

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 19, 2020 via ZOOM. The meeting was called to order at 3:02PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

Elders Present: via Zoom: Sharon Havens, Judy Ives, Becky Holley, Dave Williams, Sandy Egli, Kathy Schmidt, clerk, Patty Wolff, moderator; with a quorum being present.

Elders Excused: none

Elders Absent: none

Guests: none

The Clerk of Session Report:

- The application for the Presbytery's Staying Connected grant of \$500 was submitted and approved. A check will be cut on May 18th.
- Received our 10+ years Earth Care Congregation notice for 2020.
- Waiver or deferment of BOP dues for 3 months: Case #968714. The request is being submitted and if approved there will be a credit on June's invoice but we can choose which 3 months we want, either starting in June or in July. There will be no interruption of coverage. April will be receiving further information and/or approval as she is contact person for BOP. If someone needs to call BOP you would need the case #, pin # 5706, zip code of church and latest invoice \$ amount.

Membership Roll

Last report.....	49
Gains:.....	0
Losses:	0
Membership Roll, this report.....	49

Sacraments

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

The following **Communications** were received: None

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, seconded and passed including notice of continued receipt of offerings for One Great Hour of Sharing and Pastor Patty is on study leave the week of May 18th instead of vacation.

Items removed from consent agenda:

- Sanctuary Roof:
 - Pieces of the roof have been found on the lawn so it may need to be replaced. It was moved, seconded and passed for Dave to seek contractors for estimates for recommendations of kind of roof and costs. Patty will check with the Brotherhood Insurance Company regarding impact of different types of roofing material on our policy.

- Pentecost Offering: it was decided to not participate in this offering this year.
- Patty will check with the Sidney Food Pantry to see if they need the \$75 at this time or redirect it to the Blessing Box.

Worship Committee, Sandy Egli and Becky Holley, chairs:

- Due to the current pandemic and stay-at-home mandate, virtual church services were held, via Zoom/phone, at 9:30AM, on the following Sundays: April 26, May 3, and May 10. All services were led by Pastor Patty Wolff and were held jointly with Bainbridge Presbyterian Church. Pastor Patty was on study leave for the May 17 church service; she provided the congregation with various Zoom sites for other church services.
- The April 26 service celebrated Earth Day with various special songs and slide presentations.
- Communion was held on the May 3 service, with congregants breaking bread and drinking from the cup in their own homes. Pastor Patty was the officiant for communion.
- Cleaning of the church has stopped at this time. Once services begin again in the church building, cleaning will resume.

Building and Grounds, Dave Williams, chair:

Included in items removed from consent agenda.

Parish Life, Sharon Havens, chair:

No report.

Mission & Stewardship, Judy Ives, chair:

As of this point, we have \$115 donated to the One Great Hour of Sharing and \$39 in March to JAARS. The Blessing Box continues to work, being filled four times a week. It is emptied regularly and we are finding a few items left when we refill. Donations may be left in the fellowship room or call Judy for pickup.

Nominating Committee:

No report

Personnel Committee:

No report.

Presbytery Assembly Report:

Dave Williams will be the commissioner for the June assembly.

Pastor's Report:

1. Administrative & Continuing Education
 - a. Taking Second Study Week from May 17, 2020 through May 23, 2020 to attend Festival of Homiletics (online), with ON-Demand Access (cost \$75)
 - b. Attending various ZOOM meetings for updates from Presbytery and others
2. Presbytery & Ecumenical
 - a. Administration for Operation Merry Christmas
 - i. Working with SFCU to get a Debit Card
 - ii. Receiving Donations in memory of Douglas Ireland
 - b. Attended COM Meetings
 - c. Attended COM Policy Review Team Meetings
3. Days Off (Vacation)
4. Worship/Events
 - a. Virtual Worship on April 5 (Palm Sunday), April 9 (Maundy Thursday – Virtual Communion), April 10 (Good Friday), April 12 (Easter Sunday), April 19, and April 26 (Earth Day).
 - b. I am currently paying for ZOOM subscription
 - c. Sending Paper copies of Bulletins as needed to both congregations via snail mail
 - d. Sending out Daily Thoughts and Prayers for the situation and the world.
 - e. Learning curve for ZOOM continuing
 - f. Continue planning for Virtual worship for the immediate future, especially Memorial Day
 - g. Working with Judy to have a few live hymns
 - h. Recording and Sharing Virtual w/ Anyone who asks

5. Bible Study – Three Group
 - a. Wednesday at 8:00 AM – Finished Job – Hosted Bible Study this month
 - b. Thursday at 2:30 PM – Reading Proverbs and Matthew
 - c. Sunday Afternoon – 1PM – To start after the COVID-19 Lockdown has ended
6. Mission
 - a. Stocked Blessing Box
 - i. Filled 2 to 3 times per week
 - ii. Lori Davidson also stocking our Box on behalf of Bainbridge
 - iii. Sharing Costs w/ Judy
 - iv. Using Price Chopper, Wal-Mart, and Christine Rogalski's Convenience Store
 - b. Placed New Signage in Blessing Box – Waiting to see if we can also direct people to Sidney United Methodist Food Bank

Old Business:

- The Board of Pensions dues relief has been applied for by Kathy Schmidt.
- It is proposed and approved to postpone this year's lawn sale until further notice.
- Dave Williams has volunteered to be commissioner for the June 6 virtual Presbytery assembly.
- The chicken BBQ is on hold for now. Chad Harris needs 2 week notice to reschedule.

Devotions:

Patty read Mark 13.

New Business:

- The \$500 grant from the Presbytery has been received and will wait to see where the need is for this money during the COVID pandemic.

The next meeting of the session will be Tuesday June 16, 2020 at 3:00PM, at Patty's house via Zoom. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Sharon Havens at 4:13PM.

Submitted by: _____
Katherine Hager Schmidt, Clerk of Session