

**MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**  
**Stated Session Meeting DIGEST**  
**April 22, 2025**

The meeting was called to order in the Sanctuary at 6:31 p.m. by Senior Pastor Nicole Partin Abdnour, who moderated the meeting. She declared that a quorum was present. Ellen Gower gave the devotional and offered the opening prayer. Associate Pastor Bart Edwards led the session in the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of Agenda
- b. Approval of Minutes of the February 25 stated meeting and called meetings of March 30 and April 6, 2025
- c. Approval of excused absences
- d. Receive as information committee reports that are without recommendations
- e. Receive as information the clerk's report
- f. Approval changes to membership rolls:
- g. Approval of the following baptisms
- h. Approval of a wedding
- i. Approval of members for the Stewardship Committee

**EXAMINATION OF CONFIRMANDS**

Two confirmands read their faith statements. The two confirmands then answered affirmatively the questions of membership as propounded by the moderator. Whereupon the moderator inquired of the session as to its willingness to accept the confirmation class into membership. The session unanimously responded in the affirmative.

**DEACONS REPORT**

Deacons are looking to increase their ministry to homebound members. Maggie Bullwinkle will serve as the next moderator of the Diaconate and Ron Magnuson will serve as vice-moderator.

**ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE SPRING STATED MEETING OF CHARLESTON ATLANTIC PRESBYTERY**

Sharon Barnett, Jim Deavor, Ellen Gower, and Susan Mellichamp were elected.

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

ACTION: To approve a summer worship schedule to hold a single service in the sanctuary at 10:00 AM from May 25-August 31, 2025. The motion passed.

A special meeting of the congregation was approved for Sunday, June 8, 2025 immediately following the 10:00 AM worship service to concur in Bart Edward's request to dissolve the pastoral relationship between him and the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church.

**OTHER REPORTS**

Reports that were circulated electronically prior to the meeting:

**Christian Education**

- Confirmands join the church April 27, 2025 at 11a.m. Service
- Senior Sunday is June 1, 2025
- Most Church School classes: children, Youth and Adult classes will be suspended for the Summer. Connect 3 will meet once a month. Another Adult class may be initiated depending on the Worship Schedule

## Fellowship and Congregational Life

- Assisted Children's Ministry with an Easter Fair lunch on April 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Assisted with the Youth Confirmant and Session Exam Luncheon on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Finance

CY 2025 Budgeted Ministry & Operational Expenses	Year to Date March 31, 2025 (3 Months)			Annual Budget	
	Budget	Actual Spending	(Over)Under Budget	Amount	% Used
Denominational	\$10,500	\$10,500	\$0	\$42,000	25.00%
Local Missions	\$33,200	\$31,735	\$1,465	\$83,000	38.23%
International Missions	\$19,500	\$16,000	\$3,500	\$54,500	29.36%
Adult Ministry	\$4,170	\$535	\$3,635	\$9,500	5.63%
Children's Ministry	\$3,840	(\$9,144)	\$12,984	\$11,000	-83.13%
Youth Ministry	\$8,575	\$16,127	(\$7,552)	\$30,000	53.76%
Worship (Music) Ministry	\$17,415	\$16,757	\$658	\$66,500	25.20%
Technology/AVL	\$8,900	\$7,873	\$1,027	\$35,500	22.18%
Fellowship and Food	\$900	\$3,087	(\$2,187)	\$5,200	59.37%
Member and Pastoral Care	\$250	\$51	\$199	\$1,000	5.10%
New Member & Officer Training	\$135	\$470	(\$335)	\$500	94.00%
Stewardship	\$200	(\$89)	\$289	\$1,600	-5.56%
Personnel	\$357,548	\$346,701	\$10,847	\$1,488,100	23.30%
Communications	\$5,630	\$6,092	(\$462)	\$23,000	26.49%
Office Expenses	\$10,894	\$13,610	(\$2,716)	\$48,800	27.89%
Property and Grounds	\$92,725	\$114,761	(\$22,036)	\$368,800	31.12%
<b>TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$574,382</b>	<b>\$575,066</b>	<b>-\$684</b>	<b>\$2,269,000</b>	<b>9.28%</b>

MPPC Hope House

MPPC Learning Center

MPPC Total

\$13,088	\$12,131	\$957	\$57,108	21.24%
\$46,485	\$54,338	(\$7,853)	\$558,644	9.73%
\$633,955	\$641,535	(\$7,580)	\$2,884,752	22.24%

## Mission

- Pass the Purse Project will end on April 23rd. There was a nice response from the congregation.
- MPPC provided a meal to the Citadel cadets through the Presbyterian Campus Ministry.
- Eight Church members walked in the Water Mission Walk for Water

## Personnel

- Approved the revised job descriptions for all MPPC staff including the director and assistant director of the Learning Center.
- Continuing to review and update the Employee Handbook.
- The Parish Associate search team is actively seeking qualified candidates for this position.

## Stewardship

- The committee discussed what "stewardship" meant and how to best educate others about how we envision stewardship at MPPC.

## Worship

- The Organ Committee has paid half of the cost to avoid inflation adjustments, three experts reviewed the console design, and are advertising to sell/ find a new home for the current organ.

		<b>Feb 2</b>	<b>Feb 9</b>	<b>Feb 16</b>	<b>Feb 23</b>
<b>Streaming Subtotal</b>		145	142	148	156
<b>8:30</b>	In-person	117	136	122	149
<b>11:00</b>	In-person	279	252	208	313
<b>Total</b>		<b>541</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>618</b>
<b>Prior Years</b>	2024	536	634	538	431
	2023	430	536	439	544

		<b>Mar 2</b>	<b>Mar 5</b> Ash Wed	<b>Mar 9</b>	<b>Mar 16</b>	<b>Mar 23</b>	<b>Mar 30</b> Youth Sun
<b>Streaming Subtotal</b>		187	30	168	139	96	129
			70				
<b>8:15</b>	In-person			65	66	81	96
<b>9:00</b>	In-person	130		90	157	120	132
<b>11:00</b>	In-person	337		225	254	257	200
<b>Total</b>		<b>654</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>557</b>

### Clerk's Report

- The Lord's Supper was celebrated on February 25, March 2, April 6, and April 17, 2025.
- In accordance with A-5.06 of the MPPC Manual of Administrative Operations, the session voted via an electronic poll 17-0 with one abstention to approve extending Breakfast Church through Sunday, May 18, 2025.
- There will be a called meeting of the session on May 18 @ 10:30 to receive new members.

The moderator declared that the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The clerk offered the closing prayer.