

2025
~ HALF YEAR ~
Report



MOORPARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
2 Chronicles 7:14

AGENDA

Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, September 21, 2025

MISSION STATEMENT: The purpose of Moorpark Presbyterian Church is to glorify God and help people become fully committed, joyful disciples of Jesus Christ.

VISION STATEMENT: Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Moorpark Presbyterian Church is a joyful light, beckoning and integrating people into the fellowship of believers.

I. Call to Order

A. Opening Prayer

B. Quorum

C. Motion to allow Session to review and approve minutes of this meeting

II. Report and Discussion

A. Regarding the life of our church

B. Regarding the 2025 *6 Month* Report

C. Report of the Nominating Committee

III. Corporate Business

A. Financial Report for 2025

B. Presentation of the 2025-2026 budget

C. Other corporate business

IV. Motion to Adjourn

V. Closing Prayer



*The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.
Proverbs 16:9*

A WORD FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

Have you ever felt alone? Have you ever felt like no one was paying attention to you, your life, your work, your challenges? Have you ever had that thought – “No one really knows what I’m going through.” I think if we’re honest, we have all been there at one time or another. And at this time in history, there are more and more people searching for something – someone to help them with these overwhelming feelings. Over the next year, I want to pose a word to you that I think captures where we are heading as a Church.

WITHNESS

Now, some of you just read that word and are pretty sure that there is a typo of some kind. “Did he really mean – witness – like someone who is present to see something?” Actually, no. Read the word again. Withness - the state of being connected to or in close association with someone often involving active engagement and emotional connection. So what does that mean? What does that look like?

This summer, the elders of the church got away on a retreat and engaged in some significant conversations about Moorpark Presbyterian Church – where we have been, where we are now and where we believe God is leading our congregation. Out of that weekend long conversation, two major themes emerged.

First, and this likely won’t be a surprise to you – we want people to know that Jesus is always with them. And Scripture would back us up on this thought as we see in Joshua 1:5, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” As a Church, our main goal is to get people connected with Jesus and the word we use to describe this is an ancient word called discipleship. We want people to learn to become disciples of Jesus – to know who Jesus is, how much he loves his people, how he wants us to live and that he is indeed – always with us.

Second, we were made for connections with other people. We all have a deep desire for belonging. So much has gotten in the way of this in the last season – social media, political divides, fear, anxiety, and on and on. But again, Scripture communicates this truth – “For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” – Matthew 18:20. So as a church, we will do everything we can to build Kingdom community so that we have people WITH us in the good times to celebrate with and in the hard times – when we need a shoulder to cry on or Godly wisdom to get us through.

This report is in your hands to let you get a glimpse of the ways in which we as a church are already living out this idea of withness. And this report also then lays the foundation from which we are moving to make the reality of withness with Jesus and withness with others take place. I am excited to explore how this “WITHNESS” will look here at MPC in the next year.



Godspeed-

Keenan Barber
Senior Pastor

STATISTICAL REPORT

Based on Reports Submitted to the Santa Barbara Presbytery

Membership January 1, 2025 **195**

Rec. by Profession of Faith	19
Rec. by Re-affirmation	0
Rec. by Letter of Transfer	0
Restored from Inactive	0
Total Gains	19

Removed by Letter of Transfer	2
Trans. to Inactive Roll	0
Removed from Rolls	6
Deaths	2
Total Losses	10



Membership June 30, 2025 **204**

Adult Baptisms	6
Infant Baptisms	0
Total	6

Average worship attendance in 2025 (Jan-June) was **130**.

May Chin Wong, Lois Fabian and Rod Menzel passed from service in this world to the service of our Lord in Heaven in 2025.

(See photos on page 47)

2025 CHURCH OFFICERS

CLASS OF 2026

Rachel Blaine
Gayle Hughes
Steve Koch
Richard Vesley

BettyAnn Endres
Dan Burchfield
Lisa Andresen
Mike Ghaffary
John Crawford
Nancy Sampson

CLASS OF 2027

Jeff Heckler
Chris Rouse
Beth Gillis
Sara Judd

Floyd Leech
Marian Elliot
Kim Harter
Maureen Hooper-Birkelo

CLASS OF 2028

Jane May- Ahearn
Jeanette Cunningham
Eric Tapking
Kristen Todd
Kelly Ghaffary

Julie Cast
Danelle Bradley
Roger Kahle
Sue Hebel
Frankie De La Parra
Tom Piehn

TOTAL: 13 elders

TOTAL: 16 deacons



MINUTES

Annual Congregational Meeting

February 9, 2025 at 13950 Peach Hill Rd., Moorpark, CA

The purpose of the meeting was to conduct the business of the church. The meeting was announced from the pulpit the previous two Sundays. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Reverend Keenan Barber, moderator, with prayer. It was noted a quorum was present. MSC to allow the session to review and approve the minutes of this meeting.

