

The United Presbyterian Church of East Guilford, New York

**P.O. Box 147
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Rev. Patty Wolff, Moderator

Annual Corporation & Congregation Meeting

January 15, 2017 1:00PM

An Earth Care Congregation

AGENDA:

Call to Order, Devotions, and Opening Prayer
Clerk of Session Report
Pastor's Report
Presbyterian Women Report
Bible Study Reports
Parish Life Report
Building and Grounds Report
Stewardship and Mission Report
Worship Report
Review of 2016 Financials & Acceptance of Budget for 2017
Personnel Committee Report
Pastor's Terms of Call
Nominating Committee Report
2017 Nominating Committee Election
Acceptance of Reports
Reading/Acceptance of meeting minutes
Adjournment

The Clerk of Session Report

Enrollment January 1, 2016_____	56
Gains via transfer: _____	0
Gains, confession of faith: _____	0
Gains, reaffirmation of faith_____	0
Losses via death: _____	3-
Albert Ives DOD5Feb2016	
Laverna Foree DOD 15Oct2016	
Edith Phelps DOD 18Nov2016	
Losses to removal from roll: _____	0
Losses via transfer: _____	0
Enrollment December 31, 2016_____	53
Sacrament of Communion _____	13
Infant Baptism: Autumn Himes 25Sep2016 _____	1
Adult Baptism: _____	0
Weddings: _____	0
Funerals: Albert Ives, Allison Clune, Edith Phelps_____	3

Pastor Patty Wolff, Teaching Elder

Organist and Choir Director: Judy Ives

Worship services held each Sunday at 9:00 am in the sanctuary or fellowship hall. Average attendance is 23.

Ruling Elders on Session for 2016: Kathy Schmidt (class of 2016), Gordon Spreutels (class of 2017), Sharon Havens (class of 2017), April Geiger (class of 2018)

Clerk of Session: Katherine Hager Schmidt (class of 2017)

Treasurer: April Geiger (class of 2017); Assistant Treasurers: Elma Taylor and Marie Spreutels (class of 2017)

Financial Secretary: Lola Palmer (class of 2017)

Personnel Committee: Roy Straka, Kathy Schmidt

Financial Review Committee: Roy Straka, Mark Baldwin

Sexual Misconduct Contact Persons: Jan Lafayette, Roy Straka

Nominating Committee: Sharon Havens, April Geiger, Becky Holley, Sandy DuMond

Church Secretary: Sharon Havens

Church Historian: Tina Pabst

Sexton: Anna Egli

As there were 4 ruling elders serving in 2016, the session committees were reorganized to Building and Grounds, Parish Life, Stewardship & Mission and Worship so that each ruling elder could chair one committee. The session meeting minutes are posted on the church's website www.eastguilfordpc.org.

Membership List

1 BALDWIN, MARK	28 OHL, WILLIAM
2 BARTLETT, AUDREY	29 PALMER, GERALD
3 BARTLETT, JAMES	30 PALMER, IRVING
4 BRADSHAW, DIANE	31 PALMER, JILL
5 BURNETT, KATHLEEN	32 PALMER, LOLA
6 CLUNE, AL	33 PALMER, NORMA
7 COLE, DON	34 PALMER, RICHARD
8 COLE, JANCY	35 SALAK, THOMAS
9 DAVIS, CHRISTINE	36 SCHMIDT, KATHERINE
10 DAVIS, JOHN	37 SERGIO, VERA
11 DAVIS, WILLIAM	38 SHUPPERD, JERRI
12 DUMOND, SANDRA	39 SHUPPERD, TIMOTHY
13 EGLI, SANDRA	40 SPILLETT, KATHLEEN
14 ELLIOTT, BRUCE	41 SPREUTELS, GORDON
15 FERRARA, DORIS	42 SPREUTELS, MARIE
16 GOULD, ARDIS	43 STRAKA, ROY
17 GEIGER, APRIL	44 STRAKA, SALLY
18 HAVENS, SHARON	45 TAYLOR, ELMA
19 HOFFMAN, CERICE	46 TAYLOR, RAYMOND
20 HOLLEY, FRANK	47 UTTER, TINA
21 HOLLEY, REBECCA	48 VANVALKENBERG, JEAN
22 IVES, JUDITH	49 WARREN, JOYCE
23 LAFAYETTE, JAN	50 WILLIAMS, DAVID
24 LAFAYETTE, ROBIN	51 WILLIAMS, KATHRYN
25 LAFAYETTE, SARA	52 WILLIAMS, JANICE
26 LODOVICE, BEULAH	53 WILLIAMS, MARY
27 LODOVICE, TERRY	

AS OF December 28, 2016

Pastor's Report

Dear Friends in Christ,

Well, 2016 has come to an end and I am so thankful to God for the good work that has been done in and through you, in our congregation and in the world.

