

The United Presbyterian Church of East Guilford, New York

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An Earth Care Congregation

Rev. Patty Wolff, Moderator

Annual Corporation & Congregation Meeting

January 15, 2018 1:00PM

AGENDA:

Call to Order, Devotions, Opening prayer
Clerk of Session report
Pastor's report
Presbyterian Women report
Bible Study report
Parish Life report
Building and Grounds report
Stewardship and Mission report
Worship report
2017 Financial report
Personnel Committee report
2018 Budget and Pastor's terms of call
Acceptance of budget, terms of call and reports
Nominating Committee report
2018 Nominating Committee election
Reading and acceptance of minutes
Adjournment

The Clerk of Session Report

Enrollment January 1, 2017 _____	53
Gains via transfer: _____	0
Gains, confession of faith: Makalia Bean _____	1
Gains, reaffirmation of faith _____	0
Losses via death: _____	0
Losses to removal from roll: _____	0
Losses via transfer: _____	0
Enrollment December 31, 2017 _____	54
Sacrament of Communion _____	14
Infant Baptism: _____	0
Adult Baptism: Makalia Bean _____	1
Weddings: _____	0
Funerals: Donald Pizza _____	1

Pastor Patty Wolff, Teaching Elder

Organist and Choir Director: Judy Ives

Worship services held each Sunday at 9:00 am in the sanctuary or fellowship hall with average attendance of 23.5.

Ruling Elders on Session for 2017: Jan Lafayette (class of 2019), Gordon Spreutels (class of 2017), Sharon Havens (class of 2017), April Ray (class of 2018), Judy Ives (class of 2019)

Clerk of Session: Katherine Hager Schmidt (class of 2017)

Treasurer: April Ray (class of 2017); Assistant Treasurers: Elma Taylor and Marie Spreutels (class of 2017)

Financial Secretary: Lola Palmer (class of 2017)

Personnel Committee: Jan Lafayette, Sandy Egli, Kathy Williams

Financial Review Committee: Roy Straka, Mark Baldwin

Sexual Misconduct Contact Persons: Jan Lafayette, Roy Straka

Nominating Committee: April Ray, Becky Holley, Sally Straka, Gordon Spreutels

Church Secretary: Sharon Havens

Church Historian: Tina Pabst

Sexton: Anna Egli through August and monthly volunteers from congregation for rest of year

The session meeting minutes are posted on the church's website www.eastguilfordpc.org

Membership List as of December 31, 2017

1	BALDWIN, MARK	24	LAFAYETTE, JAN	47	TAYLOR, RAYMOND
2	BARTLETT, AUDREY	25	LAFAYETTE, ROBIN	48	UTTER, TINA
3	BARTLETT, JAMES	26	LAFAYETTE, SARA	49	VANVALKENBERG, JEAN
4	BEAN, MAKALIA	27	LODOVICE, BEULAH	50	WARREN, JOYCE
5	BRADSHAW, DIANE	28	LODOVICE, TERRY	51	WILLIAMS, DAVID
6	BURNETT, KATHLEEN	29	OHL, WILLIAM	52	WILLIAMS, KATHRYN
7	CLUNE, AL	30	PALMER, GERALD	53	WILLIAMS, JANICE
8	COLE, DON	31	PALMER, IRVING	54	WILLIAMS, MARY
9	COLE, JANCY	32	PALMER, JILL		
10	DAVIS, CHRISTINE	33	PALMER, LOLA		
11	DAVIS, JOHN	34	PALMER, NORMA		
12	DAVIS, WILLIAM	35	PALMER, RICHARD		
13	DUMOND, SANDRA	36	SALAK, THOMAS		
14	EGLI, SANDRA	37	SCHMIDT, KATHERINE		
15	ELLIOTT, BRUCE	38	SERGIO, VERA		
16	FERRARA, DORIS	39	SHUPPERD, JERRI		
17	GOULD, ARDIS	40	SHUPPERD, TIMOTHY		
18	RAY, APRIL	41	SPILETT, KATHLEEN		
19	HAVENS, SHARON	42	SPREUTELS, GORDON		
20	HOFFMAN, CERICE	43	SPREUTELS, MARIE		
21	HOLLEY, FRANK	44	STRAKA, ROY		
22	HOLLEY, REBECCA	45	STRAKA, SALLY		
23	IVES, JUDITH	46	TAYLOR, ELMA		

Pastor's Report 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy New Year! What a great year 2017 has been! Financially we are sound, and spiritually we have moved into a new dimension of outreach and mission with the establishment of our Blessing Box, our response to the various natural disasters in the world (hurricanes), and our continued assistance to people in need in the community.