Corporate Business

I. 2024 Year End Impact Report & the Life of the Church, Finance Elder Eric Taping

Finance Team:

Donald Betah, Alec Cast, Bob Gayl, David Lee, Steve Todd, Russ Witt

Receiving Treasurer Team:

Russ Witt, Shannon Clark, Genesee Paine

Disbursing Treasurer:

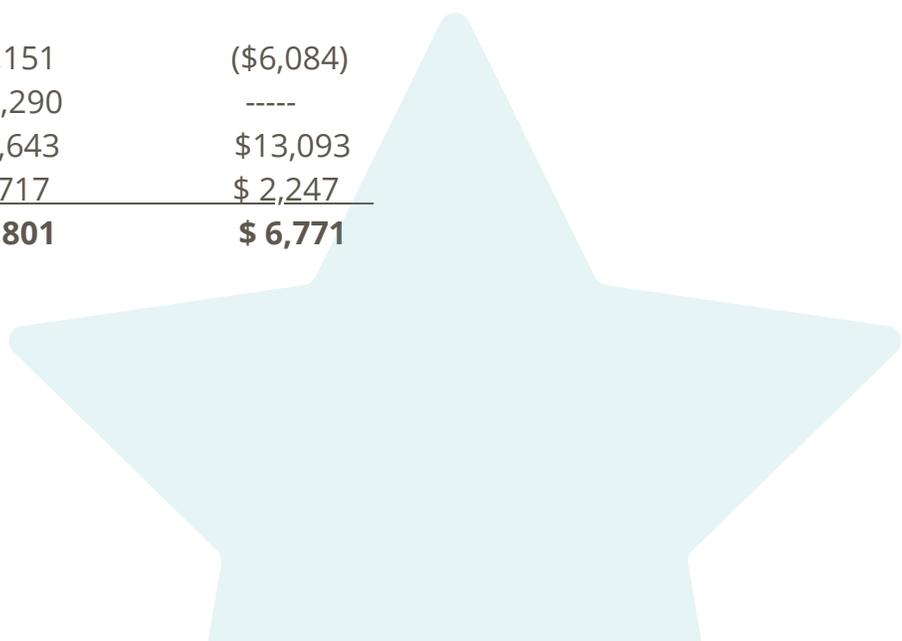
Bonnie Boe

Priorities for 2024:

- Effective, relevant communication to congregation
- Improved collaboration with Ministry Teams
- Mortgage Capital Campaign fundraising
- Explore opportunities for non-tithing sources of revenue

2024 Operating Income & Operating Expense

	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>Over (Under Budget)</u>
General Offerings	\$792,426	(\$7,574)
Additional Operating Income	\$ 15,135	\$7,561 1% over
Operating Expense		
Staff	\$454,151	(\$6,084)
Property Tax & Mortgage	\$178,290	-----
Administration	\$149,643	\$13,093
Program	<u>\$ 24,717</u>	<u>\$ 2,247</u>
Total Expense for 2024	\$806,801	\$ 6,771
Difference	\$760	



MINUTES continued

Annual Congregational Meeting- February 9, 2025

2025 Balanced Budget, Flat YOY

	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>2025 Budget</u>
Operating Income		
General Offerings	\$792,426	\$800,000+
Additional Operating Income	\$ 15,135	----
Total Operating Income	\$807,561	\$800,000+
Operating Expenses		
Staff	\$454,151	\$452,670
Property Tax & Mortgage	\$178,290	\$179,900
Administration	\$149,643	\$141,730
Program	\$ 24,717	\$ 25,700
Total Expense	\$806,801	\$800.000
Total Income vs Expenses	\$ 760	-----

**Staff Costs: Flat Overall, raises funded by Pension saving

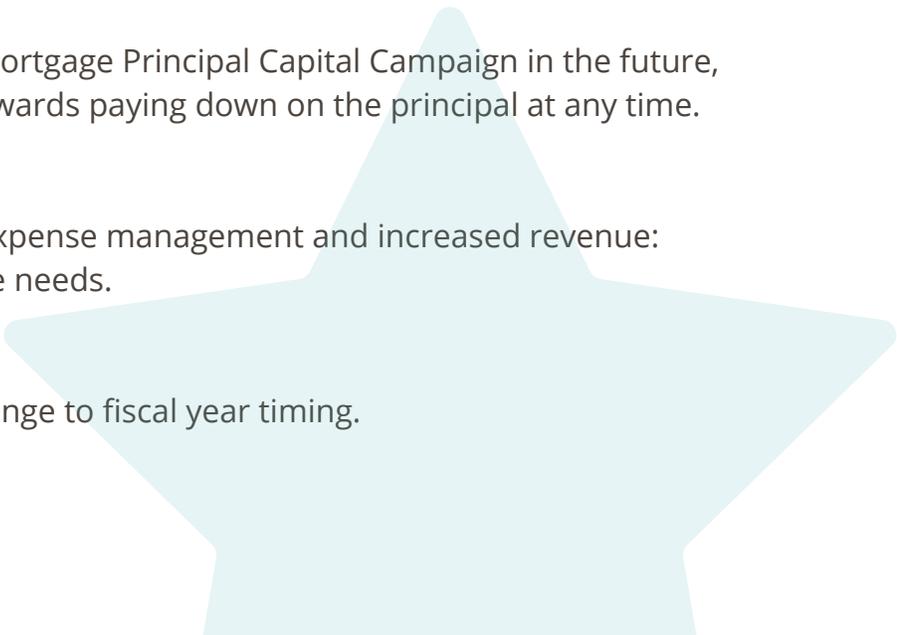
- Finance Committee Moved for the Congregation to accept the proposed 2025 Budget.
Motion was seconded and carried by the congregation.

