



SESSION DOCUMENTS

Mon, April 27, 2026

Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church

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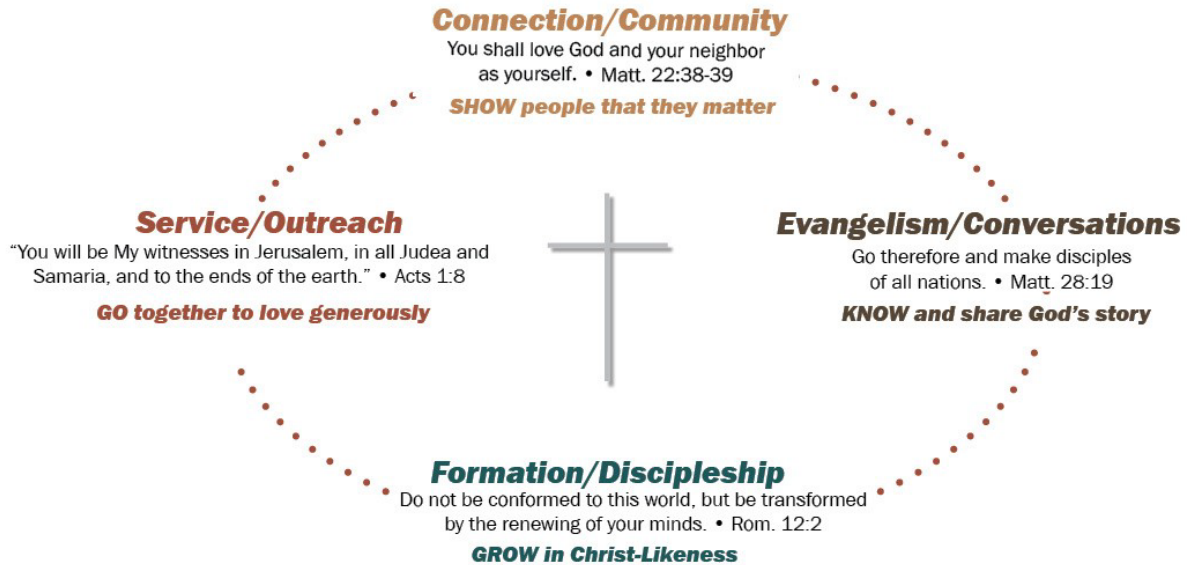
Session Meeting Agenda

April 27, 2026



Strategic Goals

2023-2028



1. **Call to Order and Opening Prayer** (Alf Halvorson)
2. **Establishment of Quorum** (Joe Stockdale)
3. **New Members** (Dan Aikins)
Abel Chacko, Kayla Griffiths, Nancy Reinowski, Linda Walker, Mike Walker, Milton West, Steffanie West
Motion: *to receive the above-named friends as Covenant Partners at MDPC.*
4. **The Hospitable Church and Church Planting** (Alf Halvorson and Bin Wang)
5. **Clerk’s Report** (Carla Bradford, Kelly Handel, Joe Stockdale)
 - Report on ECO Texas Presbytery Meeting
 - First Reading of *MDPC Policy & Operations Manual- 2026 Revision*
6. **Treasurer’s Report** (Kyle Wienert)
7. **Master Planning Update and Next Steps** (Marcus Vajdos)

Motion: *To approve contract between Merriman Holt Powell (MHP) and MDPC for architectural services. The funds will come from the Capital Campaign account.*

8. Omnibus Motion

- a. **Motion** to approve the minutes of March 2026, Session Meeting.
- b. **Motion** to approve the Combined Minutes of Session Committees, April 2026.
- c. **Motion** to approve the following baptisms performed in April 2026 and to be performed in May 2026:

Name	Age	Parents	Member	Date
Henry Luke Bass	Infant	Annie Katherine and Benjamin Thomas Bass	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	04/12/2026 Sprinkle
Parker Thomas Jeckovich	Infant	Cynthia Ormiston and Wilson Jeckovich	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	04/12/2026 Immersion
Wakefield (Field) Cullen Watkins	Child	Alexandra (Allie) Gossett and Cullen Douglas Watkins	Mom & Dad-No	04/12/2026 Sprinkle
Jett Richard Elias	Youth	Rebecca Redden and John Elias	Mom-Yes Dad-No	05/10/2026 Sprinkle
Charlotte Nicole Kerl	Infant	Lauren and Cameron Kerl	Mom-Yes Dad-No	05/10/2026 Sprinkle
Jana Lee Lakenmaker	Child	Kristina and Daniel Lakenmaker	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	05/10/2026 Sprinkle

d. Transfers and Dismissals

Please transfer the following active members:

