

MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
Stated Session Meeting Digest
June 27, 2023

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: LEADERSHIP & DECISION MAKING TEAM

Following a presentation by the team, facilitated by David Cole, the session prioritized needed areas of growth: #1 Congregational Engagement, #2 Strategic & Critical Decision Making, #3 God-Centered, and #4 Transparency. A plan will be developed by the team in consultation with the moderator and the clerk.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of minutes:
 - Stated meeting of May 23, 2023
 - Special Congregational Meeting of June 25, 2023
- B. Approval of excused absences:
- C. Admit/Approve changes to the membership rolls:
- D. Approval of weddings

CLERK'S REPORT

- *The Lord's Supper was celebrated on May 23 and June 4, 2023
- *In accordance with A-5.06 of the MPPC Sessions's Manual of Administrative Operations, on June 9, 2023 the session approved via email by a vote of 21 in favor and none opposed to call a congregational meeting on Sunday June 25, 2023 immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service for the purpose of hearing a report from the congregational nominating committee and if the way be clear to elect a pastor nominating committee.
- *Correspondence- Thank you from Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina for MPPC's \$401 Mothers' Day Offering donation (see info pack)
 - Email thread from COM delaying the search for an associate pastor
- *On Sunday June 4, 2023 the following ordinations/installations occurred:
 - Ordained and installed as deacons to the class of 2024: Grigg Godfrey and Addie King
 - Installed as deacon in the class of 2026: Sarah Wendell
 - Ordained and installed as deacons in the class of 2026: Tom Ashbaugh, Maggie Bullwinkel, Brian Collie, Sarah Eargle, Zach Fuqua, Thomas Hogan, Anne Hyde, Kelley Myrick Pam Owen-Early, Sarah Phelps
 - Ordained and installed as ruling elders to the class of 2024: Jimmy Purcell and Rachael Spach
 - Installed as ruling elder to the class of 2026: Susan Dalton
 - Ordained and installed as ruling elders to the class of 2026: Diane Hader, Towner Magill, Joe Rainero, Rebecca Sailor, Anna Shaw, Julie Stephenson
- *Commencing in August each month one session committee will be the "Committee of Emphasis of the Month," being asked to evaluate in depth its ministry with the session.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT Commissioners Sharon Barnett, Caroline Feller, Susan Mellichamp, Rick Spivey along with Jim Deavor and Pastors Danie DeBeer and Bart Edwards attended the May 16 Spring Stated Meeting of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery held at the presbytery office. The meeting synopsis by the presbytery stated clerk was shared with the session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS Reports were received in writing.

Christan Education The need to include children’s ministry in the upcoming staffing plan was emphasized. Vacation Bible School (Marketplace Jerusalem) was a huge success. Thanks to Lynn and Dan Wiard for their leadership. The Montreat High School Conference went well. The Middle School youth are on a mission trip to Asheville, NC this week.

Fellowship and Congregational Life Bites Between Bibles with coffee, lemonade, and donuts, has begun.

Finance & Stewardship

As of May31, 2023	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD	Difference
Total Revenues	\$759,415.88	\$795,870.00	(\$36,454.12)
Total Expenses	\$956,846.98	\$990,908.76	\$34,,061.78
Net Total	(\$197,431.10)	(\$195,038.76)	(\$2,292.34)

Bank Balances as of May 31, 2023

Operating \$ 15,500 MM/TRF \$534,085 Endowment \$1,482,856

Missions Committee The Lamb mission trip to Honduras departs on July 29th with fourteen youth and adults. An exploratory meeting is planned for August to provide info and gage interest for a March, 2024, trip to La Ceiba regarding a Habitat house. The Afghan refugees MPPC support, Nadia and her four children have been granted asylum.

Personnel

ACTION ITEM #1 The Personnel Committee moves that the Session authorize the Personnel Committee to review and approve a sabbatical request from the Rev Bart Edwards that meets the requirements of the policy. The motion was approved.

ACTION ITEM #2 The Personnel Committee moves that the Session create a subcommittee to be led by the Personnel Committee and consisting of representatives from other sessional committees to develop a staffing and organization model for the church for guidance in making future staffing decisions. The motion was approved.

Property and Grounds Committee Projects underway/completed include removing and trimming trees around the Parlor and the Fellowship Hall, painting the front of the Sanctuary and having its columns repaired, adding a new internet access point in the Sanctuary to help with wi-fi demands, painting parking lot lines, installing security cameras on the second floor of Seabrook and Grace Hall, repairing HVAC components for Seabrook and Grace Hall, painting various rooms and railings, and improving the security/lock system.

Worship Committee Hymns on Tap, Kirkin’ O’ the Tartan Service and the Charlotte Master Chorale Concert all went very well.

2023		May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
Streaming		98	93	196	110
9:00	In-person	118	70	97	90
11:00	In-person	211	301	308	240
Total		427	464	601	440

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, the moderator adjourned the meeting. Ellen Gower offered the closing prayer at 8:15 p.m.