



MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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INTRODUCTION



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What follows is a glimpse into what happened during 2022 at MPPC.

Transitions are tough. There are changes involved—different people, different ways of doing things. Confusion, misunderstandings, a lack of understanding, and anger often mark the time of transition. And of course, the system's anxiety increases to amazing levels.

There are a few ways to behave during times of transition:

- We can fall back on known patterns of behavior, and go back to “the ways we have always done things.” This is the way of least resistance which will eventually bring us back to the same place again.
- Or we can assess what happened - what we have to let go of - because it simply didn't work, and work together to find new ways to proclaim the Good News. This is hard work, asking us to reconsider where we invest resources to bring about a “new thing”.
- The last option is to leave, and emotionally separate yourself from what is happening, because “it is not our problem.” This leaves the possibility open to take all your resources with you, and do something else with it.

Looking at ministry at MPPC during 2022, and how many of our members pooled resources to have enough to make a big difference in the world, I am encouraged. I know that everyone at MPPC will choose the higher road, that we'll adapt, find new ways, and continue to be the Light that cannot be hidden.

Thank you for your faithfulness. Thank you for continuing to support our ministries through which we witness to the reality of God's life-changing love for all people.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Danie de Beer
Interim Pastor & Head of Staff

MPPC Church Family,



As the elders and staff of Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church continue to strive for transparency and effective communication, we present to you our first annual church report. Reflecting on our church's time of transition, we are optimistic and hopeful for renewal of mission and a strengthened congregation.

While we continue to experience staffing challenges, Danie & Annette's arrival in 2022 has provided stabilization and thoughtful guidance. Additionally, Tony has been a vital leader for music ministries. 2022 brought a return to “normal” ministry and programs with the removal of COVID precautions. Pews filled on Sundays and energy returned to the church. The neglected roofs on the Sanctuary, Seabrook Building, and Grace Hall were finally replaced. Many church relationships were mended. And thanks be to God, our church giving met expectations.

In 2022 we collected \$1,404,371 in pledged giving from 286 families and ended the year with a \$230,053 deficit compared to a budgeted deficit of \$243,249. So far in 2023, we've received 313 Estimates of Giving for a total pledged amount of \$1,637,294, which has reversed a 5-year trend of decreasing numbers of pledges and total dollars pledged. The Session will review a proposed budget of \$2,149,847 (representing an estimated \$149,847 deficit) at its February meeting. As of February 19th, the actual 2023 deficit was \$3,474.

As we walk together through 2023, I encourage all of us to keep the words of Romans 15:13 close to our hearts: “*Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*” We are enlivened and encouraged by the resilience and dedication of our congregation and where the Holy Spirit is leading our church. We are honored to serve at Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church.

Blessings,

Mack Cross
Chair of the Finance & Stewardship Committee
Member of the MPPC Session; Class of 2023

WORSHIP & MUSIC

As a faith community at MPPC, we come together on Sunday mornings and throughout the year to worship God. We celebrate, praise, and glorify God for all He is and for what He has done for us through preaching, scripture, hymns, and songs. We experience God's presence with us as we are unified in the Body of Jesus Christ. Worship transforms us to a lifestyle of loving God and sharing God's love with others.



Adult, Handbell,
& Children's Choirs
& Net Band



Organ, 7 Pianos,
Harpsichord, Net Band
Instruments & Choir
Robe Maintenance



Contract Singers,
Guest Musicians &
Guest Preachers



Communion
& Special
Worship Services



Seasonal
Decorating
& Sanctuary
Flowers



Audio/Visual
& Livestreaming



Music, Copyright
Licenses &
Worship Service
Supplies

Worship & Music 2022 Budgeted Expenses: \$67,275

Worship & Music 2022 Actual Expenses: \$67,801

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We provide many and varied opportunities for members of all ages to know God, grow in their personal relationship to Jesus Christ, live out their faith, and to serve in the world in which they live.



- Sunday School for all ages
- Cornerstone Youth Ministry
- Lenten Kickoff & small groups
- Rally Day
- Teacher/Leader/ Small Group curriculum & resources
- Fall Festival
- Advent Workshop & Wreath Making



- Vacation Bible School
- Sunday Night Live Programming
- Presbyterian Women & Women's Retreat
- Men's Retreat
- Confirmation
- 2nd & 3rd Grade Bibles
- Nursery & Childcare



- Middle & High School retreats, conferences & trips
- A/V equipment & resources
- Midweek studies and groups
- Youth Prayer breakfasts
- Children's Worship
- Children's Mission Activities

Christian Education 2022 Budgeted Expenses: \$81,975

(Adults: \$12,000, Youth: \$54,960, Children: \$15,015)

Christian Education 2022 Actual Expenses: \$83,287

(Adults: \$10,216, Youth: \$62,896, Children: \$10,175)

LOCAL MISSIONS

MPPC's Local Mission Partners consist of:

