

**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 April 16, 2019 at the manse. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

Elders Present: Dave Williams, Jan Lafayette, Sharon Havens, Judy Ives, Becky Holley, 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.....	50
Gains:.....	0
Losses:	0
Membership Roll, this report.....	50

Sacraments

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

The following **Communications** were received:

- Letter from Ed & Mindy Wright about establishing a pregnancy care center for greater Norwich area. Decided we do not wish to pursue this as a mission at this time.
- Letter from PCUSA Mission about available mission grants
- Receipt from Hope Foundation for 2018 donation for Lusi Digal's education
- Receipt from PCUSA Mission regarding our offering contributions in 2018
- Information from PCUSA regarding One Great Hour of Sharing
- 2019 Earth Care certificate and letter from Presbyterian Hunger Program
- Annual report from Frontier Fellowship (Maji Solar Project)
- Information on 4Ocean

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:

- 2019 budget does not appear to reflect changes approved at March Session meeting. Patty will discuss this with April.

Worship Committee, Judy Ives and Jan Lafayette, chairs:

- Communion was celebrated April 7 with Pastor Patty officiating and Kathy Williams and Lola Palmer serving.
- Lilies have been ordered from Price Chopper to arrive April 16.
- We will have Maundy Thursday service on April 18 at East Guilford at 7 PM. This will be a combined service with Bainbridge Presbyterian.
- We are planning for Earth Day to be celebrated April 28.
- Judy will be gone for the June 2 service so there will need to be a sub for music that day.

Building and Grounds, Dave Williams, chair:

- Now that the frost is out of the ground, we will assess the bilco door opening problem. There are also a number of downspouts that need straightening and other repairs.
- I will touch base with Gordon and Gerry regarding lawn mowing for the season.

Parish Life, Sharon Havens, chair:

- No report.

Mission & Stewardship, Jan Lafayette, chair:

- No report.

Nominating Committee:

- No report.

Personnel Committee, Jan Lafayette, chair:

- Discussion at the March 28th meeting included the secretary position and church cleaners.

Presbytery Report, Dave Williams, Commissioner

As an elder commissioner, I attended a special meeting of the Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley on March 30, 2019 at the Bainbridge Presbyterian Church. The meeting was convened to review numerous COM policies, procedures and resource materials that together are intended to provide a unified manual. Numerous other documents were presented for a first reading and suggestions were made for improvement and the team will consider those thoughts as they edit prior to the next reading.

Pastor's Report:

1. Administrative & Continuing Education
 - a. Continuing Ed – February 28 to March 3 – SBL Conference
 - b. Personnel Meeting on March 28
 - c. PW Meeting on March 7
 - d. Elder Training on March 23
2. Presbytery & Ecumenical
 - a. Administration of Operation Merry Christmas – all charges paid up to date
 - b. Sidney Ministerium Meeting on March 14 @ Sidney UM
 - c. COM Meeting on March 5
3. Days Off (Vacation)
 - a. Planning April 29 through May 13 – 2 weeks vacation
4. Worship/Events
 - a. Coordinate Joint Worship on March 3 w/ Bainbridge

- b. Joint Ash Wednesday Service @ Bainbridge
- c. Make Your Own Sundae Sunday
- 5. Mission
 - a. Filled Blessing Box
- 6. Bible Study
 - a. Wednesday Morning – Minor Prophets
 - b. Thursday Afternoon - Proverbs & Revelation

Old Business:

- Back to School letter – Patty will let Kathy S. and Kathy J. know that the next ministerium meeting is May 9 when she is on vacation.
- Operation Merry Christmas – Patty will bring Ginny Ireland’s need for assistance to the Sidney Ministerium and will put information for volunteers in our church announcements
- Share the Bounty needs organizations to volunteer – Patty will add to our church announcements
- Dave reports that there is nothing wrong with the refrigerator even though there was a concern about this last month.
- Hymn words will be removed from the PowerPoint slides in the near future. Decided to stop using announcements PowerPoint and will see how it is accepted

Devotions: Read the words to The Sacred Realm is Like the Yeast, by Jann Aldridge Clanton from Earth Transformed with Music Hymnal.

New Business:

- Motion made and approved regarding pulpit supply shared with Bainbridge church: host church will pay for pulpit supply. Approved 10 AM worship with First Presbyterian Church of Bainbridge on May 5 at Bainbridge.
- Motion made and approved to share worship with FPC of Bainbridge in July and August, with each church taking a month. Approved 9 AM time and that loose offerings be split among the two churches and be used for mission, pending FPC of Bainbridge Session approval.
- Motion made and approved to participate in Ecumenical Memorial Day Weekend Service in Bainbridge. It will be on May 26 at 10 AM.
- Decided to table town hall meetings about church future until fall.
- Approved use of Tri-Town NY Church Bulletin Facebook Group to announce our church activities. Jan will make updates as she is adding to our church FB page.
- Approved use of church for a public information meeting on Days for Girls program.
- Discussed listing Labors of Love drivers on NY Connects. With regret, motion made and approved to disband Labors of Love mission work as many volunteers can no longer participate.

Our next meeting of the session will be Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 6:00PM, at the church. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Dave Williams at approximately 7:50 PM.

Submitted by: _____
 Jan Lafayette, Ruling Elder and Pro tem clerk

