

**MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**  
**Session Digest April 2023**

The session met on April 16 to receive new members.

The session met on April 17 and voted to create an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for Young Families and Youth. This will first need to be approved by the Commission on Ministry of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery

The following is a recap of the stated session meeting of April 25, 2023.

**CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order in the sanctuary at 6:31 p.m. by Transitional Pastor Danie DeBeer who moderated the meeting. Anne Farmer gave the opening devotional and offered the opening prayer. Following the celebration of the Lord’s Supper, the meeting moved to Grace Hall 123-125.

**SPECIAL ORDER: Vision Statement Team**

The team, facilitated by Martha Waters, shared their ideas for developing a mission statement and sought ideas from the session to encourage participation by the session, staff, and the congregation.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of minutes:

Annual meeting of the Congregation April 2, 2023

Stated meeting of March 28, 2023

Called meetings of April 16 and 17, 2023

Routine membership changes were approved.

Several weddings and baptisms were approved.

**DEACONS’ REPORT** Julia Royall reported on ministry to senior adults and shut-ins. There is a need for additional ushers.

**CLERK’S REPORT**

\*The Lord’s Supper was celebrated on March 28, April 2, and April 6, 2023

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Fellowship and Congregational Life** There are two remaining SNL dinners. A survey will be going out to participants.

**Finance & Stewardship** TRF funds have been moved to a money market account.

As of March 31, 2023	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD	Difference
Total Revenues	\$439,160.04	\$547,605.00	(\$108,444.96)
Total Expenses	\$576,792.76	\$596,970.77	\$20,178.01
Net Total	(\$137,632.72)	(449,365.77)	(\$88,266.95)

Bank Balances as of March 31, 2023

Operating\$ 51,024

MM/TRF \$514,887

Endowment \$1,480,350

**Missions Committee** Palmetto International is planning a trip in early August. Eight people are signed up for the trip. In addition, possible trips in October and next February. The Lamb trip is still moving along for this summer. Rakes on Wheels (a division of Meals on Wheels) with the help of 72volunteers cleaned. 15 local yards. The Charleston Area Justice Ministries Nehemiah Action

Assembly was attended by 57 people from MPPC. The ESOL program has completed its year. All teachers are returning, and every class has a wait list. More teachers are needed.

**Personnel** The actions of the April 17 special meeting addressed what would have been the substance of the committee report.

**Property and Grounds Committee** An Easter/spring spruce up saw the sanctuary and office buildings pressure washed to remove all the pollen, pine straw laid throughout the campus, and fresh flowers planted in the beds in front of the church. A security walk through was conducted in the first week in April and improvements are being considered/implemented.

**Worship Committee** Gluten-free bread options continue to be investigated. The Maundy Thursday communion service with Faure’s Requiem was very well attended. The Stations of the Cross on Good had 33 people participate. The Kirkin’ O’ the Tartans will take place on May 21st, Presbyterian Heritage Sunday, at the 11 am service, followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall. “Hymns on Tap” will take place on June 8th from 6 to 8 pm at Westbrook Brewing Company.

2023		Mar 5	Mar 12	Mar 19	Mar 26
<b>Streaming</b>		139	102	125	153
<b>9:00</b>	In-person	107	75	93	376
<b>11:00</b>	In-person	237	308	248	251
<b>Total</b>		483	485	466	780

**Christan Education** Vacation Bible School volunteer positions are all filled. Carter Limbert will serve as the summer youth intern. An Interim Director of Youth Ministry has been advertised with Charleston Atlantic Presbytery. Youth Sunday is May 7. Sunday Night Live ends May 7. The summer Sunday School for adults will be of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter and Jude. The Learning Center PAC Pelican Party raised \$25,000.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

\*Rick Spivey, Caroline Feller, Sharon Barnett, Jim Deavor, Susan Mellichamp were elected as commissioners to the spring stated meeting of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery.

\*In addition to the moderator and the clerk who serve *ex-officio*, Maryanne Davis, Ellen Gower, and Mac Thigpen were elected to the “Committee on Committees.”

**STAFF REPORTS**

Written reports were received from the staff.