

**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 November 6, 2018 at the church. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

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

Elders Excused: Jan Lafayette

Elders Absent: none

Guests: None

Membership Roll

Last report.....	51
Gains:.....	0
Losses:	0
Membership Roll, this report.....	51
Sacraments	
Communion.....	1
Infant Baptism.....	0
Adult Baptism.....	0
Weddings.....	0
Funerals.....	0

Consent agenda was moved and passed including the following: the Christmas Joy offering, and decorating the church for Advent/Christmas on November 18th after the pot-luck breakfast. Approval was given for the purchase of a vacuum for under \$450. A quote will be obtained for spring cleaning of the sanctuary and narthex carpets.

Removed from the Consent Agenda: Three hymns by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette: They Raged at Jesus' Sermon (used November 4th), To a Place of Celebration (used November 11th), and He Shall Be the One of Peace (used November 11th) have been used. These are not covered by CCLI. April Ray made the motion and seconded by Judy Ives to send \$90 to Carolyn Winfrey Gillette to cover the copyright fees was approved. The vote was 4 - In Favor and 1 – Against.

The following **Communications** were received:

- Information about the Lay Preaching Program

Worship Committee, Judy Ives and Jan Lafayette, chairs:

- Communion was celebrated October 7th, with Pastor Patty officiating and Elma Taylor and Sandy DuMond serving. Rev. Hemant Tandi filled the pulpit on October 14 during Patty's leave.
- We have already made an announcement asking for Advent Wreath participators. Judy will inquire this week about dates for poinsettias from Price Chopper.

Building and Grounds, Dave Williams, chair:

- Gordon and Dave met at the church on October 30 to move the snowblower to the shed and to make sure it is ready to use this winter season
- It was discovered that the outdoor light pole was very unstable and it could easily fall down. It was determined that removal was necessary and has been removed. The breaker for that electrical circuit has been switched "off" and the pole subsequently removed.

Parish Life, Sharon Havens, chair:

- October was the first month that we tried a Pot luck brunch immediately following church. Everyone that was in church with the exception of about 2 people attended. The committee decided to continue for the rest of the year and see how the attendance is and decide whether to continue.

Mission & Stewardship, Jan Lafayette, chair:

- There were 2 breakfasts with the donation basket monies for helping to fill the Blessing Box.
- The Christmas Joy Offering was approved.

Nominating Committee:

- No report.

Personnel Committee, Jan Lafayette, chair:

- November 1, 2018 Personnel Committee meeting notes were received. The next meeting will be held December 6, 2018 at 6:30 PM at Patty's apartment.
 - Schedule of quarterly meetings for 2019: February 7, May 2, August 1, and November 7. Meetings will be at 6:30 PM. Location to be determined based on weather.
 - The committee recommends no salary change for the secretary and organist for 2019. The pastor requests that her 2019 salary be reduced \$50-\$75 per month following discussion with SSA. An extra week of vacation, making it 5 weeks, will be given to the pastor for 2019.

Presbytery Report:

- No report.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor Patty continued to work with Operation Merry Christmas and the two weekly Bible studies at our church. She participated in the Roast Beef Dinner and continues to fill up the blessing box. She has also finished training Aimee, the new secretary and made a report to the Personnel Committee.
- Pastor Patty took a Suicide Prevention Workshop on October 10, 2018, which was sponsored by the Capital Area Baptist Association in Albany, NY.

Old Business:

- Microfiche reader – tabled. We still need to think about how we might handle it if someone needs access to the church to use it.
- Membership Review – the Session will consider this if we just try to contact people who have been on the list, but not in church, to invite them back. Will discuss more specifics at the next meeting.

Devotions:

Romans 10 – The church in Rome at that time was asking questions about who is saved and who is not. Paul tells them not to ask these questions; that decision belongs to God. Paul counsels them to stick with what they have learned about Christ from him.

New Business:

- Advent Plans – Advent liturgy has been chosen with music (466GTG). Judy and Jan looking for folks to light the candles.
- Fun worship ideas: Sharon and her committee will look into possibilities.
- Presbytery Assembly on November 17th. Commissioner will be Jan Lafayette.

M/S/P to adjourn. Our next meeting of the session will be Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 6:00PM, location to be determined. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Sharon at approximately 7:20 PM.

Submitted by: _____

Rev. Patty Wolff, Moderator