

**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 May 15, 2018 at the church. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 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:	0
Membership Roll, this report.....	53

Sacraments

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

The following **Communications** were received:

- Orders being taken for PCUSA calendar and new Book of Order. Patty has purchased her copy. Anyone can download Book of Order for free from PCUSA. If you need calendar or Book of Order, contact Sharon.
- JAARS annual report
- Communication from Brotherhood Mutual. This may be a bill, so Patty will send it to April.

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
- Approval of Presbytery assembly report

Consent agenda was moved and passed including the following:

- Approved funds for sealing of the driveway

Worship Committee, Judy Ives and Jan Lafayette, chairs:

- After a joyous Easter celebration on April 1, we celebrated communion on April 8, led by Pastor Patty and served by Kathy Williams and Bill Ohl.
- We observed Earth Day on April 22 with our Earth Care program. Robin Lafayette spoke about alternate forms of energy and gave guidelines for conserving energy. Songs, poems, and a photo display on the sanctuary screen were also shared.

- Pastor Patty will have vacation time from April 30 to May 13, with JoAnn Aymar filling the pulpit on May 6 and Rev. Dr. Barbara Renton on May 13.
- Jan followed up on the information about repairing or replacing our altar set and communion items. We have copies of that report.
- The piano was tuned on May 7.

Building and Grounds, Dave Williams, chair:

- A work party was held May 2 to get the lawn ready for mowing and to edge the parking lot. Gordon, Irv and Dick assisted.
- A downspout needs attention and we need a plan for dealing with the porches and ramp.
- The shed/blessing box is still in the planning phase.

Parish Life, Sharon Havens, chair:

- No report

Mission & Stewardship, Jan Lafayette, chair:

- One Great Hour of Sharing: as of April 1 or so, we had collected \$489.30 in offerings. The nurture committee sponsored a breakfast after church on April 8. The breakfast collection, \$167, will also go toward OGHS.
- JAARS Since the beginning of the year, we have contributed \$145.58 to JAARS. We received the JAARS annual report. After reading it, I passed it on to Dave W., who said he would be willing to do a memento for mission on it in the near future.
- Maji Solar Project: Our goal was \$250, so we could say we contributed one solar panel for one home in Maji, Ethiopia. As of May 12, we have collected \$410.
- Earth Care: I have provided the New Scotland Presbyterian Church with information and resources for becoming an Earth Care Congregation. My daughter, Sara, has been attending this church. I may go over and speak with them in the next couple of months. When I get more details, I'll let you know.
- Blessing Box: Dave, Gordon, and I discussed plans to replace the current box.
- Finally - I received some positive feedback about our Moments for Mission. I think we are on the right track with mission.

Nominating Committee:

- No report.

Personnel Committee, Jan Lafayette, chair:

- No report.

Presbytery Report:

- Dave Williams presented a report of the Presbytery meeting on May 5th.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Patty took vacation April 30 through May 13 for 2 weeks including 2 Sundays. She continues to attend the Tri Town Ministerium meetings and administers the Operation Merry Christmas treasury. Patty prepared a sermon series on Easter hymns, participated in the Earth Day service on April 22nd and the lasagna dinner on April 27th. Pastor Patty's last Sunday service at the Covenant Churches will be June 6th.

Old Business:

- Blessing Box:
 - Cabinet is still in the planning stages
 - Discussed that the Box has been emptied lately, and that Patty has been filling it. Explained that there is often extra donated food in the church. Jan will do a Moment for Mission on Sunday to encourage participation and will write a Tri-Town news article to encourage the community to support the project.

- Communion ware: after reviewing estimates from T.H. Stemper Co., all agreed to table the restoration of our brass pieces for now.
- Patty requested additional feedback on hymn-based sermons and discussed ideas she has for summer sermon topics.

Devotions:

Listened to the first few verses of 1 John 3 and discussed how we can become more like Jesus before he returns. Since we don't know when He will return, we should do all the Christian things we need to do. Passage brings us hope.

New Business:

- Judy Ives will not be here on June 10. Patty will contact Wyva to see if she can be our organist.
- Patty explained that Operation Merry Christmas is applying for tax-free status with Dollar General. Session approved creation of Dollar General tax-free account in our church's name.
- Patty's call with The Covenant will end on June 6. She will be meeting with the Bainbridge First Presbyterian Church to discuss a 6-month contract to serve their congregation. Pension dues paid by The Covenant will be pro-rated in June. They will also be pro-rated with Bainbridge if Patty takes this call. Our church may have to pay \$500-\$600 extra in June for Patty's pension dues. It is also possible that Patty could serve the Masonville Federated Church.
- Discussed the Small Church Gathering at Delhi 1st on Saturday. May 19 @ 9 AM.
- Tom Salak has passed away. There may be a service at a later date.
- Dave asked that we keep Rob Ray in our prayers, as he is not feeling well.
- Permission was given via an email vote for the line dancing group to use the church fellowship room the first 3 Mondays in June 5:00-8:30pm.

Our next meeting of the session will be Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 6:00PM, at the church. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Sharon Havens at approximately 7:30 PM.

Submitted by: _____

Jan Lafayette, Ruling Elder