

**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 18 2021 in the fellowship hall of the church. The meeting was called to order at 6:01PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

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

Elders Excused: none

Elders Absent: none

Guests: none

Clerk's Report:

- **Lawn Sale:** This is the last week for donations as the rooms are getting full. PW will be purchasing a display ad in the Pennysaver to advertise the chicken dinner at 11am as well as the lawn sale/bake sale. The outdoor yard sale signs can be put up on Sunday the 4th and I would need some volunteers to help with that. Set up the indoor tables in the fellowship hall on Monday July 5th at 7am til noon. Set up big tent and move outdoor items closer to door on Friday July 9th 7 am. Set up small tent and move tables and items outdoors Saturday July 10th 7am. Depending on how the work goes, I may go in on July 6,7, or 8 to organize stuff and put up signage, so let's try not to schedule things in the fellowship hall. (Will the portable piano/speaker and computer equipment be moved out of the fellowship hall by then?) Everyone will wear a mask inside the building and we may limit the number of people inside depending on guidelines from the state. The bake sale will be inside.

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:

None

Items removed from consent agenda:

None

Communications were received:

- Extreme Assistance document
- Thank you from Good Shepherd for donation to Living Care Fund
- Thank you from GMU nurse for Christmas family support

- Thank you for donation to Sidney United Way
- Thank you for donation to Maji project
- Thank you from Presbyterian Mission Support
- Newsletter from Grace and Peace Mission/ Hemant Tandi

Worship, Sandy Egli and Becky Holley, chairs:

- Due to the current pandemic and stay-at-home recommendation, virtual church services were held, via Zoom/phone, at 10:00AM, on the following Sundays: April 25, May 2, 9 and 16. All services were led by Pastor Patty Wolff and were held jointly with Bainbridge Presbyterian Church. Windsor joined in for some Sunday services.
- On April 25, Earth Day was celebrated with a special service and with some members of the congregation participating. It was a great service!
- Communion was held during the May 2 service, with congregants breaking bread and drinking from the cup in their own homes. Pastor Patty was the officiant for communion.
- Mother's Day was recognized with a special prayer in the May 9 service.
- 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.

Mission & Stewardship, Judy Ives, chair:

Most of our mission report has been the filling of the local blessing box. Elma, Patty, and Judy are filling it 3 days a week. We conducted the One Great Hour of Sharing via zoom and collected \$150 for that yearly mission. Our mission beyond that will be to help Kathy Schmidt with the yard sale on July 10, which she organizes so well.

Nominating Committee:

No report

Personnel Committee:

No report.

Presbytery Assembly Report:

No report

Pastor's Report:

1. Administrative & Continuing Education
2. Presbytery & Ecumenical
 - a. Operation Merry Christmas books and outreach
 - b. Attended COM Meetings – provided minutes
 - c. Working with COM and AC to approve new document for the COM manual
 - d. Attended Sidney Ministerium meetings and hosted Ecumenical Good Friday service on ZOOM
3. Days Off (Vacation) Requesting
 - a. Took April 5 through 11th as one week vacation
 - b. Arranged for coverage for worship with Mike Clare of Windsor
4. Worship/Events
 - a. Joint worship over ZOOM on April 4 (Easter), 18, and 25
 - i. Added Windsor on April 18 and shared with Windsor on April 11
 - b. Sending bulletins to Colleen Lewis (Each Sunday) who does printing and mailing
 - c. Held Maundy Thursday service with Communion (April 1), Ecumenical Good Friday service via ZOOM (April 2), and Easter Sunday service.
 - d. Sent out Daily Thoughts and Prayers for the COVID situation and the world as able
 - e. Recording worship and sharing virtual link with anyone who asks and usual ZOOM attendees who are missing on any given Sunday - Current list has 13 East Guilford folks
 - f. Update prayer list
 - g. Special Earth Care worship on April 25
5. Bible Study – Continuing

- a. Wednesdays at 8:00 AM – reading Letters from a Skeptic by Dr. Gregory Boyd
 - b. Thursdays at 7:00 PM – Taking hiatus as we look for another series
6. Mission
- a. Provided two documents to respond to Extreme Need and Receive Help from Catholic Charities
 - b. Windsor Presbyterian – staying in contact. They will be joining us at various times in 2021 as needed
 - c. Started filling the Blessing Box myself again.

Old Business:

- Pastor Patty talked with Sandy Egli (Personnel Committee) regarding her upcoming retirement as of June 30, 2022. An informal discussion with session members regarding the future of our church congregation will be held June 3rd at 4:00 – 5:30pm.
- Commissioner for Presbytery Assembly June 5th via ZOOM starting at 9:30am is Sandy Egli.
- It was decided that worship reopening in person will start June 6th in East Guilford with one service with ZOOM access jointly with Bainbridge at 10:00am. Masks and social distancing are optional for those who are vaccinated.

Devotions:

Pastor Patty offered a prayer for God's guidance in these times.

New Business

- It was approved for Sandy and Tim DuMond on June 12th and Ray and Elma Taylor on June 19th to use the fellowship hall and kitchen, both for family gatherings after memorial or burial.
- Dave Williams will contact the furnace repair man for needed repairs.
- Diane Bradshaw was approved to serve on the personnel committee for a term of 2 years.
- The facility use information received from the PW is tabled until next meeting.

The next meeting of the session will be Tuesday June 15, 2021 at 6:00PM at the church. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Becky Holley at 8:06PM.

Submitted by: _____

Katherine Hager Schmidt, Clerk of Session