As in 2016, we continued to support JAARS and its Bible translation efforts throughout the world all year. Best of all is the Blessing Box which has been a smash success, continues to be a blessing in the community. Under cover of night, like Nicodemus, we see people coming to take some much needed food from the box. Some even leave an offering – we know this because the box sometimes fills up as mysteriously as it empties. Surely the Holy Spirit has led people to our parking lot for nourishment and assistance. We don't know how many people, but God does, and God is surely glad that we are here.

Labors of Love, though small, also did some work this year. We built a railing for someone who was dealing with a leg injury, and provided a couple of rides to needy folks looking for Bible Study and companionship. It will be exciting to see how God calls us to use this program, as well as our beautiful new kitchen. Early in 2018 we expect to be in conversation with Youth for Christ, an Oneonta based group seeking to start a youth group in the Sidney area. We made some contacts with YFC when we

were doing “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”, and so we may yet see a vibrant youth group using our facility.

Another exciting event in 2017, was our observation of the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation on October 29, which we celebrated with our brothers and sisters at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church. It was a spirit-filled event, with worship, a covered dish, and a documentary telling Martin Luther’s story. We were all surprised to feel the Holy Spirit moving so clearly and beautifully as the two congregations came together that day. We look forward to more fellowship with St. Luke’s in the year to come. This year, I also attended the Operation Merry Christmas Giveaway on December 16th. Operation Merry Christmas has taken up residence in the Presbytery Mission Center. Over 80 families came in with their lists and “shopped” among the donated clothing and toys! It was an amazing sight.

Finally, one new member of our congregation is looking into ministry as a vocation – along with other things – the first in the Presbytery in a long time. Never doubt that God is still speaking and calling people to serve as ministers. The church will go on – even if the form is up for grabs.

I look forward with great hope and anticipation to 2018. No one can do it all and no one is supposed to. So, each of us must consider what special gifts we possess, and how we may be called to use those gifts for the glory of God, and our own spiritual fulfillment. I am filled with gratitude and love for all of you for this wonderful ministry experience. For this and for all the joy you bring.....To God alone be the glory!

Pastor Patty

The Presbyterian Women Report

There were seven meetings this year with approximately ten active members. Meetings were held at the church and in homes during the course of the year.

Fundraising events:

- Pie sale in conjunction with a yard sale on July 29.
- Roast beef harvest dinner on October 13.

Outreach:

- Sent birthday, anniversary and get well cards to church family members
- Delivered flowers to the sick and homebound

Mission Projects:

- Financially supported the following: Presbyterian Women of the Synod of the Northeast, Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley
- Donated to the Buckhorn Children's Home
- Prepared and served the November Share the Bounty Dinner at the Sidney Methodist Church
- Collected food items for a GMU family several months during the year
- Provided Christmas gifts, food and clothing for a family in the GMU school district and for one of our neighbors.
- Collected clothing and bedding to support Saint Paul's local charity

The UPW also contributed \$1500 to the general fund of the church and hosted several coffee hours following worship services.

Submitted by Kathy Williams

Presbyterian Women's Treasurer Report

Balance as of December 30, 2016 **\$ 2229.78**

INCOME:

Meeting collections	\$ 182.70
Bake sale	\$ 461.50
Roast Beef Dinner	\$ 1995.00
Subtotal	\$ 2639.20
	\$ 4868.98

DISBURSEMENTS:

GMU Family	\$ 223.54
Dinners (roast beef & Easter)	\$ 579.29
Advertising	\$ 66.30
Buckhorn Christmas	\$ 100.00
Buckhorn remodeling	\$ 425.00
Donation to EG Church	\$ 1500.00
Christmas gift	\$ 50.00
Christmas gifts (hams)	\$ 17.98
Subtotal	\$ 2962.11

Balance as of Dec. 31, 2017 **\$ 1906.87**

Respectfully submitted by Lola Palmer, treasurer

Presbyterian Women's Sunshine

75 cards sent for birthday, anniversary, sympathy, get well, Easter and Christmas.
Balance as of December 2017 is \$81.92.

Submitted by Joyce Warren

Bible Study

The morning group met 40 times this year with an average attendance of 5.5.
We completed a study of Psalms, Deuteronomy, Lamentations, Amos, Obadiah and have begun reading First Chronicles.