We continue to support JAARS and Bible translation efforts throughout the world. You may remember that Bob Atten told us there are still some 2,000 spoken languages that have yet to receive the Word of God in their heart language. With our help and the help of many others, we know that someday soon, all people will be able to read and hear God's Word in their own language. Martin Luther would be thrilled to know how far Bible translation has come!

After some hard work by the Session and all of you, Labors of Love has gotten off the ground. A pamphlet to "advertise" this ministry is in the works and through this ministry we can reach out to seniors and veterans in our community. A similar mission project in the towns near Ithaca has been going strong for 10+ years and has expanded to become its own Not-For-Profit corporation. Whatever we do, I'm sure we will be a blessing to our friends and neighbors.

I know we have also had some challenges this year. This month (January 2017), I begin my third year as Interim Pastor to the Central Delaware Trinity Covenant. I have heard from a few of you that it is somewhat disconcerting to have me rush out the door at the end of worship. Unfortunately, that is unavoidable. However, my service there allows us to finish out the year in a financially viable place, for which I am thankful. The Covenant will continue to split the cost of my benefits for as long as I am there.

Another challenge was trying to find insurance that would cover all the ministries we may wish to do, including any new uses we may discern for our kitchen, and any ministries that other groups such as Youth for Christ, may want in the future. I am excited to see where God is calling us as we move into 2017.

I encourage everyone to consider prayerfully what ministries each of us are called to. No one can do it all and no one is supposed to. Each of us must consider what special gifts we possess that God will call us to use, keeping in mind that sometimes, that means we sit back and cheer for the others running the race. For this and for all the joy you bring.....To God alone be the glory!

Pastor Patty

The Presbyterian Women Report

There were eight meetings this year with approximately nine active members. Meetings were held at the church and in homes during the course of the year.

Fundraising events:

- Three Committee on Ministry dinners
- Pie sale in conjunction with a yard sale on July 30th
- Roast beef harvest dinner in October

Outreach:

- Served a luncheon for Labors of Love workshop January 24th
- Sent birthday, anniversary and get well cards to church family members
- Delivered flowers to the sick and homebound
- Served meals for the family of Allison Clune in September and Edie Phelps in November

Mission Projects:

- Financially supported the following: Presbyterian Women of the Synod of the Northeast, Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley
- Donated to the Buckhorn Children's Home
- Collected food items for a GMU family each month of the year
- Prepared and served the November Share the Bounty Dinner at the Sidney Methodist Church
- Provided Christmas gifts, food and clothing for two families in the GMU school district
- Sent a donation to the Solomon Islands
- Made a contribution to the Good Samaritan Fund
- Collected clothing and bedding to support St. Luke's local charity

The UPW also contributed \$1000 to the general fund of the church and hosted several coffee hours.
Submitted by Kathy Williams

Presbyterian Women's Treasurer Report

Balance as of January 1, 2016	\$2,695.15
INCOME:	
Collections	\$ 149.00
COM Dinners	408.00
Bake Sale	240.50
Roast Beef supper	2220.00
Donation Xmas gift	20.00
Subtotal	3037.50
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Reception, Palm Sunday, Picnic	\$ 352.35
GMU Family (meat,fruit,milk)	262.29
R.Beef supper (supplies, meat,rolls)	405.71
Advertising (signs,Pennysaver)	209.10
Donation to EG Church	1,000.00
Women of Presbytery (Annual)	147.00
Other Donations:	
Mustard Seed Church	\$300.
Buckhorn Children's	\$100.
Good Samaritan	\$400.
Operation Merry Ch.	\$200.
Christmas Gifts	\$126.72
Subtotal	< \$3502.87 >
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2016	\$2229.78

Respectfully submitted by Lola Palmer, treasurer

PW Sunshine

80 cards sent for birthday, anniversary, sympathy, get well and Christmas
Balance as of December 2016 is \$59.91

Submitted by Joyce Warren

Bible Study

The morning group met 32 times this year with an average attendance of six. We completed a study of Isaiah and continue reading Psalms. In September we began reading Deuteronomy.

