

**MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**  
**Stated Session Meeting Digest**  
**October 25, 2022**

The meeting was called to order in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. by Transitional Pastor Danie DeBeer who moderated the meeting. Theresa Reed gave the opening devotional. Following the celebration of the Lord's Supper, the meeting moved to Fellowship Hall.

**CONSNET AGENDA**

Approval of minutes: September 27, 2022

Approval of excused absences

Admit/Approve routine changes to the membership rolls

Committee Action Items

From Personnel: to approve the solicitation of donations in advance of Christmas to provide MPPC staff with a Holiday Love Gift.

**DEACON'S REPORT** The deacons have begun meeting on the first Sunday evening of each month and all are involved in ushering.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

\*The Lord's Supper was celebrated on September 27 and October 2, 2022

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Christian Education** Classes are full for the Learning Center and both students and teachers are settling in. There were 50 confirmands at the Camp Christopher Retreat. Some came because of their participation in the Prayer Breakfasts. The numbers in MS, and HS Prayer Breakfast are huge, with members bringing friends. There is large youth attendance in Sunday a.m. and p.m. programming.

**Congregational Nominating** The nominations process for 2023 church officers will open in mid-November and nomination recommendations will be received electronically through January 25, 2023.

**Fellowship and Congregational Life** The Rally Day breakfast was well-attended. Sunday Night Live evening programming and dinner have begun with a strong attendance. A Family Retreat in Montreat is planned for March 3-5, 2023.

**Finance & Stewardship** To date 169 pledges have been received totaling ~\$949,000. The Endowment Committee has chosen the Texas Presbyterian Foundation (TPF) as the new financial advisor for the coming year.

As of September 30, 2022	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD
Total Revenues	\$1,235,979.51	\$1,273,880.00
Total Expenses	\$1,781,138.55	\$1,752,473.15
Net Total	(\$545,159.04)	(\$478,593.15)

Bank Balances	Operating	Temporary Restricted	Endowment
9/30/2022	\$9,1392	\$485,140	\$1,285,620

Transfers from dormant TRF accounts were approved.

**Missions Committee** The MPPC Mission Fair was a success last Sunday with positive comments from church members and mission representatives. The October 23rd SNL Missions Night will feature a hygiene bag packing event for the homeless. The Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for October 24

**Personnel** Jessica Kluesner, Director of Children’s Ministries, is no longer employed at MPPC. Plans are underway for how to handle the current responsibilities of the parish associate position. The deacons are coordinating a farewell reception for Rev. McGregor Simmons.

**Property and Grounds Committee** In the absence of a sexton, contractors continue to perform some cleaning duties. The main refrigerator in the Fellowship Hall kitchen had its compressor and has been repaired.

**Worship Committee** Jessica Minahan White began serving as the Associate Director of Music/Organist on October 2, 2022. Beginning in November, the traditional method of communion will return in the sanctuary (passing the trays). The NET will continue to use the modified intinction method. There will be communion on Christmas Eve at the 6 pm, 8 pm and 11 pm services. The 11 pm service will be served by intinction. The 4 pm service will be held outside with no communion. The Blessing of the Animals took place on Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup>.

2022		Sept 4	Sept 11	Sept 18	Sept 25
<b>Streaming</b>		n/a	n/a	n/a	40
<b>9:00</b>	In-person	72	221	118	77
<b>11:00</b>	In-person	156	150	260	216
<b>Total</b>		228	371	378	333

**NEW BUSINESS**

The following ruling elders were elected as commissioners to the fall stated meeting of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery: Barry Blackburn, Jim Deavor, Ellen Gower, Trey Lucy, and Susan Mellichamp