Respectfully submitted by David Williams

The afternoon Bible Study is held 2:30 pm at the church in good weather and at someone's home when the weather turns cold. We have an average of 3-5 people attending. We discuss a verse from Proverbs and a chapter from the Bible. We finished John recently and have started Job.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Havens

Parish Life Report

- April 8th, 2017- We held a luncheon for a combined Easter and Palm Sunday celebration.
- May 14th -We handed out flowers to all the mothers in the congregation for Mother's Day and the men did a coffee hour honoring the mothers.
- June 3rd – There was a luncheon in celebration of both Mother's and Father's Day. Also, a congregation member baked cookies to hand out to the fathers.
- July 30th – The annual yard sale was held outside with the bake sale inside. It was very successful.
- Dec. 10th - We celebrated Thanksgiving and Christmas with a luncheon. We had a gift exchange game and Judy Ives played Christmas Carols.

The fellowship events were limited as the kitchen was being redone from mid April to September.

Submitted by Sharon Havens, Chairperson

Building and Grounds Report

The big project for 2017 was kitchen and dining room renovations. The R.C. Smith Foundation provided a grant of \$10,000 and \$14,170 was raised through a letter campaign and the annual yard sale. The project was completed in about 5 months with many, many hours of labor by volunteer workers. A big thank you to all as it couldn't have been done without you! The final cost was \$21, 336.21.

Renovations included repairing floor joists, removing old cupboards and counters, new wiring with 100 amp service, updated plumbing, a kitchen heater, vinyl plank flooring throughout, fresh paint, new closet space, new appliances (stove, dishwasher and mixer), dollies, stainless steel sinks, shelves, tables and counters. An initial dinner and dedication was held on September 9th. Two new emergency lights were installed.



BEFORE



AFTER

Stewardship and Mission Support

Following the example of our Lord, our church continues to reach out to others through various mission initiatives. Although probably not complete, this is a list of our mission work this year:

- Started a Blessing Box in the church parking lot. The guiding principle is “Take what you need, leave what can, but most of all be blessed.” It is being filled by church and community members with non-perishable items, and is being used by community members who need a little help getting by.
- Continued support for the Mt. Upton Food Bank and particular GMU families
- Recertified as an Earth Care Congregation. We have been certified since 2011.
- One Great Hour of Sharing offering \$200
- Loose plate offering for Buckhorn Children and Family Services
- Good Shepherd Communities \$100
- Inspired by Rev. Hemant Tandi, sponsored an orphan in India thru Orissa \$240
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance donation for Hurricane Irma \$500
- Labors of love mission available to those in need of a helping hand
- Christmas Joy Offering \$352
- Continued support for JAARS, whose purpose is to provide Bible translation to further Christianity \$300
- Continued support of our Presbytery Mission Giving \$1000
- Annual lawn sale held in July netted \$1,310.25 and the leftover items were donated to Sidney Nex to New, Sidney Library, and St. Paul’s church.

Worship Report

The congregation gathered for regular 2017 Sunday worship at 9:00AM each Sunday in the sanctuary or the fellowship hall. Worship was led by Pastor Patricia Wolff each Sunday except for designated vacation days or study leaves. Hemant Tandi led worship on March 26, April 2 and August 20. Joanne Aymar led worship on October 22 and December 31, and Terri Barnhart led worship on November 12.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. It was also celebrated on Maundy Thursday, as approved by the Session. The worship committee made sure communion servers were available.

Special Sunday worship services included Celebration of Inspirational Women on January 29, Earth Day worship on April 23, recognition of high school graduate Anna Egli on July 16 and Reformation Sunday on October 29. Makalia Bean provided the sermon on December 24. Wyva Hasselblad played music on August 6, August 13 and December 31 in the absence of our organist, Judy Ives.

Palms for Palm Sunday, Easter lilies for Easter, and poinsettias for Christmas were ordered using donations from the congregation.