Sanctuary Mortgage update: progress towards becoming debt-free

- The Capital Campaign raised \$128K.
- ~\$210K in principal was paid off since Dec 2023 (through campaign donations and regular monthly payments).
- The current mortgage balance is ~\$1,7M.
- We will refinance in Q2 with the goal of reducing monthly payments while continuing to pay down the principal.
- We anticipate conducting another Mortgage Principal Capital Campaign in the future, although donations can be made towards paying down on the principal at any time.

Finance Team Priorities for 2025:

- Refinance sanctuary mortgage.
- Create a financial surplus through expense management and increased revenue:
- Expand reserves for unknown future needs.
- Prepare for known future needs.
- Improve financial planning.
- Explore and evaluate a potential change to fiscal year timing.



MINUTES continued

Annual Congregational Meeting- February 9, 2025

II. 2025 Terms of Call for senior pastor Keenan Barber - Personnel Elder Richard Vesely

- Pastor Keenan and family were asked to leave the room at 10:45a.m. Pastor Bonnie Boe took over as Moderator. Personnel Elder, Richard Vesely presented the Motion to approve the following Terms of Call, Congregation Seconded, **Motion Carried**. Pastor Keenan and family returned. Pastor Keenan resumed as Moderator.
- Salary: \$51,000
- Housing: \$55,000
- Pension / Medical: \$27,560
- Social Security: \$ 3,910
- Professional Expenses: \$ 3,700
- Study Leave: \$ 2,000
- TOTAL = \$143,170

III. MPC Nominating Committee Report – Elder Marty Rouse

- Thanks was expressed to the Outgoing Nominating Committee for their dedication in 2024. Members were:
 - > Rachel Blaine (Elder, Chair)
 - > Sara Judd (Elder)
 - > BettyAnn Endres (Deacon)
 - > John Crawford (Deacon)
 - > Paul Krueger (Member-at-large)
 - > Jeff Dewey (Member-at-large)
- New 2025 Committee Members Motion presented by the Nominating Committee:
 - > Rachel Blaine (Elder, Chair)
 - > Jeff Heckler (Elder Rep)
 - > Cynthia Kahle (Deacon)
 - > BettyAnn Endres (Deacon)
 - > John Crawford (Member-at-large)
 - > Paul Krueger (Member-at-large)
 - > Marty Rouse (Member-at-large)
- Congregation Seconded and motion was Carried.

Pastor Keenan adjourned the meeting with prayer at 10:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Kermode, Clerk of Session

MINUTES

Called Congregational Meeting

June 1, 2025 at 13950 Peach Hill Rd., Moorpark, CA

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Corporate Business

Finance Elder -Eric Tapping

- Finance Committee Moved for the Congregation to accept the proposed change of fiscal year from January 1 – December 31 to June 1 – July 31.
 - > **The congregation carried motion.**
- In accordance with the above motion, a change was necessary to be made to the MPC Session By-Laws as follows:
 - > **Article XI Finances** read “The budget is to be adopted annually by Session and

presented at the Winter Corporation meeting.

> Session By Laws Article XI Finances was modified to “ The budget is to be adopted annually by Session **and presented to the Congregation.**”

MPC Nominating Committee Report – Pastor Keenan Barber

- Pastor Keenan thanked the following outgoing Deacons for their service:
 - > Rachel Blaine, Jeff Heckler, Cynthia Kahle, BettyAnn Endres, John Crawford, Paul Krueger and Marty Rouse
- Pastor Keenan presented a motion on behalf of the Nominating Committee to approve the following as Deacons Class of 2025:
 - > Tom Piehn, Danelle Bradley, Sue Hebel, Frankie De La Parra and Roger Kahle
- There being no nominations from the floor, the motion was **Carried** by the congregation.
- Pastor Keenan thanked the outgoing Elders Sara Judd & Roy Smith for their service.
- Pastor Keenan presented a motion on behalf of the Nominating Committee to approve the following as Elders, Class of 2025:
 - > Jeanette Cunningham and Kelly Ghaffery
- There being no nominations from the floor, the motion was Carried by the congregation.
- **Moved, Seconded, Carried to adjourn at 10:30 with prayer by Pastor Keenan.**



Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Kermode
Clerk of Session

"Serve one another humbly in love."

Galatians 5:13

DEACONS

This year the Deacons were able to serve and give in many areas of life in the church and in the community.

In following scriptures of what we have been taught through the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Deacons served in the following ways:

Providing temporary financial assistance to those in need.

Setting up Meal Trains to provide meals for those recovering from illness, surgery, childbirth, loss, and situational emergencies.

Giving financial assistance for Christian counseling sessions for those suffering from mental illnesses.



