

MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
Stated Session Meeting Digest
November 28, 2023

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order in Grace Hall 123 at 6:30 p.m. by Transitional Danie Debeer who moderated the meeting. Julie Stephenson gave a devotional and offered the opening prayer. The Lord’s Supper was celebrated.

CONSENT AGENDA

- *Approval of minutes: October 24, 2023
- *Approval of excused absences
- *Admit/Approve changes to the membership rolls:

CLERK’S REPORT

- *The Lord’s Supper was celebrated on October 24 and November 5, 2023
- *The session minutes for 2022 have been reviewed by the Commission on Ministry of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery and approved without exception.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christan Education A Director of Youth Ministries has been hired with a start date of January 2. The name will be announced after she gives notice to her current employer. The search for a Director of Children’s Ministries continues.

Fellowship and Congregational Life The next event is the Advent dinner on November 29. On December 10 there will be a gathering to watch the Christmas parade with pizza and hot chocolate from 4:00-5:30.

Finance & Stewardship As of today, 246 pledges have been received totaling ~\$1,469,000.

As of October 31, 2023	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD	Difference
Total Revenues	\$1,683,935.83	\$1,604,045	\$79,890.83
Total Expenses	\$1,888,491.84	\$1,963,840.58	\$75,348.74
Net Total	(\$204,556.01)	(\$359,795.58)	\$155,239.57

Bank Balances as of October 31, 2023

Operating \$90,516 MM/TRF \$403,870 Endowment \$1,517,367

Missions The annual Wise Giving and Angel Tree campaigns are underway.

Personnel The 2024 contract for Transitional Pastor Danie DeBeer was approved.

Property and Grounds Committee Sprinkler heads have been replaced in the sanctuary. Construction permits have been submitted to the Town of Mount Pleasant. It is hoped that sanctuary repair work will commence in early January and last 4-6 weeks. An anonymous donor paid to have the blue chairs in the Fellowship Hall professionally cleaned. A keyless entry has been installed and is operational. Relandscaping work on the front of the church and the area behind the historical marker is underway. Discussion continues on how to best address parking lot issues.

Worship Committee A busy advent schedule is underway. A Blue Christmas service will be held on December 20

Worship Attendance		Oct 1	Oct 8	Oct 15	Oct 22	Oct 29
	Streaming	142	140	119	99	119
8:30	In-person	127	74	72		94
10:00	In-person				285	
11:00	In-person	233	218	269		228
Total		502	432	460	384	441

NEW BUSINESS

*The following ruling elders were elected as commissioners to the Fall Stated Meeting of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery: Jim Deavor, Susan Mellichamp, Mac Thigpen, Ellen Gower, Alternate: Rick Spivey.

*By unanimous consent a request was approved to collect kids, teens, and baby toiletries during advent for donation to Lowcountry Orphan relief.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, the moderator adjourned the meeting. Julie Stephenson offered the closing prayer at 7:54 p.m.

The MPPC session meets at 6:30 PM on the fourth Tuesday of each month (except December and July). Meetings are open for observation by the congregation. Should members have business or concerns to present they must request to do so by contacting the moderator or clerk no later than the Thursday preceding the meeting in order to be placed on the agenda.

Questions are welcomed at any time to the pastors, clerk, or session members.

Committee chairs are as follows:

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| Christian Education | Missy Westerhold |
| Fellowship & Congregational Life | Ellen Gower |
| Finance & Stewardship | Trey Lucy |
| Mission | Theresa Reed |
| Personnel | Mac Thigpen |
| Property & Grounds | Andrew de Holl |
| Worship | Barry Blackburn |
| Congregational Nominating Committee | Ellen Gower |
| Pastor Nominating Committee | Elizabeth Amory and Bruce McAdams |