Wood, David and **Nada** to Christ Presbyterian, Houston, TX

e. Motion to approve Outreach Partner Funding for April 2026 as follows:

Partner Funding Recommendations

Designated

• Prestige Learning Institute	\$15,000		CFH
• Yellowstone Academy	\$15,000	Lower School PK - 5th	CFH
• Camp Aranzazu	\$20,000	Camper Scholarships	DE
• Camp for All	\$15,000	Camper Scholarships	DE
• Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly	\$12,000	Camp in the Valley	DE
• ChildBuilders	\$10,000		SBH
• Gracewood	\$25,000		SBH
• Kids' Meals	\$20,000		SBH
• Memorial Assistance Ministries	\$20,000	English Literacy Program	SBH
• Mission of Yahweh	\$25,000		SBH
• International Cooperating Ministries (ICM)	\$15,000	Farsi Bibles	Global
• The Outreach Foundation	\$7,000		Global
• The Antioch Partners	\$16,500	Adair Personal Support	Global Missionary
• Frontier Fellowship	\$11,000	Biru Personal Support	Global Missionary
• The Antioch Partners	\$5,500	House Family Personal Support	Global Missionary
• YWAM	\$11,000	Personal Support (Johnson) Leina & Salam Personal	Global Missionary
• The Antioch Partners	\$11,000	Support	Global Missionary
• Action International Ministries	\$11,000	Acct# 47001	Global Missionary
• Novo	\$11,000	Acct# 6781 Zovak	Global Missionary

- The Outreach Foundation \$50,000 Designated: Bin Wang Support

Total: \$326,000

YTD Outreach Funding Total: \$364,000

*****See 2025 minutes from Strategic Initiatives Committee for supporting documentation.**

9. Calendar Reminders

May 3	Alf Halvorson Preaching Sermon Series: 1 Corinthians 15
May 10	Alf Halvorson Preaching Sermon Series: 1 Corinthians 15 Mother's Day Baptisms
May 17	Alf Halvorson Preaching Sermon Series: 1 Corinthians 15 Legacy Sunday
May 24	Alf Halvorson Preaching Sermon Series: 1 Corinthians 15 Pentecost Sunday
May 18	Session Meeting Chapel 6:30pm
May 24	Alf Halvorson Preaching Sermon Series: 1 Corinthians 15 Memorial Day Sunday

2026 Remaining Session Meeting Dates

May 18
 June 22
July -No Meeting
 August 24
 September 28
 October 26
November- No Meeting
 December 14

2026 Remaining Communion Dates

June 7
 August 2
 October 4| World Communion; First Communion
 November 29| First Sunday in Advent

10. Announcements and Additional Business

11. Adjournment & Prayer Time (Beth Case)

- **Motion** to adjourn the April 2026 Session Meeting.

Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
Balance Sheet Thru March
MDPC Summary Balance Sheet-2026