Providing monthly funding to the Moorpark Food Pantry Plus to help serve food and services to those in need in the community.

Ongoing prayers of intercession for those who are suffering from illnesses, loss, and challenges in life during monthly Deacon meetings.

Supporting Celebration of Life or Memorial Services with deacon volunteers to ensure those grieving a loss of a loved one are supported and comforted.

Providing grocery or gas cards to help lessen the burden for those in need.

Purchasing 'The Upper Room Daily Devotionals' for those who are interested in learning how scripture is used today in life when experiencing Christ in their daily lives.

Providing temporary financial funding to help those who have lost jobs, are under emotional and mental stress, with their Housing expenses.

“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your heavenly father”

DEACONS continued

The Deacons are grateful to the generosity of MPC congregation in supporting the deacon fund that continues to permit the deacons to serve one another in the church and in the surrounding community.



Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Sampson
Deacon Moderator

Deacon Treasurer 2025 Half-Year Report

Beginning Balance (01/01/25):	\$5,943.43
Funds Collected	\$8,794.20
<u>Services Provided</u>	<u>\$4,132.88</u>
Balance (6/1/25)	\$10,604.75



MISSIONS

"Let's not get tired of doing good, because in time we'll have a harvest if we don't give up."

Galatians 6:9

MPC family has had a long history of generosity and service. Members of our church regularly support a variety of mission projects as individuals. Described in the following are some of the mission team projects that were accomplished from **January through June 2025:**

Moorpark Pantry Plus

MPC's involvement with this local organization has continued to strengthen over the years. The needs in the community of Moorpark are now greater than ever and our church has stepped up efforts to support those in need, regardless of religious affiliation. So far this year, the mission team, with Linda Dahl leading the way, has supported this ministry in the following ways: Regular updates highlighted in "The Latest" to announce current needs, collection crates in the narthex for food and supplies, Volunteers regularly recruited for special events for food, supply and gift donation disbursement, Mother's Day Event donations and volunteering & Back to School Donation Drive in June.

Over time, it has been wonderful to see MPC's relationship with Moorpark Pantry Plus grow. By working together, we have been able to make a greater impact on those in need than by acting alone.



Mission Trek

On February 2nd, The MPC mission team revived a beloved church tradition, a mission fair. This was held in Wilkinson Hall, with tables set up by representatives from the following organizations: Body Brain Train, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Forever Found, His Little Feet, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Kabale Christian Care, Moorpark Pantry Plus, MomCo & MomsNow, MPP, Mubaku Educational Foundation, Sarah's House, The Mawanda Project, Nourish Madagascar, Operation Christmas Child, Urban Promise and Vitalant Blood Donation.



Each attendee was given a passport with a description of each organization and contact info. As people visited each table, passports were stamped = earning prizes at the conclusion.

His Little Feet



On January 31st- February 4th, MPC began hosting the International Children's Choir, His Little Feet. Thanks to the generosity of MPC members, host families enjoyed having choir members and their chaperones in their homes. The choir, consisted of children from India and Rwanda, many of whom had lost or been abandoned by one or both of their biological parents. They, along with their chaperones and leaders, led our worship service on Mission Trek Sunday.

Nourish Madagascar

The mission team approved this ministry as the focus for the January 2025 Women's Retreat giving. As a result, approximately \$4,000 was given to provide daily meals during the challenges of seasonal hunger in partner villages.



MISSIONS continued

Mubaku Bright Future Nursery & Primary School

The children's enthusiasm for supporting students in Mubaku during VBS 2024 carried over to the many adults of our congregation in 2025. As of June, 2025, over 60 Mubaku students were supported to attend school by people associated with MPC. MPC members also support current school projects, including construction of the third classroom wing.



In June, the first group from MPC began preparation to travel to Mubaku, Uganda, to see the school and participate in service, continuing to build MPC's relationship with the village families and children.

Sarah's House/Baby Bottle Campaign

Beginning Mothers' Day and running through Father's Day, many of our congregation members take home empty baby bottles to fill throughout the month with coins, cash and checks to support Sarah's House Maternity homes. This is one of their most important sources of funding. Sarah's House is "committed to ending the cycle of homelessness and abuse in women and children through comprehensive case management, counseling, educational classes and resources through pregnancy and beyond."

In 2025, MPC members donated \$1,057.41 to support their program that has successfully assisted many women in need.



Blood Drives

Since June 2025, MPC sponsored two blood drives, with 30 people donating blood! Thank you MPC blood donors and also to Sue Reynolds for serving as our church liaison! We invite MPC members to mark their calendars for the remaining 2025 Blood Drive scheduled for **November 15th**.



We welcome you to join our Mission Team! We have many opportunities to learn and help with needs in our community, state, nation and world. We hope and strive to reach out to our world, near and far, demonstrating the unconditional love that only God can provide.



Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Hughes
Elder, Missions

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.

Matthew 18:20

FAMILY MINISTRIES

The Family Ministries of Moorpark Presbyterian Church exist to create opportunities for spiritual growth, fellowship and connection for families at MPC. Family Ministry reminds us that we are not alone, and provides opportunities for us to experience life together.