- **CAROLINA YOUTH DEVELOPMENT (CYDC):** Offers residential, educational, and enrichment services to children of at-risk families.
- **EAST COOPER COMMUNITY OUTREACH (ECCO):** Assistance to those in need including food pantry, medical, dental, clothing and financial.
- **DEE NORTON CENTER:** To prevent child abuse, protect children and heal families.
- **EAST COOPER HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:** Build homes with donated funds and volunteer labor for underprivileged families.
- **ONE80 PLACE:** Provides temporary and permanent housing, meals and supportive services to the homeless.
- **EAST COOPER MEALS ON WHEELS:** Deliver meals to local homebound residents. Also in the spring, Rakes on Wheels cleans up yards of elderly or disabled folks.
- **METANOIA:** Help generate economic development, quality housing, and a year round youth leadership program for students in grades 1-12 in a community with one of the highest concentrations of childhood poverty in SC.
- **HANDS OF CHRIST:** Distribute back to school clothing, supplies and Bibles with the love of Christ.
- **EAST COOPER FAITH NETWORK:** A collaboration of faith groups with I-Beam and I-Beam Camp focusing on literacy for school children. Fix It! focuses on essential home repairs for needy homeowners in the Mt. Pleasant area.
- **FLORENCE CRITTENTON HOME:** Residential services for at-risk young mothers.
- **CHARLESTON AREA JUSTICE MINISTRY (CAJM):** Network of local faith based congregations to make the Charleston area a more just place to live, work and do business.
- **RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE:** A home away from home for families of children in the hospital.
- **WINDWOOD FARM:** Residential campus for children with behavioral and psychiatric issues.



Local Missions 2022 Budgeted Expenses: \$98,800

Local Missions 2022 Actual Expenses: \$91,797

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

MPPC's International Mission Partners consist of:

- **DAYSTAR UNIVERSITY:** Christian liberal arts university in Nairobi, Kenya. Educating and equipping Kenyans to bring innovations, faith and integrity back to their communities.
- **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HONDURAS:** Annually, prior to COVID-19, MPPC had a mission team assist in building homes in La Ceiba, Honduras. In a partnership with EC Habitat our church has built 78 homes in this community.
- **THE LAMB INSTITUTE:** Christ-centered, multifaceted ministry in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Residential home for abandoned and abused children, elementary school in Flor del Campo, Youth in Action, micro credit business development for women.
- **KINYAGO-DANDORA SCHOOLS (KDS):** Primary and secondary school outside of Nairobi, Kenya. Holistic education including clean water, food and nutrition.
- **HAITI OUTREACH MINISTRIES (HOM):** Port au Prince, Haiti. Campuses provide an oasis for children. Christian education, nutrition, clean water and medical care.

- **MEDICAL MISSION HONDURAS:**

Trinidad de Copan, Honduras. In a week a medical team will see 1,000 dental patients, 883 people for medical treatment, provide 2,798 prescriptions and 500 pairs of glasses.

- **PALMETTO INTERNATIONAL:** Trinidad de Copan, Honduras. Partners with local people and businesses to build homes, medical clinics and schools. The partnership also teaches the locals building skills that helps them to find employment and help the community.
- **NUEVA VIDA CLINIC:** Ciudad Sandino, Nicaragua. Full health clinic that sees approximately 16,000 patients a year.
- **MISSIONARY SUPPORT:** Greg and Chris Callison serving in the Middle East among the Kurdish refugees and Muslim communities. Suzie McCall serving in Tegucigalpa Honduras.



International Missions 2022 Budgeted Expenses: \$71,000

International Missions 2022 Actual Expenses: \$55,770

FELLOWSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Members of MPPC believe we are called to live in community with each other. We remain committed to the nurturing and support of our congregation through regular fellowship opportunities and the extension of hospitality.



- Sunday Night Live dinners
- Whole church breakfast for special occasions
- Oyster Roast/Chili Cook Off
- Pacesetters- dinner and entertainment for our older members
- Third Act- a monthly covered dish lunch for our older members
- Christmas Caroling around the Old Village
- New member classes

Fellowship & Congregational Life 2022 Budgeted Expenses: \$10,000

Fellowship & Congregational Life 2022 Actual Expenses: \$11,001

PERSONNEL

The staff of MPPC provide day-to-day leadership and support for all the church ministries and their many dedicated volunteers.

- Pastors
- Director of Music & Assistant Director of Music/Organist
- Director of Christian Education
- Youth & Children's Ministry Directors
- Communications Director
- Financial Administration
- Office Administration & Technical Support
- Sexton
- Childcare Staff
- Search Teams

Personnel 2022 Budgeted Expenses: \$1,378,039

Personnel 2022 Actual Expenses: \$1,340,562

PROPERTY & GROUNDS

The Property & Grounds Ministry keeps our campus running smoothly and looking beautiful. The main projects completed in 2022 were:

