

Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

May 19, 2024

Officer Nominations

Elder Class of 2025



Benjamin Halford

I was baptized in MPPC. I went to Wando High School. I am currently a student at College of Charleston where I play in the orchestra. I am a business major. I would love to be active in the church.



Beverly Hutchison

Len and I joined MPPC in 1987 when we moved to Mt. Pleasant. Our children were baptized and raised in this church. Our daughter was married in this church and now her children have been baptized here. Through the years our church has been through times of growth and times of challenge but through all of these, we have continued to find our church family here at MPPC. Over the years I have been honored to serve— Sunday School teacher, Learning Center board, deacon and elder.



Ashley DeWeese

I was raised at MPPC and have been actively involved in Sunday School and Youth group. I enjoy all the youth group outings, my favorite is the HS Montreat Youth Conference in June. I am a Junior at Palmetto Christian Academy. At PCA, I am a member of the Swim team, Archery team, National Honor Society and FCA. MPPC means a lot to me and I am excited to represent my Church as a Youth Elder.



Kevin Lewis

My wife, Suzanne, and I joined the Presbyterian church after getting married twenty years ago. Both our son, Sam, and our daughter, Sally, were baptized in the Presbyterian church. After moving to Daniel Island, we became members of MPPC where we developed wonderful friendships and have grown in our faith. Our son was confirmed at MPPC two years ago and our daughter is in this year's confirmation class. As youth advisors, my wife and I have worked in youth ministry teaching Sunday school, leading youth group, and chaperoning youth trips. I am honored to be nominated for Elder and look forward to giving back to the church.

Elder Class of 2027



Ann Crowder

My husband and I both joined MPPC over 40 years ago. My children were baptized and confirmed here. My son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren are members here. I retired in 2022 after 45 years in corporate America working in Learning and Leadership Development. I now have the time and desire to give back. I have served on numerous church committees, taught Sunday school and VBS. I currently serve on the Personnel Committee & Member Care Committee. Being nominated is an honor.



Kyle Murrell

MPPC has been an important part of our lives for the past 18 years. My wife Amy and I joined MPPC in 2005, and we have been involved in many different aspects of the church's life and mission throughout that time. Our daughters, Alden and Ames, were baptized at MPPC and have grown in their faith at MPPC. I have taught Sunday School, served as a Deacon, on an APNC, and led mission trips to Honduras. The MPPC family has been a blessing. I am honored to be nominated for Elder.



Ashley DeStefano

Our family joined MPPC over six years ago. Since then, I have served our Children's Ministries by teaching Sunday School, volunteering with VBS and the Wednesday night programming to help our two daughters grow in their faith. I have also participated in the Adult Faith Formation team and chaired the group this past year. MPPC has served as an integral part of our family's life in Mt. Pleasant. I am honored to be nominated as an Elder and look forward to giving back.



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**Harry Olsen**

I moved to Mt Pleasant and joined the Church in 2017. I've been serving on the Finance Comm. since then and for past two years have been Treasurer. I'm part of the Streaming Team every Sunday, and recently became a Stephen Minister. I was also involved with ESOL training for several years.

**Chayne Dawley**

I was born and raised in Mount Pleasant. I graduated from The Citadel and work as a Land Surveyor. My wife, Erin, and I have been members of MPPC since 2017. We have two children, Dawson (7) and Jane Claire (4) and enjoy spending time with family and friends as well as spending time at the pool, beach, or on the boat.

**David L. Smith**

Donna and I have participated in the ministry at MPPC for approximately 42 years while raising our son, Bryan and our daughter, Brooke here. I have served as a deacon and an elder; coordinated Financial Peace University and chaired long range planning and a building committee. I am currently a member of the scouting executive board and the mission board for God's Goods Thrift Store. I am honored to possibly serve another term on the Session.

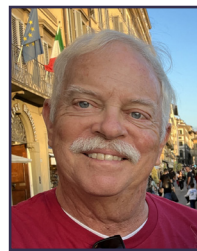
**Robert DuRant**

My wife, Farrow, and I joined MPPC in 2011 after moving to Mt Pleasant. Our children, Harriett, Rees and Counts, were baptized here. I am thankful to have a church home similar to what I grew up with in Columbia. I have been an active part of confirmation classes and teaching Sunday school classes for the kids through the years. I am honored to be nominated as a Deacon.

Deacon Class of 2025

**Wheeler Brown**

I'm in 9th grade at Lucy Beckham High School and I've been a part of this church since about third grade. I have gone through confirmation here and am part of the amazing youth group. I have grown in my faith because of my church family at MPPC and am excited to give back. I am grateful of being nominated for the position of Youth Deacon.

**Bob Gottke**

My wife Michelle and I joined MPPC in 2022. Prior to that, we were members of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church in McLean, VA for more than 30 years. I have served as an Elder, Chair of the Stewardship Committee, Treasurer of the Lewinsville Foundation, and have sung in Church choirs since junior high school. I now greatly enjoy singing in the MPPC Choir. I am honored to be nominated for Deacon.

**Caroline Kennedy**

I am in 9th grade at Lucy Beckham High School and I have been coming to church here my whole life. I was in confirmation last year and am in youth group.

