

MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
Stated Session Meeting
Digest
January 27, 2026

The meeting was called to order in Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. by Senior Pastor Nicole Partin Abdnour, who moderated the meeting.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
- Approval of excused absences
- Received as information committee reports that are without recommendations
- Received as information the clerk's report
- Approve changes to membership rolls:
- Approve the following baptisms
- Approve the following weddings:
- Approve the request from Charleston Atlantic Presbytery for MPPC to host S.T.E.P.S. August 29, 2026
- Mary and Larry Davis were received into membership via transfer from New Wappetaw Presbyterian Church, McClellanville, SC.
- Approval of the 2026 budget

Budgeted Generosity

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>Change</u>
Pledged	\$ 1,850,000	\$ 2,200,000	\$ 350,000
Loose Offering	\$ 19,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 1,000
Unpledged	<u>\$ 400,000</u>	<u>\$ 380,000</u>	<u>\$ (20,000)</u>
Total Budgeted Generosity	<u>\$ 2,269,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,600,000</u>	<u>\$ 331,000</u>

Budgeted Ministry & Operating Expenses

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>Change</u>
Denominational	\$ 42,000	\$ 48,000	\$ 6,000
Local Missions	\$ 83,000	\$ 141,250	\$ 58,250
International Missions	\$ 54,500	\$ 65,750	\$ 11,250
Adult Faith Formation	\$ 9,500	\$ 13,200	\$ 3,700
Children's Ministry	\$ 11,000	\$ 20,500	\$ 9,500
Youth Ministry	\$ 30,000	\$ 38,000	\$ 8,000
Worship (Music) Ministry	\$ 66,500	\$ 80,000	\$ 13,500
Technology /AVL	\$ 35,500	\$ 40,000	\$ 4,500
Food, Fellowship & Congregational Life	\$ 5,200	\$ 10,000	\$ 4,800

Member & Pastoral Care	\$	1,000	\$	2,000	\$	1,000
Policy, Planning, & Governance (Officer Training)	\$	500	\$	1,500	\$	1,000
Stewardship	\$	1,600	\$	1,600	\$	-
Personnel	\$	1,488,100	\$	1,606,200	\$	118,100
Communications	\$	23,000	\$	25,000	\$	2,000
Office	\$	48,800	\$	50,000	\$	1,200
Property & Grounds	\$	368,800	\$	450,000	\$	81,200
Deacons (includes new members)		<u>N/A</u>		<u>\$ 7,000</u>		<u>\$ 7,000</u>
Total Budgeted Ministry & Operating Expenses		<u>\$ 2,269,000</u>		<u>\$ 2,600,000</u>		<u>\$ 331,000</u>
Budgeted Net (Deficit) Surplus		<u>\$ -</u>		<u>\$ -</u>		<u>\$ -</u>

- Approval of the creation of a Contingency Fund Temporary Restricted Fund and to move \$100,00 into that account.
- Approval of the Commissioned Lay Pastor contract with Ellen Creed Branham for 2026. The motion passed.
- Approval of the Property and Grounds Committee description and to authorize the clerk to incorporate it in the Manual of Administrative Operations.
- Approval of removing the movable partitions in Fellowship Hall and create two additional storage closets within those spaces. The motion passed.
- Approval of the following Holy Week worship schedule
 - Maundy Thursday: April 2 at 7:00 PM
 - Good Friday: April 3 at 12 noon
 - Easter: April 5 at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 in the sanctuary with Fellowship Hall set for overflow throughout the morning
- Approve of the 2025 Statistical Report.
- Election of Susan Dalton, Jim Deavor, Susan Mellichamp, and David Smithth as commissioners to the Winter Stated Meeting of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery, February 14, 2026 at Dorchester Presbyterian Church:

Other information:

Christian Education

A number of curricula were approved by the committee.

Policy, Planning, and Governance

A Book of Order-mandated anti-racism policy is being developed.

Property and Grounds

Wayne Stewart is no longer an employee of MPPC. We have permanently contracted a commercial cleaning service responsible for cleaning the facility. A janitorial service has been

contracted for 20 hours per week to perform needed activities within the campus. A job description for a part-time sexton has been created, and interviews are currently taking place.

Stewardship

\$2,204,141 in pledges have been received to date from 307 giving units.

Finance

Income	Budget	As of December 31, 2025
Pledges	\$1,850,000	\$ 1,989,250
Loose Offering	\$ 19,000	\$ 31,889
Unpledged Giving	\$ 400,000	\$ 446,171
Total	\$2,269,000	\$ 2,462,833
Total Expenses	\$2,269,000	\$ 2,200,548
Net		\$68,452

Worship

Attendance	Dec 7	Dec 14	Dec 21	Dec 28
8:30	69	88	178	
9:00	166	110	58	
10:00				160
11:00	277	316	337	
Total	428	514	573	160

Christmas Eve	11:00 AM	4:00 PM	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	11:00PM	Total
	294	515	557	232	66	1746

2025 Church Statistical Report

Church	Mt Pleasant	PIN	22286
Presbytery	Charleston-Atlantic		
Address	302 Hibben St, Mt Pleasant, SC 29464-4312		
Phone	843-884-4612	Fax	843-884-9040
Email	tsnead@mppc.net		
Web Site	www.mppc.net		



Membership

Prior Active Members	1861	Adjusted membership	1861
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Gains		Losses	
Certificate	26	Certificate	3
Youth Professions	35	Deaths	8
Professions & Reaffirmations	22	Deleted for any Other Reason	6
Total Gains	83	Total Losses	17
Total Ending Active Members	1927		

Baptisms

Presented by Others	26	Average Weekly Worship Attendance	550
At Confirmation	0	Friends of the Congregation	100
All Other	4	Ruling Elders on Session	23
		Do you have Deacons?	Yes

Age Distribution of Active Members

17 & Under	87
18 - 25	124
26 - 40	222
41 - 55	373
56 - 70	263
Over 70	293
Total Age Distribution	1362

People with Disabilities

Hearing impairment	10
Sight impairment	5
Mobility impairment	10
Other impairment	10

Gender Distribution

Women	801
Men	601
Non-Binary	

Youth in Congregation

Age 4 and under	142	Middle School (6th – 8th grade)	121
Elementary School (K-5th grade)	429	High School (9th – 12th grade)	137
		Total Youth	829

Racial Ethnic

Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian	0	Native American/Alaska Native/Indigenous	0
Black/African American/African	3	White	1924
Middle Eastern/North African	0	Multiracial	0
Hispanic/Latino-a	0		
		Total Racial Ethnic	1927

Budgeted Income	2,269,000
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Budgeted Expense	2,269,000
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Receipts

Regular Contributions	2,467,625	Bequests	0
Capital Building Fund	0	Other Income	139,753
Investment Income	70,155	Subsidy or Aid	0

Expenditures

Local Program	2,116,017	Investment Expenditures	0
Local Mission	82,972	Per Capita Apprt	42,000
Capital Expenditures	0	Other Mission	54,447