Submitted by Jan Lafayette and Judy Ives

2017 Financial Report

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	<u>Jan - Dec 17</u>	<u>2017</u>
Income		
Bldg Maintenance funds received	24,170.00	-
Envelope Offerings	50,942.00	50,000.00
flowers		
lilies	7.00	
pointsettias	-	85.00
Total flowers	7.00	85.00
Initial	24.00	-
Interest		
Merrill Lynch interest income	189.00	200.00
NBT/MM account interest	6.58	5.00
New Covenant Mutual Funds inc.	448.19	350.00
Total Interest	643.77	555.00
Loose Offerings	1,384.00	1,000.00
Memorial	-	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,900.00	1,000.00
Per Capita	864.00	900.00
Upper Room	33.00	20.00
Use of Church	275.00	
Yard Sale	1,310.25	
Total Income	81,553.02	54,560.00
Expense		
Benevolence		
Missions	2,390.00	2,000.00
Total Benevolence	2,390.00	2,000.00
Building and Maintenance		
Electric	723.24	550.00
Fuel Oil	1,698.97	2,500.00
Insurance	1,952.25	1,900.00
Kitchen Project	21,336.21	
Propane	45.19	50.00
Repairs & Maintenance	161.94	500.00
Snow Plowing	250.00	400.00
Water	241.90	150.00
Total Building and Maintenance	26,409.70	6,050.00
Local Ministry		
Cleaning	875.00	1,200.00

Cleaning Supplies	59.38	
Local Office Expense	441.87	200.00
Misc Flowers		
Palms	9.72	
Misc Flowers -		
Other	16.20	250.00
Total Misc Flowers	25.92	250.00
Miscellaneous	78.97	500.00
Music	444.00	200.00
Organist	5,253.40	4,950.00
Secretary	1,920.00	1,920.00
Supplies	460.41	500.00
Supply Pastor	810.79	900.00
Telephone & Internet	900.31	850.00
Upper Room Exp	69.00	75.00
Total Local Ministry	11,339.05	11,545.00
Pastoral Ministry		
Continuing Education	37.50	1,000.00
Med/Dntl/Pension	9,725.76	10,000.00
mileage	485.51	700.00
Pastoral Salary	26,645.88	26,610.00
Total Pastoral Ministry	36,894.65	38,310.00
PerCapita	2,049.60	2,050.00
Total Expense	79,083.00	59,955.00
Net Income/(Loss)	2,470.02	(5,395.00)

Personnel Committee Report

The Personnel Committee was reorganized this year with the following members: Janet Lafayette (Session representative and chairman), Sandra Egli, Kathryn Williams and Rev. Patricia Wolff. This group met seven times during the year. Time was spent documenting the purpose of the committee, updating job descriptions, and addressing personnel concerns.

The church personnel consist of Pastor Patricia Wolff, Organist/Choir Director Judy Ives, and Secretary Sharon Havens. The paid Sexton position was held by Anna Egli until she left for college. The Sexton position is now being shared by church members who have cleaned the church either for remuneration or as volunteers. Many thanks to 2017 cleaners: Sandra DuMond, Katherine Schmidt, Sandra Egli, Kathryn Williams, and Lola Palmer.

At the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, the Session approved the equivalent of one month of Sundays per year of paid vacation for the Organist/Choir Director and the Secretary. The salary of the Organist/Choir Director is \$100 per service when the choir is in session and \$75 a week in July and August. The Secretary receives \$160 per month. The salary amount for both positions will remain the same in 2018.

2018 Budget

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New Covenant Mutual Funds inc.	448.19	2,000.00
Total Interest	643.77	2,258.00
Loose Offerings	1,384.00	1,000.00
Memorial	-	750.00
Miscellaneous Per Capita	1,900.00	750.00
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Net Income/(Loss)	2,470.02	(3,161.99)

Pastor's Terms of Call

The Session proposes a change to Rev. Patricia Wolff's half-time salary from \$26,646 per year \$29,046 through December 31, 2018. She will continue to receive 4 weeks of paid vacation and 2 weeks of study leave. It is understood that the length of term can be extended or shortened by mutual agreement.

Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee consisted of April Ray, chair, Sally Straka, Becky Holley and Gordon Spreutels. Gordon Spreutels is leaving the session after serving two 3 year terms with many thanks. Sharon Havens, who filled an opening on session and is in the class of 2017, is willing to serve another 3 year term. Dave Williams and Sharon Havens are presented for approval to serve as ruling elder in class of 2020. Nominations will be received from the floor at the annual meeting.

Clerk of Session Katherine Schmidt, Treasurer April Ray, Financial Secretary Lola Palmer, Assistant Treasurers Elma Taylor and Marie Spreutels are presented in the class of 2020 for approval.

2018 Nominating Committee Election

From the Bylaws: Two ruling elders shall be designated by and from the session, one of whom shall be chairman, and at least two members who are not session members shall be elected by the congregation at its annual meeting.

Nominations for 2 members from the congregation will be accepted from the floor.