In the first half of 2025, the Family Ministries team hosted two main events. In February we hosted our second annual Father Daughter Dance. The dance was a great night of fun and fellowship with a large number of fathers and daughters coming together to dance, laugh and make memories together.



In April we hosted the second “Bowling Ball” event for Mothers and Sons at Lucky Strike Bowling in Moorpark. The group enjoyed an evening of fun with bowling and lots of food! Moms and their sons bowled, played video games and enjoyed some of mom’s favorite foods – pizza and chicken wings! A great time was had by all, and we’re looking forward to doing it all again next year!!



Our team is very proud of the programs, events and opportunities that we were able to deliver so far in 2025, and we’re looking forward to everything that God has in store for the rest of this year and into next year. We have a great team of volunteers who help make our events happen, and we have a new Family Ministries Elder, Kelly Ghaffary. To our MPC congregation, thank you for your ongoing support of this ministry, we couldn’t do this without you.



Welcome Kelly Ghaffary!



In His Grip,
Sean Meade
Director of Youth & Family Ministries

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Follow Up (January-February)

This series invited participants into intentional next steps of faith, encouraging followers of Christ to move beyond initial belief into deeper engagement and action in their spiritual journey.



The Beatitudes (February-April)

Rooted in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, this series guided us through the "blessings" that define life in God's kingdom—teaching values like mercy, purity, and peacemaking that shape our character and community.

Renewing Your Mind (June)

Drawing from Romans 12, this teaching emphasized how transformation begins with a renewed mind—calling believers to embrace God's truth, reject worldly patterns, and live as renewed reflections of Christ in daily life.



Formation of a New Choir

One of the most exciting developments this year has been the launch of the Moorpark Presbyterian Church Choir. Under the leadership of Jeff Heckler and Conductor Dalton Hayse and with the enthusiastic support of many volunteers, rehearsals began in the early spring. The choir has already enriched our worship gatherings and looks forward to continuing to bless the congregation with special music later this year.

Looking Ahead

As we move into the rest of 2025, the Worship Ministry is eager to expand opportunities for congregational participation in our services. Whether through announcements, prayer, call for offering, or other ways, we want to encourage everyone to be involved. If you feel led to participate or would like more information about the choir or other opportunities, please reach out to: **Jeff Heckler** or **Rachel Blaine**. Together, we continue to grow as a worshipping community, lifting our hearts and voices to glorify God.



Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Heckler
Elder, Worship

COMMUNICATIONS



The Communications Ministry Team continued to support the worship team both during live events and through making the events viewable either live or at a later time via YouTube and Facebook.

Each week we are blessed to receive an enlightening Christian message from Pastor Keenan, Bonnie, Sean and others that deliver encouraging and thoughtful sermons assisting all parishioners to follow Jesus faithfully.

Donnie Sheppard, our ASL interpreter, does a fantastic job interpreting the sermon, the music, and everything that goes on during the service. She is live, in person, but her interpretations are available on YouTube for those who could not attend. She has a wider audience on YouTube as word-of-mouth reports encourage additional viewers across the country.



We are blessed with a robust audiovisual (AV) team that manages sound, lighting, slideshow operators, a director, a video switcher, and (2) camera operator(s).



The efforts of our dedicated AV or “tech team” has made the quality of our online experience the equal of much larger churches. We continued to see strong YouTube live, YouTube (ASL) and Facebook viewership. Our AV team now includes (alphabetically) Chris Birkelo, Ryk Cunningham, Brian Gee, Lauren Gee, Jeff Heckler, Roger Kahle, Wyatt Muehr, Andrea Muehr-Legan, Tom Piehn, Brad Ranola, Roy Smith, and Mark Van Dam.

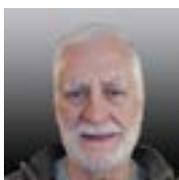
COMMUNICATIONS continued

In addition to the work producing the online worship service, the Communications team kept other church communications efforts going as well.

Most of the work is done by Genesee Paine, who creates our worship graphics and formats them for the various communications products, such as creating worship slides, publishing weekly e-bulletins, and updating the "The-Latest" and other pages on our www.MPCLife.org web page, and providing inputs for Facebook (@MyMPCLife) and Instagram (@MPCLife) as requested.



Our Facebook and Instagram pages are managed by Daniel & Shannon Clark who constantly update these social media venues keeping the church audience aware of all the great things happening at MPC. Gary Belie has taken on the task of ensuring we capture photographs of our events and can often be seen snapping pictures at most of our MPC events.



Respectively submitted,

Roy Smith
Elder, Communications

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

Mark 16:15

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Jeanette Cunningham is the new elder focusing on Adult Education and Growth Groups. Beth Gillis continues to support the Adult Discipleship area. There have been some great programs and moments of connection for our ministry teams.

Growth Groups

Growth Groups expanded this year with the formation of five new groups for the spring Lenten series. The groups included members from across the congregation in different life phases. A few of those groups have continued on to form permanent small groups, with a focus on book studies and Pastor Kennan's sermon study questions.