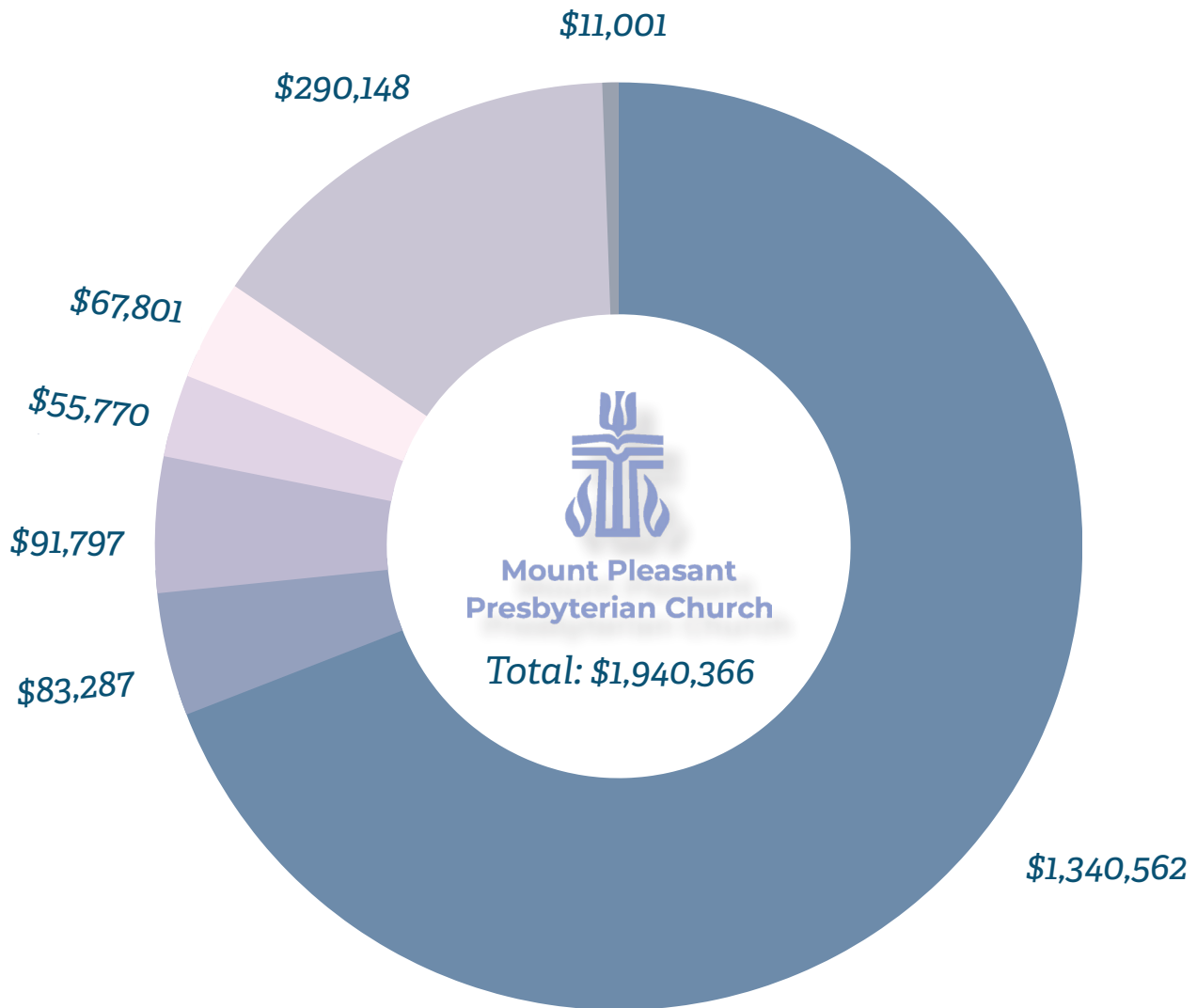
- Replaced roof on the Sanctuary
- Replaced roof and repair parapets on the Seabrook Building
- New HVAC unit for the Seabrook Building
- New HVAC for the Parlor
- Replaced compressor for commercial fridge in kitchen
- Installed new drain at Hope House to improve drainage of Hope House and Main Parking lot
- Replaced rocking chairs and benches at the Fellowship Hall
- Replaced a portion of damaged gutter on the Fellowship Hall
- Painted several offices, hallways and rooms around campus
- Repainted the Sanctuary porch and handicap ramp
- Power washed the campus in the Spring and Fall
- Added new pine straw in the Spring and Fall
- Landscaped in front of the church sign at the corner of Whilden and Live Oak



Property & Grounds 2022 Budgeted Expenses: \$278,300

Property & Grounds 2022 Actual Expenses: \$290,148

2022 ACTUAL EXPENSES



WORSHIP & MUSIC

\$67,801



FELLOWSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

\$11,001



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

\$83,287



PERSONNEL

\$1,340,562



LOCAL MISSIONS

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PROPERTY & GROUNDS

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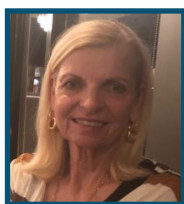
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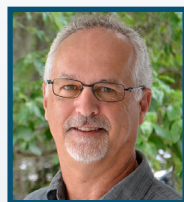
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