

**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 February 16, 2021 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:04PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

Elders Present: via Zoom: Judy Ives, Don Cole, Gordon Spreutels, Sandy Egli, Becky Holley, Patty Wolff, moderator; with a quorum being present and Kathy Schmidt, clerk.

Elders Excused: none

Elders Absent: none

Guests: none

Clerk's Report:

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

Consent Agenda:

- Reviewed and set agenda for meeting.
- Approval of last month's minutes.
- Approval of standing committee reports.
- Approval of clerk's report.
- Approval of Pastor's report and mileage.
- Receipt of treasurer's report.

Consent agenda was moved, seconded and passed.

Action via email:

It was moved and approved to send \$100 to Hemant Tandi for a lady who needs hospitalization for leprosy.

Transition Discussion:

Committee assignments were finalized: Mission—Judy Ives, Worship—Sandy Egli and Becky Holley, Building & Grounds—Gordon Spreutels and Don Cole.

Items removed from consent agenda:

- Electric bill—saved \$88.14 for the year of 2020 with Delaware River Solar. \$835 spent 2020 and the additional dehumidifier in the cellar under the sanctuary accounts for the extra amount of electricity used this past year. Used 15% more electricity but only spent 5% more due to savings from solar energy.

Communications were received:

- 11th year of Earth Care certification was received. Moved and approved to celebrate Earth Care Sunday on April 25th.
- Check received from the Smith Foundation for \$8,000 for the roof project.
- Mission packet was received by Pastor Patty. Pentecost, One Great Hour of Sharing, Peacemaking, Christmas Joy offerings were discussed and it was moved and approved to participate in all four this year with moments for mission for them during worship.

Worship, 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 10:00AM, on the following Sundays: January 24, 31, February 7 and 14. All services were

led by Pastor Patty Wolff and were held jointly with Bainbridge Presbyterian Church. Windsor Presbyterian Church joined us for two Sundays, January 31 and February 14.

- Communion was held on the February 7 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, Gordon Spreutels, chair:

No report.

Parish Life, Sharon Havens, chair:

No report.

Mission & Stewardship, Judy Ives, chair:

- Mission report for January 2021 remains very much the same. Blessing Box filling is done twice a week by Elma and once a week by Judy. We have added a caution poster to ask donors not to leave cans in the box during freezing weather.
- During the next month or two we will be informing everyone about the One Great Hour of Sharing. Materials have arrived, but I still need to pick them up at church.

Nominating Committee:

No report

Personnel Committee:

No report.

Presbytery Assembly Report:

No report

Pastor's Report:

1. Administrative & Continuing Education
 - a. Held annual meeting on January 17, 2021
 - b. Ordination and installation of elders on January 24, 2021
2. Presbytery & Ecumenical
 - a. Operation Merry Christmas books and outreach
 - b. Attended COM Meetings and provided minutes
 - c. Remaining COM Policies/Procedures/Resources/Forms to be approved in February at Assembly
3. Days Off (Vacation) Took December 25 through January 8 as vacation.
4. Worship/Events
 - a. Joint worship over ZOOM on January 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31. Communion on January 3, 2021
 - i. Added Windsor on January 3, 17, and 31
 - b. Sending bulletins to Colleen Lewis (Each Sunday) who is doing the actual printing and mailing
 - c. Sent out Daily Thoughts and Prayers for the COVID situation and the world as able
 - d. Recording worship and sharing virtual link with anyone who asks and usual ZOOM attendees who are missing on any given Sunday - Current list has 12 East Guilford folks
 - e. Update Prayer List
 - f. Recognition of Lola Palmer and sending of Makalia Bean
5. Bible Study - Restarted two Bible Studies (Suspended over Christmas Holiday)
 - a. Wednesdays at 8:00 AM – reading Letters from a Skeptic by Dr. Gregory Boyd
 - b. Thursdays at 7:00 PM – Using The Grace of Les Miserable by Matt Rawle
 - c. Both Bible studies open to anyone
6. Mission
 - a. Windsor Presbyterian – staying in contact. They will be joining us at various times in 2021 as needed
 - b. Handling requests for assistance (through Operation Merry Christmas) Had one in January and one in February. No funds dispersed in February – turned out to be a scam.
 - c. Still purchasing food for Blessing Box

Old Business:

- Holiday meals planning for future meals with the Erin and Justin Burpoe. Pastor Patty will contact Erin and Justin regarding the next meal plans.

Devotions:

Pastor Patty shared information about the administrative commission that has been assigned to Susquehanna Presbytery. A prayer was said for this administrative commission and the cabinet as they work in the Presbytery.

New Business:

- No commissioner was available for Presbytery assembly February 20th.
- Moved and approved for Ash Wednesday service to be held at 7:00pm February 17th.
- It was approved that the lawn sale be held on July 10th. Donations can be brought to the church.

The next meeting of the session will be Tuesday March 16, 2021 at 6:00PM via Zoom. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Gordon Spreutels at 7:48PM.

Submitted by: _____

Katherine Hager Schmidt, Clerk of Session