

**MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**  
**Stated Session Meeting Digest**  
**August 19, 2025**

The meeting was called to order in Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. by Senior Pastor Nicole Partin Abdnour, who moderated the meeting. Rev. Abdnour led the session in the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of Agenda
- b. Approval of Minutes of the June 8, 2025 annual meeting of the congregation and the June 24, 2025 stated meeting
- 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 of changes to membership rolls:
- g. Approval of following baptisms:

**EXAMINATION OF OFFICERS-ELECT**

The officers-elect were examined in small groups by members of the session. Following this, the session met again as a whole. The examination was sustained and the officers-elect were approved for ordination and/or installation as appropriate.

**Worship Committee**

- The Worship Committee moved to approve the Rev. Margaret Fleming to preach on Sunday, September 28, 2025. The motion was seconded and passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- The following 2025-2026 session committee assignments and committee chair appointments were approved:
  - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Joe Rainero (Chair, '26), Malachi Abdnour ('26), Rebecca Sailor ('26), Kevin Lewis ('27), Jon Halford ('28), Emily Shortridge ('28)
  - FINANCE: Harry Olsen ('27, Chair), David Smith ('27)
  - MISSIONS: Anna Shaw (Chair, '26), Ashley DeStephano ('27), Tracy Bishop ('28),
  - PERSONNEL: Susan Dalton ('26), Julie Stephenson ('26), Ann Crowder (Chair, '27), Brandon Guest ('28)
  - POLICY, PLANNING, AND GOVERNANCE: Anna Shaw ('26); Jim Deavor (Chair)
  - PROPERTY & GROUND: Towner Magill ('26, Chair), Kyle Murrell ('27), Randolph Tiller ('28)
  - STEWARDSHIP: Beverly Hutchison ('27, Chair), Maryanne Davis ('28)
  - WORSHIP: Effie Brown ('26), Diane Hader ('26, Chair), Ashley Canaday Slane ('28)
  - CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE- Joe Rainero ('26), Anne Crowder ('27, Chair), Maryanne Davis ('28)
- Harry Olsen was elected church treasurer.
- Jim Deavor was elected clerk.
- Jim Deavor, Susan Mellichamp, Harry Olsen, and Rick Spivey were elected as commissioners to the September 20 Summer Stated Meeting of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery.
- The following fall 2025 stated session meeting schedule was set as follows: September 23, October 28, and November 18.

**OTHER REPORTS** Reports that were circulated electronically prior to the meeting:

**Finance**

Income	Budget	As of July 31, 2025
Pledges	\$1,081,080	\$ 965,590
Loose Offering	\$ 10,612	\$ 15,148
Unpledged Giving	\$ 176,880	\$ 183,423
Total	\$1,268,572	\$1,164,161
Total Expenses	\$1,358,935	\$1,268,357
Net		(\$90,578)

**Personnel**

- The Learning Center Director position has been filled by Lindsey Skinner.
- The Personnel Committee unanimously approved the addition of an Executive Assistant (EA) to the Senior Pastor. A search for this position will begin immediately.

**Property and Grounds**

- The committee will seek congregational input for 5-year capital improvement plan specific to church campus enhancement.
- New entry lighting has been installed to Grace Hall, non-smoking campus signs have been posted and Fellowship Hall has been painted.

**Stewardship**

- Kick off Sunday for the Annual Pledge campaign is October 12.
- Consecration Sunday will be November 9 with a churchwide meal planned after the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

**Worship**

	Jun 1	Jun 8	Jun 15	Jun 22	Jun 29
<b>Streaming</b>	88	131	78	62	84
<b>10:00</b>	345	429	260	302	252
<b>Total</b>	433	560	338	364	<b>336</b>

	Jul 6	Jul 13	Jul 20	Jul 27
<b>Streaming</b>	141	135	122	144
<b>10:00</b>	336	298	284	280
<b>Total</b>	477	433	406	424

**Recognition of the Class of 2025**

Ruling elders Sharon Barnett, Barry Blackburn, Ashley DeWeese, Caroline Feller, Ellen Gower, Ben Halford, Trey Lucy, Rick Spivey, and Missy Westerhold were recognized for their service.