Submitted by Dave Williams

The afternoon Bible study is held 2:30PM at the church in good weather and at someone's home when the weather turns cold. We have an average of 3 to 6 people attend. Each week we discuss a verse from Proverbs and a chapter from the Bible. We finished 2 Corinthians and have started Mark.

Submitted respectfully by Sharon Havens

Parish Life Report

- On January 17 we had a dinner with our annual meeting.
- Valentine's Day was celebrated on the 14th of February with a dinner.
- A covered dish was held on Palm Sunday, March 20, to celebrate Easter.
- Mother's Day and Father's day were both recognized with coffee hours. Mother's Day was done by the men and Father's Day was done by the women.
- On July 23rd we celebrated the fact that our organist, Judy Ives, has been playing the organ for over 60 years. We had a picnic outside on the lawn. Everyone brought a covered dish and the church furnished the meat and rolls. Her friends and family were invited. There were gifts and cake to help celebrate. Everyone enjoyed themselves.
- The last week in July we did the Annual Yard Sale. Everything was done with a free will offering. A bake sale was done at the same time by the Presbyterian Women.
- On November 12th we hosted a "Preach What You Eat" dinner. People were asked to bring something made with locally grown produce. This was intended to help us support the fact that we are an earth care congregation. We also showed a movie.

Submitted by Sharon Havens, Chairperson

Building and Grounds Report

- The steps were repaired at the entrance to the fellowship hall.
- New composite decking was installed on the front deck and steps.
- Again this past summer we saved money on lawn care, Marie and I volunteered to do the lawn care.
- We had a leak in the boiler system plumbing and it was repaired by Jim Karl and me. Jim donated his professional services and only charged for the parts.
- The dehumidifier in the basement quit working and a new dehumidifier was purchased and installed. The walls in the basement were washed from ceiling to floor with borax and detergent.
- A new time delay light switch was installed in the fellowship hall to allow people to get to their cars before the light goes out.
- New air filters were purchased and installed in the sanctuary air heating system.
- David Schmidt, an engineer, looked at the floor structure under the kitchen and determined it was sound but sagging in some spots. I jacked up the beams in several spots and installed new supports.
- The snow blower was repaired and filled with fresh gas and is ready to go for the winter.
- The steam table was removed from the kitchen and the gas line was disconnected outside at the propane tank.

Submitted by Gordon Spreutels

Stewardship and Mission Support

Summary of 2016 mission projects:

- Collection for JAARS \$725
- One Great Hour of Sharing Offering \$300
- Food donations for GMU family of 6
Food and household items were collected and delivered to the family once a month with PW providing perishable food such as milk, meat, cheese and eggs. Produce from our produce table was also given to the family.
- Food donations to Mt. Upton Methodist church food bank
This year, the donated food and produce was divided between the family and the food bank.
- Christmas Joy Offering \$195
- Labors of Love
Help and assistance is available for our congregation members through the Labors for Love. Call Kathy Williams for transportation to doctor's appointments or shopping, odd chores to be completed around the house, cleaning jobs, friendly visits or other needs.
- Earth Care Congregation
This was our 6th year as an Earth Care Congregation. Worship service on April 17th focused on Farms and Farming with congregation members participating. An "Eat What You Preach" luncheon was held highlighting local food sources with a bulletin board of recipes. The congregation was encouraged to bring fresh flowers to decorate the sanctuary during worship. The session made a contribution of \$100 to the Creation Justice Ministries for justice to God's planet and God's people.
- Produce Table
Produce from the congregation's home gardens was shared with the church family as well as the Mt. Upton food bank and GMU families.

- Student Recognition
Makalia Bean graduated from Sidney High School and was recognized with a Bible and support for her initial college expenses was provided in the amount of \$200.
- Annual Lawn Sale
Donations from the church family and friends were collected for the annual lawn sale on July 30th. All sales were free will to help those on limited budgets. The leftover items were donated to the Sidney Nex to New shop, library, St. Luke's church outreach and the Bainbridge Presbyterian church. Profit from the sale was \$ 1017.93

Submitted by Kathy Schmidt

Worship Report

We celebrated 12 Communions on the first Sunday of each month and one on Maundy Thursday.

There were four 5th Sundays of the month on which we did a hymn sing.

Pastor Patty was granted a sick week April 4 – 10. Roy Straka led the worship service on April 10th. Patty's medical leave April 11-24 was covered with the Earth Care service on the 17th by the members of the congregation. Marsha Mueller was the lay preacher on April 24th.

