

**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 12, 2018 at the church. The meeting was called to order at 6 PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

**Elders Present:** Dave Williams, Jan Lafayette, Sharon Havens, Judy Ives, Patty Wolff, moderator; with a quorum being present.

**Elders Excused:** April Ray

**Elders Absent:** none

**Guests:** none

**The Clerk of Session Report:**

**Membership Roll**

Last report.....	53
Gains:.....	0
Losses: Tom Salak.....	1
Membership Roll, this report.....	52

**Sacraments**

Communion.....	1
Infant Baptism.....	0
Adult Baptism.....	0
Weddings.....	0
Funerals.....	0

The following **Communications** were received:

- JAARS Newsletter
- Thank you letter from Presbyterian Mission for receipt of \$200 for Christmas Joy Offering.

**Consent Agenda:**

- Reviewed and set agenda for meeting.
- Approval of last month's minutes.
- Approval of standing committee reports.
- Approval of Clerk of Session report.
- Approval of Pastor's report and mileage.
- Receipt of treasurer's report.
- Receipt of Presbytery Assembly report.

**Consent agenda was moved and passed including the following:**

Approval to hold special offering for Buckhorn on 6/24/18. Loose change in collection plate will be given.

There was some discussion on mission expenses and how they appear in financial reports. Will ask April to explain this to Session at another time.

**Worship Committee, Judy Ives and Jan Lafayette, chairs:**

- While Patty was on vacation Joann Aymar preached on May 6 and Barbara Renton preached on May 13. Dr. Renton served communion with Becky and Frank Holley assisting.
- On May 20, Judy hosted her afternoon of music. It was well-attended by the community.
- On Memorial Day, Patty led us in a special Memorial Day prayer.
- At the UPW meeting on Thursday, May 7, there was some discussion about the fact that we are short on offering envelopes this year, and some people who regularly attend do not have them. It was suggested that maybe we could put offering envelopes in the pews. We could either make them or purchase them.

**Building and Grounds, Dave Williams, chair:**

- I have contacted paving companies regarding sealing and repairing our blacktop surfaces.

**Parish Life, Sharon Havens, chair:**

- No report.

**Mission & Stewardship, Jan Lafayette, chair:**

- I have been promoting the Blessing Box, and trying to get assistance filling it. I discussed it twice in church. There is a short, 20-word ad in The Penny Saver until the end of July. It was in the WCDO community calendar, but I am not sure how long they ran it. Finally, I wrote a TriTown News article. I have been hearing that no one has seen it, so I just submitted it again and asked them to contact me with any issues. The UPW group decided that the proceeds for the summer breakfasts would be donated to obtain food for the Blessing Box. If it is more \$ than we need, some can go to help build the new Blessing Box.
- Dave Williams gave a Moment for Mission on June 3 about JAARS.
- The final amount of money collected for the Maji Solar Project was \$555. It is amazing to be part of such a caring congregation!
- The UPW would like us to hold a collection for Buckhorn Children and Family Services in Kentucky on June 24. Buckhorn is trying to refurbish their cottages and facilities. Kathy Williams will do a Moment for Mission on June 17 and June 24. The UPW has supported Buckhorn for many years.

**Nominating Committee:**

- No report.

**Personnel Committee, Jan Lafayette, chair:**

- Minutes of the meeting held on May 17, 2018 were received.

**Presbytery Report:**

- Notes on the special May 22 Presbytery Assembly were presented.

**Pastor's Report:**

Pastor Patty attended two interviews for a Temporary supply at the Bainbridge Presbyterian effective July 1, 2018 – December 21, 2018. She attended the special Assembly on May 22 for the sale of the Mission Center. Patty continues to work with administration of Operation Merry Christmas. She took 2 weeks vacation April 30 – May 13. Pastor Patty lead a special prayer for Memorial Day and continues to work with Wednesday and Thursday Bible studies.

**Old Business:**

- Blessing Box cabinet – still in process
- Church contact list
  - Added to Google docs in November, 2015 but it has not been kept up-to-date

- Discussed 2 issues: keeping it up-to-date, and whether it should be on Google Drive
- It was decided to use Google again, using a spreadsheet Patty has provided.
- Decided we will create pew cards asking for contact information from new people and updates from others. Jan will prepare a draft for Session approval.
- Dave Williams and Judy Ives will solicit updates during breakfast this coming Sunday.
- Dave Williams also volunteered to help keep the list up-to-date.

**Devotions:**

None

**New Business:**

- Patty has purchased some individual copies of some new hymnals that will be covered by CCLI license.
- Approved start of summer services inside beginning in July. Communion will be served on 7/1, 8/5 and 9/2
- Approved request from Todd Straka and Tanya Burk to be married on Sept 29, 2018, 3 PM at the church. Sharon will send member's version of the use of church form to Todd.
- Discussed location for Operation Merry Christmas, since they will need to move out of the Presbytery Mission Center once it is sold. Made no commitment to use our old Sunday School rooms. Suggested that Operation Merry Christmas check with the village on use of the Grand St. building it purchased.
- Discussed Personnel Committee request for a small ramp in the sanctuary to help people navigate the tall step in the front. Decided upon a 4.5-inch step, about 3 ft. long with no railing.
- Dave mentioned that he had been contacted by a young man who needed a ride on Friday via Labors of Love. This individual has also asked for gas money, and Patty has helped him out.
- Discussed whether we wanted to provide offering envelopes in the pews for those who do not have them. Decided to table it for now unless we hear from others who do not have envelopes and would like this.

Our next meeting of the session will be Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 6:00PM, at the church. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Judy Ives at 7:33 PM.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jan Lafayette, Ruling Elder

