

**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 March 13, 2018 via conference call. The meeting was called to order at 6 PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

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

Elders Excused: none

Elders Absent: none

Guests: none

The Clerk of Session Report:

Membership Roll

Last report.....	54
Gains:.....	0
Losses:	0
Membership Roll, this report.....	54

Sacraments

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

The following **Communications** were received:

- Notice of 2018 Earth Care Recertification was received.
- Newsletter and invoice from Orissa, the Indian organization through which we sponsor Lusi. 2018 support for Lusi was approved, but Patty is contacting Hemant to make sure the request was for our 2018 contribution, and for other information about the program.
- Thank you from PCUSA for our contribution to the 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

Consent agenda was moved and passed including the following:

- Approval of previous meeting's minutes with corrections as requested via email from Dave Williams
- April Ray noted that we have transferred money from our savings account - \$2,000 in January and \$3,000 in March

Worship Committee, Judy Ives and Jan Lafayette, chairs:

- Communion was held on March 4th. Rev. Patty Wolff officiated and Frank and Becky Holley served.
- Patty held a joint Ash Wednesday service with St. Luke's at our church.
- Palms are on order for Palm Sunday.
- We obtained information on Easter lilies and are taking orders for them.
- We are looking into having the altar and communion pieces cleaned.
- Robin Lafayette will be speaking on alternate energy at our April 22nd Earth Day worship. Kathy Schmidt also wanted to speak on clean water, but decided to save it for next year. Judy is looking into hymns for this service.
- A couple of people mentioned that the communion service and altar pieces needed cleaning. After bringing it up at the UPW meeting, Jan has been in touch with T.H. Stemper Company, who we think cleaned some of the pieces 20 years ago. After sending them some more information, they will send us an estimate of cost. Jan has talked to Roy Straka, Bill Oil and Dick Palmer over the course of the week about this. We should discuss further once we get the estimates.

Building and Grounds, Dave Williams, chair:

- Kathy Schmidt alerted me to evidence of a leak at the double basin sink. We need to keep an eye on it.
- BlueOx has the filter and nozzle and will be coming sometime in May to install.

Parish Life, Sharon Havens, chair:

No report.

Mission & Stewardship, Jan Lafayette, chair:

- Jan has planned two more moments for mission in the next two weeks for One Great Hour of Sharing. Banks, envelopes and pamphlets are available for the church family.
- Jan has received information on the Maji Solar Project to be used in April.
- We have been recertified as an Earth Care Congregation for 2018.
- Kathy Schmidt is helping put up a new Earth Care bulletin board in the next few weeks on the Maji Solar Project.

Nominating Committee:

No report

Personnel Committee, Jan Lafayette, chair:

- Because of weather and schedules, we are struggling with setting up the quarterly Personnel Committee meeting.
- We still need cleaners for May and June, so please encourage people to consider helping out!

Presbytery Report:

No report.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Patty attended the TriTown Ministerium meeting at St. Luke's church. She continues in the Operation Merry Christmas treasurer position. Patty attended the Presbytery Assembly meeting in Bainbridge on February 24th. Lenten study plans are being made with St. Luke's church with Ash Wednesday service to be held at our church. Patty has ordered Lenten devotionals for our congregation's use. Wednesday morning and Thursday morning Bible studies have continued with 1 Chronicles and Proverbs/Jobs, respectively.

Old Business:

- Blessing Box cabinet: Discussed building a shed to house the snow blower and the Blessing Box. Jan Lafayette and Dave Williams will work on plans.
- Dave Williams wants to have work done on the furnace after heating season is over. It will be in May or so, when it is convenient for the church and the oil company.

Devotions: Psalm 48

New Business:

- Judy Ives (chair) and Sharon Havens volunteered to serve as the Session members on the nominating committee.
- Approved moving worship back into the sanctuary as of Sunday, March 25 (Palm Sunday).
- Approved via email to hold communion on Maundy Thursday and April communion changed to April 8th.
- Approved via email vacation for Patty for the weeks of April 30 and May 7, 2018.
- Approved request to instruct the Clerk of Session to transfer Kathy Burnett's church membership to the First Presbyterian Church of Unadilla
- Discussed plans for the Maji Solar Project offering around Earth Day worship. Kathy Schmidt has started an Earth Care Bulletin board with this theme.
- Judy Ives, organist, requested April 14th off. Patty will contact Wyva as substitute.
- Sharon Havens, secretary, requested time off from worship preparation for May 20, May 27 and Nov. 25. Jan Lafayette will be back-up.
- Discussed the possibility of having a fundraiser, with all proceeds going to our mission work. It may be a dinner or some type of strawberry or blueberry fest. Session needs to discuss ideas further before enlisting help.
- Discussed raising awareness of our mission work with congregation. Jan Lafayette has plans to promote One Great Hour of Sharing in March and the Maji Solar Project in April. Also discussed having monthly Moments for Mission to describe our other projects and/or to summarize mission work the church has been doing.
- Discussed the shortage of lay preachers and the possibility of having Patty coordinate her vacation weeks with Ernie Varga, pastor of St. Like's Evangelical Lutheran Church. No decision.

Our next meeting of the session will be Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 6:00PM, tentatively at the church. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Judy Ives at approximately 7:06 PM.

Submitted by: _____
Jan Lafayette, Ruling Elder