

Highlights from the December 2024 Session Meeting

The regular Session meeting was held on December 17, 2024. Devotions were centered on Joseph's apparition and his mercy shown toward Mary and his obedience to God's word as told in the Gospel of Matthew. After opening prayer and devotions, Session received the reports of staff, standing committees, and the Report of the Clerk and voted to approve all reports and items of a routine nature from committees and staff in the Consent Agenda.

- Total attendance figures for November 2024: **425** attended in-person Worship Services and **360** viewed services online. Average **Sunday** Worship attendance for the last several months: November **196**, October 180, September 163, August 147, July 148, June 147, May 168, April, 227, March 258, February, 226, January 2024, 217; December 2023, 271, November, 181. Average weekly Sunday Worship attendance for 2023 was 193. Average weekly Sunday Worship attendance for 2024 is **189**.
- **Finance Report** – Elder John Walton, Chair of Finance reviewed the financial statements distributed with the Session packet. John noted that the October statements for the November meeting were in DRAFT form due to the bank statements not being available until after the Business Administrator went on vacation on November 5. This month's packet includes the final financial statements for both October and November. Members of Session were referred to the Treasurer's report in the packet distributed prior to this meeting for more detail on the financial statements. Receipts for November 2024 totaled \$64,162 compared to the November 2023 total of \$70,255. Total receipts for 2024 through November stand at \$600,258 versus \$626,084 for same time in 2023. It was noted that there is still \$49,000 on the balance sheet that is in advanced giving for 2024 which will be moved to income in December and improve the overall total.

Expenses for the eleven months of 2024 are down 28.5% from the same eleven months of 2023 and stand at 84.8% of total budgeted expenses for 2024, 11/12th through the year (if on budget, expenses would be at 91.6% of budget). The net income (revenue minus expenses) for the eleven months of 2024 is in the amount of \$9,900 compared to the eleven months of 2023 which produced a deficit of \$101,000.

- Pastor reported on the first week of employment of Ty Harvey as Children and Youth Director. He said it is going very well, and Ty is enthusiastic and eager to get the programs underway.

- Request was made for the use of facilities for the marriage of Cortney Conrad (NM) and Matthew Lassik (NM) on Saturday, May 24, 2025. Pre-marriage counseling will be conducted prior to wedding by MPC clergy. The couple has been advised of MPC fee structure and has agreed to all fees and requirements. The pastor of MPC will officiate at ceremony. **Motion** was made and **seconded** and Session **APPROVED** the request.

Joseph Hare
Clerk of Session