Name	Month to Month			Mar 2025
	Mar 2026	Feb 2026	Difference	
ASSETS				
Unrestricted Cash & Cash Equivalents	3,618,967.17	2,900,113.97	718,853.20	3,325,689.21
Current Investments (Unrestricted)	1,148,325.68	1,718,148.91	(569,823.23)	1,146,274.12
Total Unrestricted Cash & Cash Equivalents	4,767,292.85	4,618,262.88	149,029.97	4,471,963.33
Current Investments (Restricted)	7,836,551.79	7,443,706.28	392,845.51	4,519,717.86
Legacy Restricted Cash & Equivalents	5,191,186.43	5,234,410.81	(43,224.38)	4,738,354.80
Total Restricted Cash & Equivalents	13,027,738.22	12,678,117.09	349,621.13	9,258,072.66
Prepaid Expense, Deposits, Inventory	152,138.35	170,733.95	(18,595.60)	209,174.22
Miscellaneous Receivables	8,385.91	22,895.81	(14,509.90)	13,803.95
Property & Equipment	58,339,637.83	58,339,637.83	-	58,038,634.21
Accumulated Depreciation	(50,450,025.45)	(50,450,025.45)	-	(48,937,881.77)
Note Receivable	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	25,845,167.71	25,379,622.11	465,545.60	23,053,766.60
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	145,272.49	158,403.10	(13,130.61)	346,888.03
Other Payables	115,771.43	107,275.76	8,495.67	98,088.65
Prepaid Tuition and Fees	173,455.84	168,850.25	4,605.59	125,787.50
Custodial Accounts	37.96	(159.76)	197.72	13,304.41
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	434,537.72	434,369.35	168.37	584,068.59
NET ASSETS				
Unrestricted Net Assets	11,526,121.93	10,934,241.28	591,880.65	12,383,527.79
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	8,811,975.99	8,789,090.01	22,885.98	5,470,716.73
Perm. Restricted Net Assets	433,857.59	433,857.59	-	433,857.59
Restricted Legacy Net Assets	4,638,674.48	4,788,063.88	(149,389.40)	4,181,595.90
TOTAL NET ASSETS	25,410,629.99	24,945,252.76	465,377.23	22,469,698.01
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	25,845,167.71	25,379,622.11	465,545.60	23,053,766.60

Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 3 - March
SUMMARY INCOME & EXPENSE - 2026
Company#: 1 Name: Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2026

