

**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 15, 2021 in the fellowship hall of the church. The meeting was called to order at 6:01PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

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

**Elders Excused:** none

**Elders Absent:** none

**Guests:** none

**Clerk's Report:**

Lawn Sale:

**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.**

Pastor Patty's vacation is the first two weeks in August.

**Action via email:**

To keep the worship service time at 10:00am was approved by the session members. In person worship service and via ZOOM will begin June 6, 2021 in East Guilford for month of June.

**Items removed from consent agenda:**

None

**Communications** were received:

The Small Church Support Team, a subcommittee of COM, sent a letter of invitation to set up a meeting with us to discuss our needs and successes as a small church. It was moved and approved that the clerk of session respond that our church is interested in meeting with them at the end of summer or beginning of fall.

**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: May 23 and 30. With pandemic restrictions lessened and with CDC recommendations followed, in-person worship was held again (for the first time since March 2020) at EG Presbyterian Church on June 6 and 13!! Praise God! Zoom will still be offered for those who

are unable to join in worship at the church. 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 June 6 service. Pastor Patty was the officiant for communion.
- Pentecost was celebrated on May 23, with congregants encouraged to wear red in recognition of the day.
- Cleaning of the church will need to be resumed.

**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:**

Sandy Egli provided a report of the Presbytery Assembly held in May.

**Pastor's Report:**

1. Administrative & Continuing Education
  - a. Reopening documents
  - b. Planned and tested "In-Person" worship setup at East Guilford
2. Presbytery & Ecumenical
  - a. Operation Merry Christmas books and outreach
  - b. Attended COM Meetings (Resigned on June 5, 2021)
  - c. Finished COM policy documents
  - d. Attended Sidney Ministerium meeting via ZOOM
3. Days Off (Vacation) Requesting
  - a. Planning first two weeks in August 2 through 15.
4. Worship/Events
  - a. Joint Worship over ZOOM on May 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 over ZOOM
    - i. Added Windsor twice, May 23 and 30
  - b. Sending bulletins to Colleen Lewis (Each Sunday) who does printing and mailing
  - c. Sending thoughts and prayers for the COVID situation and the world as able
  - 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 13 East Guilford folks
  - e. Update prayer list
  - f. Special Mother's Day music and prayers on May 16
5. Bible Study – Continuing
  - a. Wednesdays at 8:00 AM – reading Letters from a Skeptic by Dr. Gregory Boyd. Beginning June 9th meeting "in-person".
  - b. Thursdays at 7:00 PM – Taking hiatus as we look for another series
6. Mission
  - a. Working with session to provide assistance for families in need
  - b. Windsor Presbyterian – staying in contact. They will be joining us at various times over ZOOM even when we are "in-person".
  - c. Filling Blessing Box

**Old Business:**

- Furnace repair—Gordon is working on contacting a repair person or doing the job himself.
- Sanctuary leak—no longer leaking.
- Kitchen use documents and building use form—moved, seconded and approved as amended.
- Time line for discussion with congregation about future of church will be decided at July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**Devotions:**

Pastor Patty shared Psalm 148.

**New Business**

- Blessing Box no parking sign is recommended so people who use the parking lot don't block access. Gordon will look into it.
- Sending for Kathy and Dave Williams date of June 27<sup>th</sup> or August 1<sup>st</sup> proposed to them and are awaiting their availability.
- August 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 worship service plans— Janet Abel on the 8<sup>th</sup> and a hymn sing on the 15<sup>th</sup> with Becky and Sandy leading the service.
- Posters and schedule for lawn sale were shared and are available for congregation.
- Announcement of the need for a congregational member for the personnel committee will be made by Pastor Patty.

The next meeting of the session will be Tuesday July 20, 2021 at 6:00PM at the church. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Judy Ives at 7:40PM.

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

Katherine Hager Schmidt, Clerk of Session