

MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
Stated Session Meeting DIGEST
February 25, 2025

The meeting was called to order in Fellowship Hall at 6:31 p.m. by Senior Pastor Nicole Partin Abdhour, who moderated the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Agenda
- b. Approval of Minutes of the special meeting of January 26 and the stated meeting of January 28
- c. Approval of excused absences
- d. Approval of membership changes.
- e. Receive as information the report of the commissioners to the February 15, 2025 stated meeting of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery
- f. Receive as information committee reports that are without recommendations
- g. Approve baptisms
- h. Approval of weddings

DEACONS REPORT

Deacons are helping with new member assimilation and looking into evaluating the structure of their committees.

CLERK'S REPORT

- The Lord's Supper was celebrated on January 28 and February 2, 2025.
- The 2024 statistical report was submitted on January 29, 2025, and was provided to the congregation via the website.
- Ron Magnuson, Susan Mellichamp, and Anna Shaw have agreed to serve on an *ad hoc* task force to review the session's Manual of Administrative Operations.
- A thank you note from CAP General Presbyter Becky Albright acknowledged MPPC's increase in financial contribution to the presbytery.

OTHE REPORTS

Reports that were circulated electronically prior to the meeting.

Commissioners

Commissioners Jim Deavor, Susan Mellichamp, Joe Rainero, and David Smith attended the meeting along with Pastors Nicole Partin Abdhour and Bart Edwards and Commissioned Pastors Ellen Creed Branham and Martha Feil. The meeting was held at Summerville Presbyterian Church. Nicole preached the sermon during worship. Among business enacted were votes on amendments to the constitution 24-A and 24-C.

Christian Education

The committee has approved Lenten Keynote Speaker Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Caldwell, author of the Lenten small group study "Pause: Spending Lent with the Psalms." A daily Lenten Devotional in both print and digital will be provided to the congregation. The Learning Center's Pelican Party raised \$22,000. Lauren Houston has begun work in children's music ministry and as a children's volunteer coordinator.

Fellowship and Congregational Life

The Lenten Keynote Dinner will be held on March 2 and Ash Wednesday Dinner will be served on March 5.

Finance

CY 2025 Budgeted Ministry & Operational Expenses	Year to Date January 31, 2025 (1 Month)			Annual Budget	
	Budget	Actual Spending	(Over)Under Budget	Amount	% Used
Denominational	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$42,000	7.14%
Local Missions	\$17,350	\$355	\$16,995	\$83,000	0.43%
International Missions	\$7,500	\$0	\$7,500	\$54,500	0.00%
Adult Ministry	\$2,480	\$363	\$2,117	\$9,500	3.83%
Children's Ministry	\$1,380	(\$3,083)	\$4,463	\$11,000	-28.03%
Youth Ministry	\$13,025	\$14,356	(\$1,331)	\$30,000	47.85%
Worship (Music) Ministry	\$5,615	\$5,830	(\$215)	\$66,500	8.77%
Technology/AVL	\$3,000	\$2,633	\$367	\$35,500	7.42%
Fellowship and Food	\$1,175	\$947	\$228	\$5,200	18.22%
Member and Pastoral Care	\$0	\$22	(\$22)	\$1,000	2.21%
New Member & Officer Training	\$135	\$250	(\$115)	\$500	50.00%
Stewardship	\$200	(\$127)	\$327	\$1,600	-7.95%
Personnel	\$115,238	\$116,100	(\$862)	\$1,488,100	7.80%
Communications	\$1,990	\$1,811	\$179	\$23,000	7.87%
Office Expenses	\$3,633	\$3,744	(\$112)	\$48,800	7.67%
Property and Grounds	\$56,325	\$64,295	(\$7,970)	\$368,800	17.43%
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	\$232,046	\$210,496	\$21,550	\$2,269,000	9.28%

<i>MPPC Hope House</i>	\$4,586	\$3,795	\$791	\$57,108	6.65%
<i>MPPC Learning Center</i>	\$316,845	\$318,032	(\$1,187)	\$558,644	56.93%
<i>MPPC Total</i>	\$553,477	\$532,323	\$21,154	\$2,884,752	18.45%

Missions Rakes on Wheels is looking for volunteers to cover shifts on Saturdays and Sundays between 3/8-3/23. MPPC is partnering with ECCO to engage the congregation to help spread love and support to women in our community by collecting purses and personal items to fill the purses.

Personnel A hiring team is actively recruiting applicants for the Children's Ministry Assistant position.

Property and Grounds The floors of Fellowship Hall were waxed over the Christmas break and the floor molding was painted. The kitchen has been deep cleaned. An anonymous donor is paying for the painting of the exterior of the sanctuary on Church Street side and of the apex on Hibben Street.

Worship Committee

Worship Attendance	Jan 5	Jan 12	Jan 19	Jan 26
Streaming	187	202	158	155
8:30 In-person	132	120	80	82
11:00 In-person	312	287	298	201
Total	631	609	536	438

ACTIONS ITEMS APPROVED

The 2025 committee roster was approved.

Good Friday Service to be held April 18 at 12 noon was authorized.

The following Easter morning schedule was authorized: 8:15 (Sanctuary), 9:30 (Fellowship Hall), 11:00 (Sanctuary).