

MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
Stated Session Meeting Digest
January 23, 2024

The meeting was called to order in Grace Hall 123 at 6:30 p.m. by Transitional Pastor Danie DeBeer who moderated the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of minutes: stated meeting of November 28 called meetings of December 12, 2023 and January 21, 2024
- B. Approval of excused absences
- C. Approval of baptisms:
- D. Approve of weddings
- E. Admit/Approve changes to the membership rolls:

CLERK'S REPORT

*The Lord's Supper was celebrated on November 28, December 3, and December 24, 2023
 *Communications: Thornwell thank you letter was received in appreciation of our donation of \$355.

COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH: FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

As of today, 289 pledges have been received totaling \$1,627,655.

As of December 31, 2023	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD	Difference
Total Revenues	\$2,116,536.41	\$2,102,960	\$13,576.41
Total Expenses	\$2,306,625.63	\$2,334,020	\$27,394.37
Net Total	(\$190,089.22)	(\$231,060)	\$40,970.78

Bank Balances as of December 31, 2023

Operating \$135,698 MM/TRF \$440,660 Endowment \$1,714,60

Action on the 2024 budget was delayed until next month. A report will be made Sunday at both worship services challenging the congregation to increase their giving.

Christan Education Glenna Durbin has begun her work as Director of Youth Ministries. Children are serving as acolytes and filling the baptismal font. Youth Sunday is February 11. The Lenten kickoff for small groups is February 13.

Congregational Nominating Committee Nominations for the next class of officers and at-large members of the congregational nominating committee are being solicited.

Fellowship and Congregational Life The chili cookoff on Sunday was enjoyed by all. The next event is the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper.

Missions The annual Wise Giving program raised \$16,085. A LAMB Mission trip is planned for July 27-August 3.

Personnel The search continues for a Director of Children's Ministry. A staff appreciation luncheon was held in December. Fringe benefit plans are under review.

Property and Grounds Committee Permits have been secured for sanctuary repairs. Landscaping has been updated. The keyless entry system has been installed.

Worship Committee Ashes will be imposed throughout the day on Ash Wednesday. A Maundy Thursday Tennebrae will be at 7:00 p.m. Easter services will be at 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30 a.m.

Stations of the Cross will be held from noon-2:00 p.m. on Good Friday.

Worship Attendance		Nov 5	Nov 12	Nov 19	Nov 26
	Streaming	130	99	132	142
8:30	In-person	96	70	119	84
11:00	In-person	234	260	228	202
Total		460	429	4799	428

Worship Attendance		Dec 3	Dec 10	Dec 17	Dec 24	Dec 31
	Streaming	123	113	236	116	119
8:30	In-person	85	126	80		
10:00					700	227
11:00	In-person	285	280	177		
6:00					558	
8:00					118	
11:00					50	
Total		493	519	493	1542	346

NEW BUSINESS

*The Christian Education Committee moved to create an Organ Replacement Temporary Restricted. The motion passed.

* The following ruling elders were elected as commissioners to the Winter Stated Meeting of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery to be held February 24, 2024: Jim Deavor, Ellen Gower, Susan Mellichamp, Joe Rainero

*The 2023 statistical report was approved.