Men's Ministry

Men's Ministry continues to host Fellowship Nights, two weekly Bible study groups: Wednesday mornings 6:30am at Jarro's and Thursday evenings at MPC.



In March the Annual Men's Recharge traveled to Cambria. It also continues to host meals at the MHS, to participate in city events like the Fourth of July Park Clean Up, and to support MPC events like VBS and the Joel Burchfield Breakfast & Walk.

This September the group is also holding the Men's Ministry Golf Tournament and Auction to support the Children's and Youth Ministries. Thank you, Doug Fair for coordinating the Men's Ministry work.

Women's Ministry

The purpose of MPC Women's Ministry is to grow in our faith, develop deeper relationships with each other, serve our community and provide fellowship opportunities not only for women of our congregation but community wide.

The Women's Ministry retreat for 2025 was held in January at The Leta Hotel in Goleta.

There were 71 women that attended the retreat. The featured speaker was Jillian Ahonen whose message was "She will Rise". The retreat participants also donated to the non-profit "Nourishing Madagascar," a ministry developed specifically to feed school children in a small village in Madagascar during March and April when there is no food available at all for them until the rice crops can be harvested.



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP continued

In February the Women's Ministry served the "Lord's Table". This is an organization that caters to the underserved community of Moorpark every Tuesday night. The Women's Ministry serves 3-4 times a year. This includes setting up, bringing & serving the food and cleaning up. We served donuts and coffee for the month of April for the Church. In May the group hosted Bunco De Mayo. This year we had 40 people playing bunco. It was a great time to get to know others in the Church, have dinner together and some fun. The group also sponsors two girls from the Mubaku Educational Foundation so the girls can live in the dorms and get a good education. Thank you, Jeanette Cunningham for leading this ministry.

Soul Care

Julie Cast leads the Soul Care Ministry. Soul Care continues to provide Lectio Divina opportunities.

MomCo

Moms Now and MOPS are now operating under the umbrella of MomCo. The groups continue to create a community for mothers that fosters mutual support and encouragement. Both groups meet twice monthly, one on Friday Mornings and one on Monday evenings in the church café, supplemented

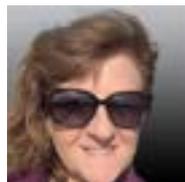
by a monthly "Mom's Night Out" (MNO) social event. In its fourth year, the program boasts 26 active members. These groups provide prayer, encouragement, and communication to the members during and outside of the meetings. Each table group contributes to the program by rotating responsibilities of bringing food and setting up. MomCo serves as an effective outreach program, introducing members to other church programs and events, such as TNT, Art Encounter, Trunk or Treat, the Women's Retreat, and regular Sunday services. Thank you, Michelle Gunning (evenings) and Shannon Clark (morning), who are leading these groups in 2025-2026.



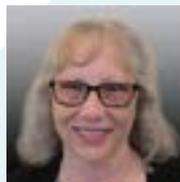
Prayer Blanket Ministry

Our small but mighty Prayer Blanket team headed up by Micki Shaffer, lovingly crafted blankets this year for members of the congregation in need of a tangible reminder of God's love.

We look forward to 2025-2026 as a year of exploration and community across our Adult Ministries, with a renewed focus on Spiritual Growth, Discipleship and Connection.



Respectfully submitted,
Beth Gillis,
Discipleship Communities Elder &



Jeanette Cunningham,
Adult Discipleship Elder

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

We stepped into 2025 with joyful hearts and fresh excitement for Children's Ministry.

Sunday School



We are grateful to our volunteer teachers who lead our Sunday school classes and nursery. We have selected a rich curriculum that assists all our teachers in bringing God's truth to life in a meaningful way for each child. A sweet example of Christ at work was seen in two girls from different states who met in Sunday school, quickly became friends while learning about Him, and eagerly looked forward to reuniting at VBS.

TNT (Tuesday Nights Together) 6 Tuesdays



Spring TNT invites children from our community into the Word of God. We followed Keenan's teaching on the Beatitudes, but the kids' favorite week was the story of David and Goliath, highlighting David's meekness and trust in God. They were thrilled by our 8-foot foam board giant, having a blast "defeating" it with slingshots while stepping into David's shoes.



Outreaching to the community, we collected Cheerios for Moorpark Pantry.

Our tradition for the last night of TNT is to perform songs and pass out handmade cards to the residents of the Laurel Heights Retirement Community. The kids and residents love this. One of our sweet boys skipped his basketball game because he wanted to be present!!

Annual Bible Distribution & Communion Class



Each year, children receive Bibles with verses highlighted just for them by staff. This year, a girl who rarely attends told Kami how excited she was to find her special verse—one more kid with her nose in the Bible instead of on screens. Pastor Keenan has kids laughing and learning in communion class with questions like, "Can soda replace wine? Can a donut replace communion bread?" The kids' answers spark deeper understanding of the true purpose of the elements.



We're grateful for the chance to love and serve children and families in Christ's name--and for the amazing volunteers who make it possible.



Respectfully submitted,
Kami Fair
Children's Ministry Director &



Jane May-Ahearn,
Children's Ministry Elder

YOUTH MINISTRIES

The past six months have been an exciting time of both numerical and spiritual growth in Student Ministries.