Description	Mar Act	2026 YTD Act	2026 YTD Bud	Over (Under) Budget	% Variance YTD	Prior YTD 2025	2026 Budget Full Year
OPERATING INCOME							
Contributions	\$ 1,478,057	\$ 3,625,031	\$ 3,263,180	\$ 361,851	11.09	\$ 3,178,342	\$ 14,728,728
Bank/Gateway/Credit Card Fees	\$ (3,073)	\$ (18,619)	\$ -	\$ (18,619)	-	\$ (18,586)	\$ -
Ministry Events Revenue	\$ 370,750	\$ 956,452	\$ 1,027,350	\$ (70,899)	(6.90)	\$ 1,069,725	\$ 3,510,278
Other Operating Income	\$ 7,709	\$ 15,666	\$ 25,000	\$ (9,334)	(37.34)	\$ 26,831	\$ 100,000
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$ 1,853,442	\$ 4,578,530	\$ 4,315,530	\$ 263,000	6.09	\$ 4,256,311	\$ 18,339,006
Ministry Operating Expense							
Pastoral Ministry							
Caring Ministry	\$ 38,333	\$ 110,858	\$ 112,466	\$ (1,608)	1.43	\$ 102,443	\$ 450,729
Fuente	\$ 13,397	\$ 40,454	\$ 42,026	\$ (1,572)	3.74	\$ 39,237	\$ 170,496
Children's Ministry	\$ 74,743	\$ 209,334	\$ 229,029	\$ (19,695)	8.60	\$ 198,185	\$ 938,690
Youth Ministry	\$ 56,914	\$ 183,599	\$ 173,327	\$ 10,272	(5.93)	\$ 146,237	\$ 682,700
Relationships	\$ 33,517	\$ 120,803	\$ 107,439	\$ 13,364	(12.44)	\$ 100,153	\$ 388,360
Sports and REACH Programs	\$ 21,555	\$ 87,285	\$ 150,205	\$ (62,920)	41.89	\$ 152,032	\$ 490,181
Outreach (Admin)	\$ 64,781	\$ 193,086	\$ 186,954	\$ 6,132	(3.28)	\$ 164,551	\$ 744,128
Adult Discipleship	\$ 27,627	\$ 87,148	\$ 100,233	\$ (13,085)	13.05	\$ 102,228	\$ 400,940
Young Adult	\$ 20,995	\$ 62,463	\$ 61,406	\$ 1,057	(1.72)	\$ 64,019	\$ 241,702
Worship	\$ 82,146	\$ 157,136	\$ 125,136	\$ 32,000	(25.57)	\$ 112,254	\$ 508,890
Traditional Music	\$ 33,932	\$ 110,169	\$ 108,169	\$ 2,000	(1.85)	\$ 121,268	\$ 438,820
Contemporary Music	\$ 26,099	\$ 81,978	\$ 80,918	\$ 1,060	(1.31)	\$ 82,688	\$ 332,576
Brazilian Ministry	\$ 14,302	\$ 44,497	\$ 51,330	\$ (6,833)	13.31	\$ 41,860	\$ 223,310
Total Pastoral Ministry	\$ 508,341	\$ 1,488,810	\$ 1,528,639	\$ (39,829)	2.61	\$ 1,427,156	\$ 6,011,522
Support Ministry							
Communications & Media	\$ 84,767	\$ 252,151	\$ 241,838	\$ 10,313	(4.26)	\$ 225,461	\$ 944,380
Administration	\$ 68,985	\$ 231,044	\$ 215,415	\$ 15,629	(7.26)	\$ 217,686	\$ 901,004
Food Service	\$ 14,057	\$ 41,374	\$ 40,000	\$ 1,374	(3.43)	\$ 39,024	\$ 160,000
Facilities & Technology	\$ 227,643	\$ 657,841	\$ 660,717	\$ (2,875)	0.44	\$ 642,058	\$ 2,665,680
The Little School	\$ 115,173	\$ 372,548	\$ 356,343	\$ 16,205	(4.55)	\$ 336,090	\$ 1,425,388
The Yellow School	\$ 71,762	\$ 190,587	\$ 210,315	\$ (19,728)	9.38	\$ 196,861	\$ 841,456
Total Support Ministry	\$ 582,387	\$ 1,745,544	\$ 1,724,628	\$ 20,917	(1.21)	\$ 1,657,180	\$ 6,937,908
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Total Ministry Operating Expense	\$ 1,090,728	\$ 3,234,354	\$ 3,253,266	\$ (18,912)	0.58%	\$ 3,084,335	\$ 12,949,430
Outreach Expense							
Outreach - Ministry Sponsored	\$ 83,314	\$ 225,972	\$ 263,905	\$ (37,933.17)	14.37	\$ 217,576	\$ 1,484,976
Outreach - Ministry Partners	\$ 33,000	\$ 38,626	\$ 277,250	\$ (238,624.30)	86.07	\$ 179,325	\$ 3,234,600
Total Outreach Expense	\$ 116,314	\$ 264,598	\$ 541,155	\$ (276,557.47)	51.11	\$ 396,901	\$ 4,719,576
Other Operating Expense							
Insurance & Legal	\$ 50,353	\$ 151,060	\$ 155,000	\$ (3,940)	2.54	\$ 148,380	\$ 620,000
Capital Additions/Reserve	\$ 4,167	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ -	-	\$ 12,500	\$ 50,000
Total Other Operating Expense	\$ 54,520	\$ 163,560	\$ 167,500	\$ (3,940)	2.35	\$ 160,880	\$ 670,000
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 1,261,562	\$ 3,662,511	\$ 3,961,921	\$ (299,410)	7.56%	\$ 3,642,117	\$ 18,339,006
Other Income(Loss)							
Total Other Income(Loss)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 591,881	\$ 916,019	\$ 353,609	\$ 562,410	159.05%	\$ 614,194	\$ 0
Restr & Enrichment Inc/(Exp)	\$ (126,503)	\$ (195,769)	\$ -	\$ (195,769)	-	\$ (201,814)	\$ -

MINUTES OF THE STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION
Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
March 23, 2026

Elders Present: Jeannie Able, Amanda Austin, Carla Bradford, Rick Chapman, Daniel Crank, Bob Davis, Kelley Edwards, Stephanie Espinoza, Alex Knoop, Marc Laney, Bob Larson, Madison Limbacher, Hector Longoria, Leslee Lumpkin, Lisa McChristian, David Michels, Kim Oswald, Rosy Pereira, Nikki Pielop, Sharon Roark, Peggy Samuels, David Shelfer, Joe Stockdale, Ryan Taylor, Drew Tingleaf, Karin Tyson. Andre Verona, Suzanne Wharton, Kyle Wienert

