

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

A regular monthly meeting of the Session of the United Presbyterian Church in East Guilford was held on November 21, 2023, via Zoom. The meeting was called to order with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Ken Simurro at 6:13 p.m. **Elders Present:** Don Cole, Al Clune, Gordon Spreutels, Kathy Schmidt, clerk and Rev. Simurro, moderator; with a quorum being present.

**Excused:** none

**Guests:** none

**Clerk of Session Report:**

**Membership Roll:**

Last report.....	40
Gains:.....	0
Losses: .....	0
Membership Roll; this report:.....	40

**Sacraments:**

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

Al Clune acted as meeting facilitator.

**Consent Agenda:**

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

**Items removed from agenda:**

None

**Consent agenda** was moved, seconded and passed.

**Actions approved via email:**

None

**Communications:**

- Erin and Justin Burpoe have canceled the holiday dinner for December. They hope to do one in the coming months.
- Shoes have been picked up and the \$89 handling fee comes out of the proceeds from the drive.
- Per capita for 2024 is \$45.90.
- Matthew 25 congregation letter from Presbyterian Hunger Program
- John Fong's church growth program.
- Betty will pick up the grand piano in December as the other person has not shown further interest.

**Worship Report:**

- October 22 worship at East Guilford
- October 29 worship at East Guilford; Celebration for Pastor Ken's 40 year anniversary of ordination.
- November 5 worship at Bainbridge with Communion, officiated by Dr. Rev. Ken Simurro

- November 12 worship at Bainbridge

**Building and Grounds Report:**

- The outside light on the side porch is now off as it needs to be fixed in the spring.

**Mission Report:**

Joint report with Bainbridge church.

**Nominating Committee Report:**

None

**Personnel Committee Report:**

None

**Presbytery Assembly Report:**

Received a report from Cheryl Nages.

**Pastor's Report:**

Pastoral Acts:

Conducted 4 services  
Made pastoral phone calls and responded to emails  
Made 2 pastoral visits  
Attended 1 Joint Mission committee meeting  
Attended Presbytery meeting in person  
Attended Presbytery cluster meeting in person  
Attended Ministerium, Fall Conference Assembly, Synod Ministerium (Lutheran)  
Attended Unadilla First Presbyterian church's bicentennial service  
Attended Spiritual Nurture meeting  
Attended special EG Session meeting  
Attended and participated in Ecumenical Thanksgiving service  
Met with John Fong (zoom)  
Input into Sunday's liturgies

Pastoral Work:

Attended Thrift Store hours  
Dealt with a needy family  
Taught 3 Bible Studies

Parish Concerns:

Approval to work with John Fong  
\$100 Reimbursement for helping needy family

Mileage information:

Commutation in October 6 round trips: 720 miles  
Miles around town, visitation, meetings 1 trip: 105 miles

**Old Business:**

- Memorial donation from Jim Bartlett tabled until next March.
- Going forward plans: Kathy Schmidt, clerk, presented a draft of the letter to be sent to all members encouraging them to attend the annual meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup> for a discussion of the future of the East Guilford congregation. The list of members was divided between the ruling elders for phone calls to be made after January 1<sup>st</sup> to talk to them about the upcoming discussion and encourage them to attend the annual meeting.
- The annual meeting will be held Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 with Rev. Doug Horne moderating. It will be held via ZOOM and in person in the sanctuary. We will ask Cheryl Nages and Ed Gorton about running the

technology during the meeting.

- The nominating committee will ask the present clerk, assistant treasurers and treasurer if they will serve another 3 years in those roles.
- It was approved to donate the loose offering on October 29<sup>th</sup> to the Susquehanna Valley Clergy Care fund in honor of Ken's ordination anniversary.

**New Business:**

- The proposed 2024 budget was tabled until the December meeting.

With there being no further business, the East Guilford portion of the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m. The joint session meeting with Bainbridge followed this adjournment. The next meeting of the session will be at 6:00PM via ZOOM with a joint meeting with Bainbridge at 6:45PM on December 19, 2023.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Katherine Hager Schmidt, Clerk of Session