**Rick Grindrod**

I am honored to be nominated as a Deacon. I have been a Christian and a church member my whole life and a Presbyterian for most of it. I moved to MP in July 2022 and joined MPPC in December 2022. I have previously served as a Sunday School Teacher, Deacon, PNC Chair, and Nicaraguan Ministry leader. I am married to a phenomenal woman, Laura. We have three adult children and one awesomely cute newborn grandson. I look forward to serving the ministry of Christ at MPPC.

Deacon Class of 2027

**Martha Cole**

I grew up in MPPC. It formed a wonderful foundation for my faith. I joined the Lutheran church, when I married my husband, Ron, but gravitated back to MPPC. I've served as a Stephen Minister, been a hospital visitor, on the hospitality committee, on Presbyterian Women Board, CAJM, active in Sisters in Christ Circle and Sunday School. I feel I have more that I can give to the church and am honored to be nominated for Deacon.

**Ron Magnuson**

I was baptized in the Presbyterian family in 1957 and have been blessed with this connection all my life. I have moved multiple times during my career, but have always found a Presbyterian church home. I was an Elder at two different churches. With my background in HR and business, I have mostly served as chair of Personnel and Finance committees. I joined MPPC in 2022 and am thrilled to begin a new phase of my faith journey. It is an honor to be nominated for Deacon.

**Ashley Mayer**

I am so honored and excited to be elected as a Deacon! MPPC is where I was baptized, confirmed, married and now my husband and I are raising two children here. My parents have both served as an Elder and Deacon, so I'm thrilled to share in this special family heritage. MPPC shaped the person I am and my faith from a very young age and I look forward to watching it do the same for our children.

**Susan Moring**

My husband, Platte, and I moved to Mt. Pleasant from Virginia three years ago. We joined MPPC in 2022 and are thrilled to be a part of this Church! So many kind people have assisted us in our transition. I serve on the Fellowship and Congregational Life Committee and participate in the Connect 3 Sunday School class, the Naomi Circle and CAJM. I served as a Deacon in our former Church. It is an honor and privilege to be asked to serve as a Deacon at MPPC.

**Chris Keller**

Our family joined MPPC about 20 years ago after moving here from Virginia. Our teenage son was invited to attend some Youth Fellowship events and we followed along. MPPC became our Church Home. Our two children were married here, our grandchildren were baptized here. My daughter and her husband are members here. The friends and relationships formed here have encouraged and supported me in good times and bad. I am looking forward to serving as a Deacon again.

**Lantie Slenzak**

I am honored to be nominated to serve as a deacon at MPPC. A lifelong Presbyterian, I joined MPPC after moving to Mt. Pleasant in 2011 with my two boys, now teenagers. I feel fortunate to have grown up in a Presbyterian church community that shaped not only our faith development but our extracurricular activities and family friendships. If elected, I hope my service will help reinforce and sustain our own church community as we navigate this next chapter at MPPC.

**Michael Tschantz**

My family and I joined MPPC in 2012. I had previously served as a youth leader at Summerville Presbyterian and an elder at Lexington Presbyterian (VA). At MPPC, I am a member of the Connect 3 Sunday School class, and I help prepare Sunday breakfast quarterly. Our three children were confirmed in this church and active in Sunday School and youth groups. Our faith continues to grow here, and it would be an honor to serve as Deacon to our thriving and friendly congregation.

**Carolyn Word**

My husband, Robert, and I joined the Church over 12 years ago. We have been blessed to grow in Christ with the support of our Church family and see our faith strengthen. Our three children, Anne Locke, Russell and Charlotte, have all been baptized in the Church. I have had the honor of leading a Presbyterian Women's Circle, teaching preschool, elementary and middle school Sunday school classes, volunteering for VBS leadership and serving on multiple search committees.

Nominees for At-Large Members of the Congregational Nominating Committee (2024-25)

Ben Black**T.J. Del Duca****Joel Heuring****Jena Nickles****Theresa Reed****Kevin Shuler****Pam Spivey**

2023-24 Congregational Nominating Committee:

Ellen Gower, Chair, Joe Rainero, Chair-Elect, Mack Cross, Maryanne Davis, Jamie Keeler, Holly Limbert, Nancy Masche, Tom Worrall

MPPC 2024 Budget

2024 Budgeted Ministry & Operational Expenses	2024 Budget
Denominational	\$36,000
Local Missions	\$83,000
International Missions	\$54,500
Adult Ministry	\$8,000
Children's Ministry	\$11,000
Youth Ministry	\$40,000
Worship (Music) Ministry	\$66,500
Technology/AVL	\$35,500
Food, Fellowship & Congregational Life	\$6,000
Member and Pastoral Care	\$2,000
New Member & Officer Training	\$500
Stewardship	\$7,000
Personnel	\$1,469,962
Communications	\$23,000
Office Expenses	\$40,000
Property and Grounds	\$313,815
Total Budget Expenses	\$2,196,777
<i>Estimated Pledged Giving</i>	<i>1,700,000</i>
<i>Estimated Unpledged Giving</i>	<i>\$400,000</i>

Changes to Terms of Call for Associate Pastor Bart Edwards

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Cash salary	\$49,761	\$51,524
Housing allowance	\$54,000	\$55,620
Automobile allowance	\$4,000	\$4,000
Business & Professional Expenses	\$1,000	\$1,000
SECA Supplement	\$8,244	\$8,482
Continuing Education	\$4,000	\$4,000
Cell Phone	\$35/month	\$35/month
Dental insurance	\$1,560	\$1,560
Board of Pensions	\$44,202	\$46,469