: none

Clerk's 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

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 Presbytery report.
- Receipt of treasurer's report.

Consent agenda was moved, seconded and passed.

Items removed from consent agenda:

- Change Pastor Patty's CE dates to November 22 through December 6th, requiring worship leaders for November 28 in Bainbridge and December 5 in East Guilford.
- Change Pastor Patty's vacation dates to December 25, 2021 through January 7, 2022, requiring worship leaders for December 26 in East Guilford and January 2 in Bainbridge.

Action via email:

None

Communications were received:

Notice was received regarding 2022 per capita will be \$42.00. A letter of invitation was sent from the Red Door church in Oneonta on a presentation of the critical race theory debate.

Worship, Sandy Egli and Becky Holley, chairs:

- Worship services were held in person and over Zoom, alternating each month between the East Guilford and Bainbridge churches. Windsor Presbyterian Church joined in on some Sundays.
- Worship was held in Bainbridge in September.

- Worship was held in East Guilford during the month of October 3, 10, 17, and 24 (anticipated) and 31 (anticipated).
- Communion was held on the October 3 service, with congregants breaking bread and drinking from the cup. Pastor Patty was the officiant for communion.
- Church will be in Bainbridge during the month of November.

Building and Grounds, Gordon Spreutels, chair:

The church furnace problem: I downloaded the operator's manuals on the furnace and was able to correct the problems with no outside help or expense.

Snow removal: I signed the contract with Steve Clark on the same terms as last year.

I contacted Rob Ray and he is willing to shovel the sidewalks and porches and use salt as necessary this winter. He will charge \$20.00 only when there are excessive amounts of snow (20 in or more).

The men's restroom in the narthex has a serious leak under the sink, we put an out-of-order sign on the door. A handicapped-accessible bathroom is a great idea, I suggest we put a hold on these plans until May of 2022.

Mission & Stewardship, Judy Ives, chair:

No report.

Nominating Committee:

No report

Personnel Committee:

No report.

Presbytery Assembly Report:

Presbytery Assembly notes were received from Cheryl Nages for the October meeting.

Pastor's Report:

1. Administrative & Continuing Education
 - a. Asking for November 22, 2021 through December 6, 2021 two weeks of continuing education
2. Presbytery & Ecumenical
 - a. Sidney Ministerium Meetings resumed in September over ZOOM
 - b. Operation Merry Christmas Books and Outreach
 - i. Replaced Food and Freezer for Client
3. Days Off (Vacation) Requesting
 - a. Asking for December 25, 2021 through January 7, 2021 two weeks vacation
 - b. Day off are still Monday.
4. Worship/Events
 - a. Joint Worship in person and over ZOOM on 9/5, 9/12, 9/19, and 9/26.
 - i. Added Windsor once on 9/12
 - ii. November at @ Bainbridge
 - b. Sending bulletins to Colleen Lewis (each Sunday) who does printing and mailing
 - c. Sending Thoughts for the Day as needed
 - d. Recording worship and sharing virtual link with anyone who asks and usual ZOOM attendees who are missing on any given Sunday - Current list has 10 East Guilford folks
 - e. Update prayer list
 - f. Special Music for September 19, 2021 and September 26, 2021
 - g. Special Prayers for September 11
5. Bible Study – Continuing
 - a. Wednesdays at 9:00 AM in East Guilford
 - i. Starting Living in Faith: Women Who Trusted God by LifeWay
 - b. Thursdays at 2:00 PM at the Manse
 - i. Starting Romans: In the Grip of Grace by Max Lucado
 - c. Both Groups Finished Jesus: The God Who Knows Your Name by Max Lucado
6. Mission
 - a. Filling Blessing Box on Fridays

- b. Windsor Presbyterian – staying in contact. They will join us over ZOOM when they need to.

Old Business:

- A discussion on local and global mission was tabled.
- A clarification of the status of the Presbyterian Women's group was given by Pastor Patty. The group is separate with its own money but events held by PW are reviewed and approved by the session as is the use of the church facility. By consensus it was agreed that the Presbyterian Women can hold coffee hour before worship hour noting concerns of the difficulty for Bainbridge congregants, worship committee, organist, choir and Pastor Patty to attend due to duties performed prior to worship services.
- The personnel committee still needs an additional member from the congregation. Serving from session is Sandy Egli.

Devotions:

Pastor Patty shared Karen Moore's blog about problem solving with an open mind.

New Business

- It was moved and approved for the congregation to adopt a family for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas from the GMU school district with monies from session supplementing donations and gifts from the congregation.
- Future training sessions will include the Book of Order polity and duties of session members as well as committee chairs.
- The nominating committee will be activated as ruling elder Becky Holley will be going off session. Judy Ives is the chair with Diane Bradshaw and Jancy Cole from the congregation and Don Cole from session.
- A financial review of the records will be held in the coming months. Pastor Patty will check into requirements for the review.

The next meeting of the session will be Tuesday November 16, 2021 at 4:00PM at the church. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Sandy Egli at 5:20PM.

Submitted by: _____

Katherine Hager Schmidt, Clerk of Session