

**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 September 17, 2019 at the church. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with prayer by Rev. Patty Wolff.

Elders Present: Dave Williams, Sharon Havens, Judy Ives, Becky Holley, Kathy Schmidt, Patty Wolff, moderator; with a quorum being present.

Elders Excused: none

Elders Absent: none

Guests: none

The Clerk of Session Report:

Membership Roll

Last report.....50
Gains:..... 0
Losses:0
Membership Roll, this report.....50

Sacraments

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

The following **Communications** were received: Thank you letter for our contribution to One Great Hour of Sharing and information on the Westminster College Scholarship available to Presbyterian Students.

Consent Agenda:

- Reviewed and set agenda for meeting.
- Approval of last month's minutes.
- Approval of standing committee reports.
- Approval of Clerk of Session report.
- Approval of Pastor's report and mileage
- Receipt of treasurer's report
- Presbytery Assembly report September meeting from Pastor Patty

Consent agenda was moved and passed.

Approval for line dance group to use the fellowship hall on Mondays when Oxford school district is closed, the first one being October 14th. Rest of the dates to be given at later time.

CE week for Pastor Patty November 11 – 18 with coverage on 17th.

Vacation for Patty December 26-January 7 with coverage on December 29 and January 5th.

Joint worship with Bainbridge on September 22nd.

Worship Committee, Judy Ives, chair:

- Joint worship September 1st at Bainbridge and joint worship on September 22 with Bainbridge at East Guilford.

- Communion served on September 1 at Bainbridge church with Paula Epply (CRE) presiding.

Building and Grounds, Dave Williams, chair:

- Don Cole helped me prime the rear basement door and the Sunday School windows.
- I made and installed new caps on the ramp/deck posts as needed.
- Gerry Harris and Gordon are helping with the lawn.
- Gordon spoke with Jim Johnson regarding the light pole project. Jim has been busy and expects to continue with this work soon.
- I received a contract from Mirabito's for fuel oil. Their offer was for \$2.799/ gallon. I called them to let them know the price was too high. They immediately dropped the price \$.10. I think we need to solicit bids from other oil companies.
- Bainbridge asked for help sprucing up their handicapped ramp on 9/21. Dave said he would get a couple of folks to help if available.

Parish Life, Sharon Havens, chair:

- No report.

Mission & Stewardship:

- Blessing Box being filled by Judy couple times a week; line dancers help fill it when they use the church; Bainbridge church gives money (\$50/month) for purchasing groceries and Patty fills the box regularly.
- Back to School shop: Kathy Joerman and Kathy Schmidt volunteered in Stamford CT at their event and found it very rewarding. We are going to have a conversation with the Sidney School Administrator, Kerrie Johnson, in October to see if this is a needed service and if the school would be interested in providing assistance.

Nominating Committee:

- The nominating committee for 2019 is: Sharon Havens (Senior Session member), Becky Holley (Junior Session Member), Kathy Schmidt, and Sandy Egli. We never found a third person.
- Needs to be announced from pulpit.

Personnel Committee:

- No report.

Pastor's Report:

1. Administrative & Continuing Education
 - a. Took required Sexual Harassment Training
 - b. Asking for November 11 through 18 for Second Week of CE.
 - c. Worked on Finding Training for Sexual Harassment
 - d. Sent out Town Hall Letters
2. Presbytery & Ecumenical
 - a. Administration for Operation Merry Christmas
 - b. Attended COM Policy Review Team Meetings – August 1 and 8 at Walton
 - c. Attended COM Meeting
 - d. Worked with CoLP and COM to develop Motions for Lay Pastor/Preacher Assistance
3. Days Off (Vacation)
 - a. Took August 26 through September 2 as vacation
 - b. Asking for December 26, 2019 through January 6, 2020 for vacation (12 Days – will take other two between now and the end of the year)
4. Worship/Events
 - a. Joint Worship w/ Bainbridge
 - b. Preparation for Town Hall Meetings
5. Bible Study – Two Groups at East Guilford
 - a. Wednesday at 8:00 AM – Reading Minor Prophets (Zechariah)

- b. Thursday at 2:30 PM – Reading Proverbs and Revelation
- 6. Mission
 - a. Stocked Blessing Box & Collected Bainbridge Donation

Items Removed from Consent Agenda:

None

Old Business:

- Format for own hall meeting on September 22nd was discussed.
- Chicken BBQ was tabled for discussion next year. We'll socialize the idea and see how people feel. Chad Ostrander will be flexible and offer chicken and pulled pork if we want.
- Bainbridge church asking for help on September 21 to refurbish their ramp.
- Request for help on October 6th for an assessment and checklist of work that needs to be done at Bainbridge's manse in the spring in anticipation of listing the property for sale.

Devotions:

Patty read devotions.

New Business:

No new business.

Our next meeting of the session will be Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 6:00PM, at the church. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Sharon at approximately 8:28 PM.

Submitted by: _____
Pastor Patty Wolff, clerk pro tem