

**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 February 15, 2022 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at _____PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

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

Elders Excused: Sandy Egli, Kathy Schmidt, clerk

Elders Absent: none

Guests: none

The **Clerk of Session Report:** The Earth Care recertification for our 11th year has been submitted by Kathy Schmidt.

Membership Roll

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| Last report..... | 47 |
| Gains:..... | 0 |
| Losses: | 0 |
| Membership Roll, this report..... | 47 |

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.
- Received report of Presbytery Assembly

Consent agenda was moved, seconded and passed.

Actions approved via email:

- It was approved on January 20, 2022 to hold church services online only for a while due to a spike in Omicron virus cases.

Transition Discussion:

- None

Items removed from consent agenda:

- Sound system estimate _____
- Committee assignments for 2022 are: _____
- Saturday May 21, 2022 9:00 – 12:00 will be this year's lawn sale date. Some changes were proposed as follows:
 - not put up the tents and try to have everything inside; putting bigger items on lawn and sidewalks.
 - limiting what we take: no furniture, clothing, printers, monitors or large electronics (we could direct them to places where these things can be donated). Only things in working order and are clean.
 - limiting the number of books to one box per donor
 - Rita Kane and Kathy Schmidt are willing to be there to accept donations and check through to make sure they are things that will sell and then directing them to places to donate excess items.
 - hopefully the Youth for Christ will take the leftovers again.

Communications were received:

- A thank you from April Ray, treasurer, for the monetary gift.
- A thank you from the GMU school for our Christmas and Thanksgiving support to a family of five.
- Orders for Presbyterian calendar are being taken.

Worship Committee, Sandy Egli and Becky Holley, chairs:

- Worship highlights for the month include:
 - January 23 and 30 services were held over Zoom only, due to weather and an increase in Covid cases locally.
 - February 6 service with communion was held over Zoom only, with Pastor Patty as the officiant.
 - February 13 service was held at Bainbridge Presbyterian Church, in person and over Zoom. The services were held jointly with East Guilford Presbyterian Church. Windsor Presbyterian Church joined us on some Sundays.
 - As of this time, masks are still required to be worn at all times during services.

Building and Grounds, Gordon Spreutels and Don Cole:

- Rob Ray has been removing snow and putting down salt as needed on the walks and steps, Rob also checks inside the church the thermostats the furnace oil level, and so forth every 2 to 3 days. We recently had a fuel oil delivery of 300 plus gallons.

Mission & Stewardship, Judy Ives, chair:

- The past month has been a busy one at the Blessing Box, being filled three times a week, with some extra provided by our "good angel" donator. We are happy to have been able to provide \$5000 to a needy family for some medical expenses and also household expenses during recovery and unemployment. We also voted to give \$1000 to a member for air fare to reach a dying family member.

Nominating Committee:

The session appointed Elder _____ to serve on the nominating committee and Elder Don Cole will serve as chair.

Personnel Committee:

No report.

Presbytery Assembly Report:

A report for the Presbytery Assembly meeting on February 6, 2022 was submitted by Pastor Patty and Judy Ives.

Pastor's Report:

1. Administrative & Continuing Education
 - a. Secured coverage for East Guilford and Bainbridge for January 2, 2022 – Marsha Muller
 - b. Moderated annual meeting over ZOOM
2. Presbytery & Ecumenical
 - a. Met with COM to discuss vacant session seat, retirement and possible coverage after June 2022.
 - b. Started talking about Ecumenical Good Friday at Sidney Ministerium
 - c. Shared Ordination/Installation service with ecumenical colleagues
3. Days Off (Vacation)
 - a. Took vacation December 25, 2021 through January 7, 2022
 - b. Day off is still Monday
4. Worship/Events
 - a. Joint Worship in person and/or over ZOOM on January 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2022
 - i. Added Windsor January 9, 16 and 30, 2022.
 - 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 or wasn't in church. List has 12 East Guilford folks

- e. Update prayer list weekly in announcement bulletin
- 5. Bible Study – Continuing
 - a. Wednesdays 9:00 AM at East Guilford
 - i. Continued Living in Faith: Women Who Trusted God by LifeWay
 - b. Thursdays 2:00 PM at the Manse
 - i. Started You Were Made for This Moment: The Story of Esther by Max Lucado
- 6. Mission
 - a. Windsor Presbyterian – staying in contact. They will join us over ZOOM when needed
 - b. Coordinate donations for Havens Family

Old Business:

- Letter to members discussion and decision _____
- Accessible bathroom discussion and plans _____

Devotions:

Pastor Patty read

New Business:

- It was approved to hold Ash Wednesday service at _____ PM in person at the East Guilford church or via ZOOM.
- The ecumenical Good Friday service will be held _____
- A draft of a letter to the congregation was prepared by Pastor Patty. It was decided to _____
- A joint session meeting with Bainbridge church will be held to _____ on _____

The next meeting of the session will be Tuesday March 15, 2022 at 4:00PM via Zoom. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Gordon Spreutels at _____ PM.

Submitted by: _____
 Judy Ives, Clerk Pro Tem