

**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 June 20, 2023 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Ken Simurro at 6:04pm.

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 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 May session meeting
- Receipt of treasurer's report for May
- Presbytery Assembly report

Items removed from agenda:

None

Consent agenda was moved, seconded and passed.

Communications:

None

Actions approved via email:

- Approval for Sandy DuMond to use the church hall on June 19th.
- Approval for Kathy Schmidt to use tables and chairs for June 25th family gathering.
- Approval of August 12th dance 6:00pm with Dirt Road Express band.

Worship Committee:

Worship schedule:

- May 28 Sunday Worship at East Guilford
- June 4 Sunday Worship with Communion at Bainbridge Church officiated by Rev. Ken.
- June 11 Sunday Worship at Bainbridge Church
- June 18 Sunday Worship at Bainbridge Church

Report was received from the joint worship/mission committee:

July and August worship will be held outdoors, when possible, at 9:00 with no remote option. There will be no weekly email unless there are announcements. Hymn words will be printed in the bulletin. The offering will be placed in plates before service.

Bible study will not meet during July and August and will resume after Labor Day.

Building and Grounds:

The piano and organ were moved down from the choir loft to the front of the church and the grand piano was moved to a back room. Miller Movers from Norwich did an excellent job and worked out details as they went. The cost was \$600. A new wire will be needed to connect the Leslie speaker, which is still in the loft, to the organ for about \$400.

Mission & Stewardship:

Report was received from the joint worship/mission committee: Ken gave a report on the current plans for the health fair on September 23, 2023. The Chamber of Commerce has been approached to get their support. More information will be coming.

Nominating Committee:

No report

Personnel Committee:

No report

Presbytery Assembly Report:

A report was received for the meeting on June 10th.

Pastor's Report:

Pastoral Acts

- Conducted 4 services
- Made pastoral phone calls and responded to emails
- Made 1 visit
- Attended 3 Joint Mission Committee meetings
- Conducted the Baccalaureate service
- Input into Sunday's liturgies (especially baccalaureate service)
- Taught 2 homiletical classes

Pastoral Work

- Taught 1 Bible Study
- Attended Richard Palmer's 90th birthday party
- Attended Presbytery meeting
- Met with DuMond Family about funeral on 6/30/23

Parish Concerns

- Bible Study goes on vacation until September
- Health Fair (update)
- Organ relocation (update)

Mileage information

Commutation in May: 7 round trips → 840 miles
Miles around town, visitation, meetings trip → incorporated into above

Old Business:

- A tree to be planted in Jim Barlett's memory was tabled until March 2024.

New Business:

- It was approved to hold coffee hour and/or brunch before/after worship during the summer with sponsorship from local bakeries and restaurants starting July 9th. People will be encouraged to bring their own coffee mugs. Kathy Schmidt will disseminate this information via newspapers, radio and small town connects email.
- The produce table will be out during worship this summer.