

**The United Presbyterian Church of East Guilford
Regular Session Meeting**

A regular monthly meeting of the Session of the United Presbyterian Church in East Guilford was held on February 21, 2023 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Ken Simurro at 6:05pm.

Elders Present: Don Cole, Al Clune, Gordon Spreutels, Kathy Schmidt, clerk, and Rev. Simurro, moderator; with a quorum being present

Elders Excused: none

Elders Absent: none

Guests: none

The Clerk of Session Report:

Membership Roll:

Last report.....41
Gains:..... 0
Losses:.....0
Membership Roll; this report:.....41

Sacraments:

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

Kathy Schmidt acted as meeting facilitator.

Consent Agenda:

- Reviewed and set agenda for meeting
- Approval of clerk's report
- Approval of Pastor's report and mileage
- Approval of minutes for January session meeting
- Receipt of treasurer's report for January
- Receipt of Presbytery Assembly reports

Items removed from agenda:

None

Consent agenda was moved, seconded and passed.:

Approval of Dave Williams' request to use the fellowship hall and kitchen on April 8th to celebrate his mother Janice Williams' 92nd birthday.

Communications:

- There will be a workshop for elders on April 29th at the Bainbridge church from 9:00 – 4:00.
- Kathy updated PC(USA) with the church's physical and PO Box addresses for sending mission packets.

Actions approved via email:

- Approved moving communion to February 12 due to loss of electricity and canceling of worship service on February 5th.

Worship Committee:

Worship services were held at East Guilford in person and over ZOOM and Facebook Live with Bainbridge church joining. The sound system is at or near completion.

- February 5 services were cancelled due to power outage.
- February 12 regular service with communion with Pastor Ken as officiant
- February 19 regular service

- February 21 Ash Wednesday service (anticipated)
- February 26 regular service (anticipated)

Building and Grounds:

No report

Mission & Stewardship:

No report

Nominating Committee:

No report

Personnel Committee:

No report

Presbytery Assembly Report:

Reports were received for the January 21 and February 11 Presbytery Assembly meetings.

Pastor's Report:

Pastoral Acts:

- Conducted 4 services (1 cancelled due to electrical outage)
- Made pastoral phone calls
- Attended 1 Presbytery sub-committee meeting on constitutional changes (Zoom)
- Attended 2 Presbytery meetings, 1 in-person (Johnson City) and 1 via Zoom
- Attended 2 Joint Missions Committee meetings
- Attended Spiritual Nurture committee meeting
- Input into Sunday's liturgies
- Moderated 1 Annual Congregation Meeting
- Taught 4 homiletical classes
- Helped at the Soup Kitchen at Methodist Church

Pastoral Work:

- Taught 3 Bible Studies
- Went to the village office to deliver a request to use the Gazebo on the square
- Preparation for moderating Annual Meeting
- Prepared to teach adult confirmation class
- Prepared Ash Wednesday services
- Met with Rev. John Helgeson as my mentor

Parish Concerns:

- Baccalaureate service to be held at Bainbridge in June
- Sound quality issues on Facebook live, electronic equipment issues
- Midweek Lenten series meals/discussions
- Organ's Leslie speaker needs repair

Mileage information:

- Commutation in January: 9 round trips - 1080 miles
- Miles around town, visitation, meetings 2 trips -145 miles

Old Business:

- The discussion of use of the memorial donation from Jim Bartlett is tabled.
- The financial review will take place in April 2023 by Roy Straka and Marie Spreutels.

Devotions:

None

New Business:

- Earth Care Sunday will be April 23rd. Kathy will do a short talks starting March 12th to promote participation in the worship service by congregation members and to share some green ideas.
- The motion to hold a worship service in East Guilford at 9:00 each Sunday from May through September was tabled to allow for more discussion with Bainbridge and input from East Guilford.

With there being no further business, the East Guilford portion of the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Al Clune at 6:30PM. The next meeting of the session will be at 6:00PM via ZOOM with a joint meeting with Bainbridge at 6:45PM on March 21, 2023.

Submitted by:

Katherine Hager Schmidt, Clerk of Session