

**MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**  
**Stated Session Meeting Digest**  
**August 27, 2024**

The meeting was called to order in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. by Commissioned Pastor Ellen Creed Branham who moderated the meeting. Harry Olsen gave the devotional and offered the opening prayer. The Lord’s Supper was celebrated with Transitional Pastor Danie DeBeer as officiant.

General Presbyter and Pastor-to-Pastors Rebecca Albright made a presentation about the mission and ministry of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery. She thanked MPPC for its support and encouraged the session to strengthen its leadership within the presbytery.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of minutes: stated meeting of June 25, 2024 and Special Congregational Meeting of July 14, 2024
- B. Approval of excused absences
- C. Approval of changes to the membership rolls
- D. Approval of baptisms
- E. Approval of weddings

**DEACON REPORT**

Martha Cole reported that new committee assignments have been made, improvements to communicating ushering responsibilities have been made, and asked the session to assist with volunteer opportunities.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Christian Education**

Fall classes at the Learning Center begin September 3. Rally Day is September 8. Wednesday children’s programs will run 4:30-6:00. Summer youth trips went well. Confirmation classes will run from October until April with Sarah Phelps taking the lead. Adult Faith Formation is anticipating an October Wednesday evening class.

**Fellowship and Congregational Life**

Summer events supported were the Interenerational Game Night on July 25 and the DeBeers going away potluck August 21. Upcoming events are Rally Day potluck brunch (Sept. 8), Rise Against Hunger Mission Night (Sept. 18) Fall Festival (Oct. 27), Advent workshop (Dec. 1), and Christmas Caroling (Dec. 22).

**Finance & Stewardship**

As of July 31, 2024	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD
Total Revenues	\$1,343,227.52	\$1,257,518
Total Expenses	\$1,505,940.16	\$1,417,792.96
Net Total	(\$162,712.64)	\$(160,274.96)

Bank Balances as of May 31, 2024

Operating \$90,065      MM/TRF \$276,267      Endowment \$1,855,488

A new TRF donor form was passed approved.

**Missions**

A Rise for Hunger workday will be held September 18. LAMB’s Party with a Purpose is October 24th. Bruce McAdams will host a table for anyone interested in attending the fund raiser. MPPC will sponsor the event again this year.

**Personnel** Substitute organists have been secured for the fall.

**Property and Grounds** Repairs have been made to windows, gutters, faucets, and a sprinkler head. Seabrook building's floors, including the classrooms, have been stripped and waxed. The bus is awaiting repair. The list of needed repairs and maintenance items is always present with ever-growing costs.

**Worship Committee**

Worship Attendance	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Streaming	126	351	197	158	123
8:30 In-person	82	99	60	86	120
11:00 In-person	357	255	265	218	254
<b>Total</b>	565	635	522	462	497

Worship Attendance	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Streaming	174	379	121	111
8:30 In-person	74	78	107	85
11:00 In-person	212	289	182	189
<b>Total</b>	460	746	410	385

**CLERK'S REPORT**

\*The Lord's Supper was celebrated on June 25 and August 4, 2024

\*The following ordinations/ installation occurred at the 11:00 a.m. worship service on July 7, 2024

Ordained and installed as a deacon to the Class of 2027 Lantie Slezak

Ordained and installed as a ruling elder to the Class of 2025: Ashley DeWeese

Installed as a ruling elder to the Class of 2027: Harry Olsen

\*Correspondence: A thank you note was received from the PCUSA Office of Mission Engagement and Support for MPPC's donation of \$1412 to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

**NEW BUSINESS**

\*The installation service for Nicole Abdnour for Sunday September 29 at 4:00 PM was approved.

\*Susan Dalton, Jim Deavor, Susan Mellichamp, and Harry Olsen were elected as commissioners to the Summer Stated Meeting of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery to be held on September 21 at St. James Presbyterian Church:

Danie DeBeer offered a few parting words as he ends his time as Transitional Pastor and moves on to First Presbyterian Church of Savannah. Tony Sane and Ellen Creed Branham spoke of their recent activities.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to conduct the moderator adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Anna Shaw offered the closing prayer.