# MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) Stated Session Meeting Digest October 28, 2025

#### **Chancel Enhancement Committee**

After a period of discernment, the committee advised that there would not be a fundraising effort at this time, but the sanctuary improvements would be part of a later capital campaign. Residual funds from the organ campaign would be used for some smaller projects (e.g., moveable risers for the choir, new choir robes).

# **Associate Pastor Nominating Committee**

The Ministry Discernment Profile was approved by the session so that the APNC can begin receiving and reviewing candidates.

#### **Personnel Committee**

- The session approved an additional \$2,500.00 per month stipend for Senior Pastor Nicole Partin Abdnour, effective November 1, 2025, and remaining in effect until a new associate pastor reports to MPPC. The motion passed.
- The session approved calling a special meeting of the congregation on Sunday, November 9, 2025, following the 11:00 worship service, for the purpose of acting on the proposed change to the terms of call of the senior pastor. The motion passed.

## **Finance**

The session approved renewal of the 2021 Line of Credit with Pinnacle Bank in the amount of \$500,000. Property & Grounds

Kyle Murrell, on behalf of the committee, moved to sell the church bus. The motion passed.

### **Stewardship**

The pledge campaign is proceeding well, moving toward meeting the goals of the challenge grant of matching funds for increased and new pledges.

#### Commissioners

Susan Mellichamp, Brandon Guest, and Harry Olsen were elected to serve as commissioners to the November 11, 2025 Fall stated meeting of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery.

## **Christian Education**

- The committee approved the Advent small group curriculum Voices of Advent: The Bible's Insights to a Season of Hope, by Matt Skinner
- The committee endorsed the spiritual pilgrimage opportunity for the congregation: Walking Tour of Camino in Spain led by Theresa Reed, September 29th October 6, 2026

## **Finance**

Income	Budget	As of September 31, 2025
Pledges	\$1,335,555	\$ 1,211,993
Loose Offering	\$ 13,036	\$ 18, 908
Unpledged Giving	\$ 217,240	\$ 231,932
Total	\$1,417,292	\$ 1,462,833
Total Expenses	\$1,707,515	\$ 1,685,708
Net		(\$222,875)

#### Personnel

- The Personnel Committee has approved the hiring of retired Pastor Douglas Farmer to lead an Enneagram Coaching and Development program for all staff members of MPPC as part of our staff development initiative.
- The Paid Holiday Policy was amended as follows:

The office will be closed on Christmas Day and the day after Christmas. Going forward, if Christmas falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the Senior Pastor/Head of Staff will have the discretion to decide which, if any, day the office will close. Additionally, the committee has included an individual's birthday as a paid holiday, effective January 1, 2026. If the birthday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the individual may take the Monday or Friday of the birthday weekend. A half-day New Year's Eve has been added as well. The following holidays will remain unchanged: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Monday after Easter, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and the day after Thanksgiving.

# **Property and Grounds**

- Anonymous donors have volunteered to help remedy the drainage situation in the Hope House
- The stage in FH was fully sold, bringing in \$1800 for the P&G budget
- Leaks in the Grace Hall roof are being repaired by Baker Roofing. This roof was recently replaced and is under warranty.
- Some electrical work was taken care of in the sanctuary, including new outlet for soundboard for safety and better utilization.

## Worship

Attendance	Sept 7 Rally Day	Sept 14	Sept 21	Sept 28
Streaming	90	166	110	110
8:30		101	76	68
9:00	428	119	120	108
11:00		273	264	203
Total	518	659	570	489