Camps and more...

In January we took a group of 29 students and 5 leaders to Forest Home for Winter Camp. Our students and leaders had an amazing time growing deeper in their relationship with God and in our fellowship with each other.

The Spring was full of fun events like “Death Star Dodgeball” and Karaoke Night. We met weekly on Sunday nights in the Youth Room from 5-6:30PM. Over the course of the semester we began to experience significant growth in our Sunday night attendance – especially with our Middle School boys group. We watched that group grow from 4-5 a week to 15+ every week!



We studied a variety of topics, and in June we kicked off a complete readthrough of the book of Luke. During the week students received text messages with their weekly readings, and then on Sunday we would talk through what they had been reading. Students learned to apply the SOAP Method (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer) when studying God’s Word.



For Summer Camp 2025, we made a bold decision to try something we’d never done before. We reserved a week of lodging at Big Bear Lake Christian Camp and Conference Center and we programmed our own week of Summer Camp exclusively for our MPC Students. After being disappointed in the programmed camp we attended in 2023 and 2024, we decided that Summer Camp is too important for us to not take this leap. We programmed all aspects of the camp; including the chapel sessions (messages, music and more), recreation and free time activities.

It was a huge undertaking, but it was well worth it!

We brought 38 students and 17 adults with us to Summer Camp. Out of that group, many made decisions to take their next steps with Jesus. We spent time hearing messages that Pastor Keenan taught, we dove deep into powerful times of worship, and we laughed and played together as we deepened friendships and grew closer to each other as we grew closer to God. Summer Camp 2025 was a powerful beginning to what would be an amazing summer for our Student Ministries.

YOUTH MINISTRIES continued

Off the MPC campus, I have continued in my volunteer role at Moorpark High School as the Pastoral Advisor for the FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) club. This role provides me an opportunity to be on the high school campus twice a week where I can build relationships with students and connect with teachers and administrators. Through training, teaching and fellowship with them, I get to share the Gospel with students who might not ever come to MPC.

Student Ministry at MPC is vibrant and healthy and has had steady growth from January through June. The ministry is well resourced, with a healthy budget that is supplemented by generous giving through our budget, designated giving, fundraisers like the Golf Auction and private grants.

At the core of our ministry is a strong team of adult volunteer leaders behind the scenes making everything happen. During these six months we said "Thank You" to our outgoing Youth Elder Sara Judd, and welcomed Chris Rouse as our new Youth Elder. Our volunteer adult leaders are Sara Judd, Shane Judd, Jillian Meade, Nicole Tapking, Kevin Blaine, Chris Rouse, Brian Gee and Lauren Gee.



Thank You Sara Judd!



Welcome Chris Rouse!

Our Student Ministry is vibrant and growing, and we are so grateful for the prayers and support that we receive from our congregation.



In His Grip,

Sean Meade

Director of Youth & Family Ministries

PERSONNEL

2025 begins my third year as elder responsible for Personnel.

2025 is unique as we changed our fiscal year to a new starting point on July 1 2025 as opposed to the previous year calendar year fiscal year. This report represents a shorter period of just January 1 – June 30, 2025.

MPC entered 2025 with unique momentum following a senior pastor “Sabbatical-Year” and continued growth in our congregation.

Our terrific staff and elders continue to work very well together and are closely aligned behind our growth in youth programs, women’s ministry & men’s ministry. At the same time we have made terrific progress in our music ministry in the sanctuary.

I mentioned last year our amazing progress in VBS however, 2025 VBS built on that success with our “Road Trip – On the Go with God” Vacation Bible School theme. Congratulations to the entire team of VBS volunteers and many thanks to Kami Fair and her team for this incredible ministry that continues to contribute to the growth and momentum at MPC!

The session elders participated in our “Elder Retreat” and the result was greater respect and alignment behind “Deepening Discipleship and Belonging” at MPC.

Importantly, I am excited about the balance of 2025 and looking into 2026 and the strong stability of our MPC staff as MPC continues to grow in numbers, faith, and discipleship both for our congregation and in our community.

I will continue to conduct quarterly coaching and feedback sessions with our amazing staff in 2025/26 in order to provide support and to listen effectively to the needs and opportunities that will contribute to our future growth.

I look forward with excitement with our staff and elder team as we focus on our faith journey behind “Discipleship and Belonging” in 2025/6 and I am so privileged to work with a MPC team that shares my passion for our congregation, discipleship, service, and our community.



Respectfully submitted,

Richard Vesley
Elder, Personnel

STEWARDSHIP: FINANCE

Thank you to everyone who contributed to supporting the mission of MPC in the first half of the year (financially or otherwise) and a special thank you to the **Finance Team: Bonnie Boe (Disbursing Treasurer), Russ Witt and Shannon Clark (Receiving Treasurer), Genesee Paine (Office Manager), Alec Cast, Bob Gayl, Steve Todd, Russ Witt (Finance Committee).**

2025 Half-Year in Review

Although the full-year Operating Budget for 2025 was **\$800,000**, our goal for the first six months was **\$368K**. Due to a particularly strong January and consistent month-over-month giving that met or exceeded our goals, we closed the short fiscal year with **\$416,491** in **Total Income**.