While Pastor Patty was on vacation, study leave and attending General Assembly, Paul Hamilton preached on May 1, June 12, 19, 26, and July 3. JoAnne Aymar led worship on November 27th.

Our Annual Meeting was held on 1/17/2016 with lunch preceding the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

An Elder training course was held on 6/7/2016 and 7/12/16.

Our Christmas Eve service was held 12/24/2016 at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by April Geiger, Chairperson

2016 Financial Report and 2017 Budget

	Actual	Budget	Proposed Budget
	Jan - Dec 16	2016	2017
Income			
Bldg Maintenance funds received	1,088.93		
Envelope Offerings	50,993.00	46,000.00	50,000.00
flowers	87.00		85.00
Initial	72.00		
Interest			
Merrill Lynch interest income	206.64	500.00	200.00
NBT/MM account interest	6.59	10.00	5.00
New Covenant Mutual Funds income	378.13		350.00
Total Interest	591.36	510.00	555.00
Loose Offerings	1,180.00	1,600.00	1,000.00
Memorial	770.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,025.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Per Capita	944.88	1,000.00	900.00
Upper Room	21.00	25.00	20.00
Total Income	56,686.17	51,635.00	54,560.00

Expense	Actual	Budget	Proposed Budget
	Jan - Dec 16	2016	2017
Benevolence			
Missions	2,025.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
Total Benevolence	2,025.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
Building and Maintenance			
Electric	520.95	700.00	550.00
Fuel Oil	1,606.38	3,000.00	2,500.00
Insurance	1,669.50	1,500.00	1,900.00
Lawn Mowing	0.00	100.00	0.00
Propane	0.00	50.00	50.00
Repairs & Maintenance	1,551.67	500.00	500.00
Snow Plowing	150.00	400.00	400.00
Water	143.70	200.00	150.00
Total Building and Maintenance	5,642.20	6,450.00	6,050.00
Local Ministry			
Cleaning	1,225.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Local Office Expense	205.00	500.00	200.00
Misc Flowers	294.87		250.00
Miscellaneous	266.52	500.00	500.00
Music	204.00	500.00	200.00
Organist	4,950.00	4,950.00	4,950.00
Secretary	1,920.00	1,920.00	1,920.00
Supplies	607.50	160.00	500.00
Supply Pastor	949.48	800.00	900.00
Telephone & Internet	840.68	780.00	850.00
Upper Room Exp	75.60	80.00	75.00
Total Local Ministry	11,243.78	11,390.00	11,545.00
Pastoral Ministry			
Continuing Education	0.00	600.00	1,000.00
Med/Dntl/Pension	9,335.76	8,300.00	10,000.00
mileage	673.97	1,000.00	700.00
Pastoral Salary	25,000.04	25,423.70	26,610.00
Total Pastoral Ministry	35,009.77	35,323.70	38,310.00
PerCapita	1,952.16	1,953.00	2,050.00
Total Expense	55,872.91	56,616.70	59,955.00
Net Income	813.26	-4,981.70	-5,395.00

Personnel Committee Report

The church personnel are Pastor Patricia Wolff, Organist Judy Ives, Sexton Anna Egli and Secretary Sharon Havens. Pastor Patty is half time at our church and half time at The Covenant in Delhi. The organist receives \$100 per week for inside services and \$75 per week when the services are outside with no choir practice. The secretary is compensated at \$160 per month. The sexton is paid \$25 per week. Submitted by Kathy Schmidt and Roy Straka

Pastor's Terms of Call

The session proposes the compensation for Pastor Patty at a half time position with 14 days including 2 Sundays study leave, and 28 days with Sundays for vacation include a raise of \$50 per month to \$26,610 for the year. She will be taking 2 days off per week and working 20 hours per work as our pastor.

Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee consisted of Sharon Havens, chairman, ruling elder April Geiger, and Becky Holley and Sandy DuMond from the congregation. Elder Kathy Schmidt is leaving session after serving 6 years with thanks. There remained a vacancy of one ruling elder for the class of 2016. The nominating committee presents Jan Lafayette and Judy Ives for nomination as ruling elders, class of 2019, for a term of 3 years.

2017 Nominating Committee Election

From the Bylaws: Two ruling elders shall be designated by and from the session, one of whom shall be chairman, and at least two members who are not session members shall be elected by the congregation at its annual meeting.

Nominations for 2 members from the congregation will be accepted from the floor.