

**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 18, 2019 at the church. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

Elders Present: Dave Williams, Judy Ives, Becky Holley, and Patty Wolff, moderator; with a quorum being present.

Elders Excused: Sharon Havens and Jan Lafayette

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:

- The JAARS Annual Report
- A copy of the new insurance policy from Brotherhood
- Information on Job Opportunities with the 2020 Census.
- A request from the Good Shepherd Communities. M/S/P to send a \$100 donation in Honor of Doris Ferrara.
- A packet of materials from the workshop held on 6/8/19 called “Crossing the Racial Divide”, which was held at the Red Door church was received. The packet will be sent around to the Session members starting with Judy Ives.
- Acknowledgement from Special Offerings, PCUSA of our \$443 donation to the Christmas Joy Offering.
- Information from PCUSA about the Pentecost Offering, which goes to children at risk, youth and young adults. It was decided not to participate as we had missed the dates.
- Card and check from Mr. Edmund Van Kuren in memory of Beulah Lodovice was given to Lola Palmer on Sunday, 6/16/2019.
- Becky Holley reported that the Days for Girls meeting, which was hosted by East Guilford on 6/5/19 was successful. A small group from a number of churches were in attendance.

It was approved via email that the regular session meeting for May be cancelled and all business moved to June's meeting.

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:

Worship Committee, Judy Ives and Jan Lafayette, chairs:

- We celebrated Easter on April 21.
- A special Earth Day worship service was held on April 28. Despite the technical difficulties, we had very positive feedback. We will be showing the photo videos which we couldn't show that day during worship services in the near future.
- We worshipped in Bainbridge with the Presbyterian Church during Patty's absence on May 5. Terri Barnhart preached, and communion was served by Cheryl Nages.
- Rev. Dr. Barbara Renton preached at our church on May 12, which was also during Patty's vacation.
- Judy Ives organized her annual afternoon of inspirational music. It was held on May 19 and was well-attended.

Building and Grounds, Dave Williams, chair:

- Gordon is mowing the lawn but will be away July through August. I have ordered a trailer so I can move my mower so Gerry Harris and I will be on duty for the times Gordon is away.
- There are numerous issues with the building that need attention. We have few able bodied men and will set up a special meeting to include Tim DuMond and Jim Johnson for the purpose of identifying and prioritizing the work to be done. Hopefully we can recruit volunteers at the same time.
- I repaired the water line that feeds the coffee pot which appears to have been sliced.
- We need to remind each other to leave doors closed between the various sections of the building. I've been finding doors open while we are trying to heat just one space. This wastes fuel and makes it difficult to bring the desired space up to the set temperature. Furthermore, closed doors are effective in slowing the spread of fire should one start.
- A report was received with information from the Building and Grounds inspection team's discussions on June 4th. People stepped up to be coordinators for various tasks that need to be completed: the sanctuary basement hatchway wall and cellar; painting of the decks and stairs; repair of window above door to narthex; painting Sunday School windows; rear hatch painting, washing the siding; installing light pole; church sign maintenance; and water shutoff valve on water main line.
- The toilet seat and sink in the narthex restroom have been repaired.

Parish Life, Sharon Havens, chair:

- No report.

Mission & Stewardship, Jan Lafayette, chair:

- We received \$480.76 for One Great Hour of Sharing.
- In support of our Earth Care mission, we held an Earth Care worship service on April 21.

Nominating Committee:

- No report.

Personnel Committee, Jan Lafayette, chair:

- No report.

Pastor's Report: April

1. Presbytery & Ecumenical
 - a. Administration for Operation Merry Christmas
 - b. Attended COM Meeting on 4/2/2019
 - c. Attended Presbytery Cabinet on behalf of COM on 4/23/2019 in Johnson City
 - d. Hosted/Attended Sidney Ministerium Meeting on 4/11/2019
2. Days Off (Vacation)
 - a. Took a 2 week vacation starting 4/29/19 through 5/12 /19
3. Worship/Events
 - a. Palm Sunday and Easter Services
 - b. Joint Maundy Thursday Worship (Bainbridge & EG @ Bainbridge)
 - c. Ecumenical Good Friday Service in Sidney
 - d. Earth Day Service on April 28
 - e. Lasagna Dinner on April 26
4. Bible Study – Two Groups at East Guilford
 - a. Wednesday at 8:00 AM – Reading Minor Prophets (Joel)
 - b. Thursday at 2:30 PM – Reading Proverbs and Revelation
5. Mission
 - a. Stocked EG Blessing Box

Pastor's Report: May

1. Administrative & Continuing Education
 - a. Worship Planning for June and July – Sent to Organists
 - b. Attended COM Policy Review Team Meeting on 5/30
2. Presbytery & Ecumenical
 - a. Administration for Operation Merry Christmas
3. Days Off (Vacation)
 - a. Took a 2 week vacation starting 4/29/19 through 5/12 /19
4. Worship/Events
 - a. Ecumenical Memorial Day Service on 5/26
 - b. Afternoon of Music
 - c. Jenny Jenks Event
 - d. Dan Elwood Event
5. Bible Study – Two Groups at East Guilford
 - a. Wednesday @ 8:00 AM – Reading Minor Prophets (Amos)

- b. Thursday at 2:30 PM – Reading Proverbs and Revelation
- 6. Mission
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Old Business:

- The group briefly reviewed the draft letter that will be used to invite everyone to the Town Hall Meetings. Dave Williams made one correction. It was mutually agreed that 9/22/19 would be the first Town Hall Meeting after worship and coffee hour, allowing Patty to get back from Bainbridge.

Devotions:

Pastor Patty started a group prayer with all participating to ask God's presence and assistance for the Town Hall Meetings and to give thanks for some new volunteers that have agreed to help with repairs.

New Business:

- Pastor Patty Sent out copy of the Presbytery Child Protection Policy to all Session members so that we can use it as a template for ours.
- The deadline for the NYS Mandatory Sexual Misconduct Training is in October. However, while the materials have been downloaded, there is still no word from Becky Kindig, Stated Clerk, as to the questions Pastor Patty asked:
 - How do we document the completion of the training?
 - How do we document those who have received the same training at their jobs?
- At East Guilford, only Patty and Judy Ives (employees) require training.
- Patty spoke briefly about the fund raising effort at Bainbridge that took place on 6/7/2019 – Brooks Chicken. The group agreed it was worth looking into as the potential for income is reasonably high compared to dinners – and a lot less work. Patty agreed to get the Fund Raising Packet from Brooks' and send it around. No decision was made on this item.

Our next meeting of the session will be Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 6:00PM, at the church. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Becky Holley at approximately 6:59 PM.

Submitted by: _____

Patty Wolff, Teaching Elder and Moderator