

MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
Stated Session Meeting Digest
September 23, 2025

CONSENT AGENDA The consent agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

- a. Approval of Agenda
- b. Approval of Minutes of the August 19, 2025 stated session meeting, August 24 commission meeting, and the special congregational meeting of August 24, 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. Receive as information the minutes of the August 26, 2025 deacon's meeting
- g. Receive as information the report of the commissioners to the September 20, 2025 stated meeting of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery
- h. Approval of changes to membership rolls:
- i. Approval the following baptisms:

DISCUSSIONS

- Lindsey Skinner introduced herself as the new Director of the Learning Center and fielded questions from the session.
- The session entered into a time of discussion about the definition of mission, what MPPD is doing to fulfill God's mission, the unique gifts that God has given MPPC to fulfill God's mission, and the obstacles that are faced that hinder the fulfillment of God's mission. The conversation will be continued and ongoing.
- Ryan Coleman of Church Interiors, Inc. made a presentation about possible chancel enhancements.
- Nicole Partin Abdnour discussed the upcoming stewardship campaign. All officers are encouraged to submit their pledges by October 5, with the goal of 100% participation. The theme is "Come to the Table." A College of Elders dinner will be held on October 6, Kick-off Sunday is October 12, and Consecration Sunday is November 16.
- Two break-out groups to discuss and answer questions about the duties and responsibilities of the session were held, with the moderator meeting with the committee chairs, and the clerk meeting with the other members of the session.

Clerk's Report

- The Lord's Supper was celebrated August 19 and September 7, 2025.
- Communications: Thank you letter from Lutheran Family Services for a donation from TRF fund

Commissioners' report

The summer stated meeting of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery was held Saturday, September 20, 2025, at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Commissioned Pastor Priscilla Holtzclaw moderated the meeting. In attendance from MPPC were Senior Pastor Nicole Partin Abdnour, Commissioned Pastor Ellen Creed Branham, and Commissioners Jim Deavor, Susan Mellichamo, Harry Olsen, and Rick Spivey. Among the business conducted was the election of Rev. Dr. Mike Fitze (New Wappetaw Presbyterian Church) as moderator and Rev. Pat Jones (Hebron Zion Presbyterian Church) as Vice-Moderator for 2026.

Christian Education

The committee approved the following leaders and curriculum:

- Bible 4 Everyone: new option for visitor and regulars alike. Teaching team: Jerry George, Ron Magnuson, Butch Hills, and Missy and Jim Westerhold. Curriculum: A Fruitful Life: Discovering Jesus' Invitation in the Sermon on the Mount.
- Connect 3: Planning team: Martha Waters, Frank Lee, Pam Spivey, John Cleek. Curriculum: Tending the Wild Garden: Growing in the Fruit of the Spirit.
- The Middle: Teachers: Jim Deavor, Martha Cole Curriculum: Wrestling with Doubt: Finding Faith and "A Sermon for Every Sunday."
- Youngish: Steering Co: Towner & Lucye Magill, McRae Hogan, Meredith & David Jewell, Katie Edwards, Andrew deHoll. Curriculum: lectionary-based, created in-house.
- Academy of St. John: Sharon Barnett, Bob Ostrom, John Myers. Curriculum: "Prayer and Worship" — discussion of the day's order of worship.
- Wednesday night speaker series begins September 24.

Finance

Income	Budget	As of July 31, 2025
Pledges	\$1,210,170	\$ 1,112,294
Loose Offering	\$ 11,522	\$ 16,866
Unpledged Giving	\$ 195, 600	\$ 200, 565
Total	\$1,417,292	\$1,330,355
Total Expenses	\$1,358,935	\$1,519,757
Net		(\$189,402)

Personnel

- The Learning Center Director position has been filled by Lindsey Skinner.
- MPPC has welcomed two new staff members: Jill Chapin, who is the new Executive Assistant to the Pastor, and Jill Adams, who is the new Children's Ministry Assistant.
- The committee is currently reviewing the Employee Handbook with a focus on the Paid Time Off (PTO) policy and vacation policy.
- The committee is conducting Pastor Nicole's one-year performance review. Input has been solicited from last year's committee chairs as well as the clerk of the session.

Property and Grounds

- Anonymous donors have volunteered to help remedy the drainage situation in the Hope House parking lot. This work will be completed soon at no cost to the church.
- A new screen for the Fellowship Hall is being ordered.

Worship

	Aug 3	Aug 10	Aug 17	Aug 24	Aug 31
Streaming	113	163	137	219	156
10:00	366	310	373	387	202
Total	479	473	510	606	358