Expenses were projected to be **\$396K** and came in at **\$403K**, for a total overall net positive **Cash Flow** of **~\$13K**.

Mortgage Refinance

We successfully refinanced the Sanctuary mortgage in April. As of June, we are now paying nearly \$4K less each month than before, allowing us to redirect more of our Income towards Programs and other expenses.

2025 First-Half Operating Income Target = \$368K	2025 Actual	Over/(Under) Budget
Operating Income		
General Offerings	\$406,778	\$38,778
Additional Operating Income	\$9,713	\$9,713
Total Operating Income	\$416,491	\$48,491
Operating Expenses		
Staff	\$228,366	(\$2,031)
Property Tax & Mortgage	\$91,654	(\$5,723)
Administration	\$71,279	(\$414)
Program	\$11,701	\$1,149
Total Operating Expenses	\$403,000	(\$7,019)
Total Income vs. Expense	\$13,491	

The overage in the **Property Tax & Mortgage** expense category is due to refinance expenses. However, those costs were offset by a special anonymous donation, allowing MPC to put all Capital Campaign funds towards loan principal reduction and avoid pulling funds from church reserves to cover closing costs.

STEWARDSHIP: FINANCE continued

Summary Balance Sheet – 2025 (June) vs. 2024 (December)

	6/30/2025	12/31/2024		6/30/2025	12/31/2024
Assets			Liabilities		
Cash & Investments	\$186,046	\$239,875	Accounts Payable	--	--
Land, Building & Vehicles	\$6,989,653	\$6,989,653	Current Liabilities	\$23,625	\$67,827
			Loan	\$1,637,541	\$1,709,933
				\$1,661,167	\$1,777,760
			Fund Balances		
			Operating Fund	\$1,012,927	\$853,177
			Property & Equipment Fund	\$4,411,372	\$4,411,372
			Designated & Other Funds	\$86,146	\$187,219
				\$5,514,533	\$5,451,768
Total Assets	\$7,175,700	\$7,289,655	Total Liabilities & Funds	\$7,175,700	\$7,229,528

July 2025 - June 2026 Budget

We believe changing the fiscal year will make our forecasts and budget planning more efficient and accurate. However, in the short term it will make comparisons to previous years somewhat more nuanced. Please note that the table below compares our current budget to the original 12-month 2025 budget.

For the fiscal year beginning **July 1st, 2025** and ending **June 30th, 2026**, we intentionally took a consistent approach and kept overall expectations for both Income and Expense very similar to the previous full-year 2025 budget.

Notable changes in our new budget include:

- Increased annual goal for General Offerings to **\$810,000**
- Increased **Program** budgets for Ministry Teams by over **20%**
- Increased **Administration** expenses by **4%** (primarily related to inflationary cost increases across multiple categories)
- Created a new category called **Other Funds**, which consists of **Presbytery Per Capita Ministry Share, Pastor Sabbatical Fund, Capital Expense/Facilities Fund** and **Reserve Fund** (several of these are intended to allocate funds towards future expenses and once target levels are met, may not remain part of future budgets)

Budget Increases

The significant amount of savings from the mortgage refinance (\$48K) was reinvested into the budget. The impact of this reinvestment, coupled with increasing our Operating Income goal by \$10K, is effectively increasing our discretionary budget by \$58K (7% year-over-year).

STEWARDSHIP: FINANCE continued

	2025 Plan	2025/2024 Budget	% Change	% of Budget
Operating Income				
General Offerings	\$800,000	\$810,000	1.3%	
Additional Operating Income	--	--		
Total Operating Income	\$800,000	\$810,000	1.3%	
Operating Expenses				
Staff	\$452,670	\$456,928	0.9%	56.4% ↓
Mortgage & Property Tax	\$179,900	\$131,808	-26.7%	16.3% ↓
Administration	\$141,730	\$147,677	4.2%	18.2% ↑
Other Funds	\$0	\$42,000	--	5.2% ↑
Program	\$25,700	\$31,360	22.0%	3.9% ↑
Total Operating Expenses	\$800,000	\$809,773	1.2%	
Total Income vs. Expense	\$0	\$227		

We believe the Income goal for the next fiscal year is very achievable based on information we collected via pledges last year, our ongoing trend analysis and giving through the first half of the year. One of the many advantages of the new July – June fiscal year is now our primary giving season (November & December) will occur in the middle of our planning cycle, allowing us to adjust expectations if necessary.

Please contact Eric Tapking or a member of the Team with any questions about this summary, how to become involved with the Finance Team and ways to support MPC’s mission.



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IN MEMORIUM

Remembering those who left us this year and are waiting for us in heaven



May Chin Wong



Lois Fabian



Rod Menzel

2025 MEMORIES



Ukuladies at the Women's Retreat!



Father Daughter Dance



Students Winter Camp



Men's AM Growth Group @ Jarro's



Bowling Ball



Spring TNT