Elders Excused: Ellen Davidson, Kevin Dillon, Tomas Lopes, Mike Pelton

Elders Absent: Elizabeth Crawley, Lance Dardis, Yvonne Ramirez, Hunter Smith, Nathan Stedham

Pastors Present: Dan Aikins, Clay Brown, Beth Case, Almir Dias, Alf Halvorson, Brett Hurst (phone), Rachel Poysky, Guillermo Yela

Staff Present: Amy Delgado, Beverly Fluke, Sally Henien, Jennifer Vajdos, Marcus Vajdos

Call to Order: Pastor Alf Halvorson called the meeting of the Session of Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church to order at 6:33 pm in the Chapel and opened with prayer.

Call for Quorum: The Clerk, Joe Stockdale, affirmed that a quorum was present. Requested sign in via MDPC App.

New Members: (Almir Dias)

*Luciano Dos Santos, Jane Dos Santos, Heiton Queiroz, *Adelina Sambo*

The above-named friends attended in person to be received by Session. (*Adelina absent- in school) Pastor Alf asked the questions of membership. A **Motion** to *receive the above-named friends as Covenant Partners at MDPC* was made and unanimously approved by Session. Pastor Almir prayed over our newest Covenant partners in Portuguese.

The Hospitable Church

We have a focus on Hospitality this year- let's read and listen to scripture and what is perhaps **the most underrated, but most significant hospitable thing Jesus did in his ministry.** **John 13:1-17** -Broke up into small groups, and then into the larger group, to discuss the following questions:

1. When have you been served in a way that surprised you?
2. Why does Peter resist at first?
3. Where do you resist letting Jesus or others serve or help you?
4. Why does Jesus use his authority (v. 3) to serve? How does this act point to the cross?
5. How can our church or your area reflect this hospitality and leadership?

Clerk's Report – Carla Bradford and Joe Stockdale

- Joe gave highlights of the calendar leading up to and including Holy Week; Asked staff and officers to park offsite please for Easter services. Reminded us of volunteer needs with Greeting, Ushering, Communion, The Spoken Word.
- Carla advised us of the upcoming **ECO Texas Presbytery Meeting** – Thursday, April 9th, 4 p.m. via Zoom and presented a motion.

Motion carried to approve *the following Commissioners to serve for the April 9, 2026, Zoom meeting of the ECO Texas Presbytery: Carla Bradford, Stephanie Espinoza, Marc Laney, Bob Larson, Rosy Pereira, Joe Stockdale, Karin Tyson*

- Carla shared excitement with us that the group working on the **MDPC Policy & Operations Manual Review** is in the final stages of the process. We have worked to substantially refine and condense the P&O, reducing it from 120 pages to less than 60. We have taken out the “fluff” to include any aspirational language, staff and officer job description details, etc. Some of these details will appear back in job descriptions and everyday ministry/department processes. This manual is an important document, serving as our guardrails, and our legal advice has been to get this document as lean as possible to reduce our risk, giving focus to what we may not be doing that we state we are! April 7th, 8th, 14th- tentative meeting dates to meet with Jennifer Vajdos and Clerk Team to review all changes to date. Directors will receive a signup genius request, and we highly encourage Elders to attend and be involved.

Treasurer’s Report: (Kyle Wienert)

Shared a new bar chart which is easier to read and provides 2026 actuals compared to the last four years. We are ahead of budget to date- 324K ahead in contributions and slightly behind on expenses. Kyle also shared a sample report that staff receive monthly and asked for elder involvement in discussing this with their staff.

Outreach Overview (Amy Delgado)

Shared attached presentation and took Q&A.

Brief Master Planning Update (Marcus Vajdos)

By May or June, a first look at what we want to do; Met with Bunker Hill today regarding necessary approvals; will be making an Owners Rep selection in the next month or so.

Church Planting Update (Dan Aikins)

Dan stated that the most effective evangelism strategy in North America is church planting. He looks at this as three concentric circles: 1. most local circle-the planting of a single congregation in the Houston metro area (Bin Wang) 2. Task Force- (Dan, Guillermo, Amy) center circle- will develop a plan on how MDPC will develop into a “Church Planting Church”. 3. Regional church- how we engage as an Anchor Church is largely dependent on how we decide as a local congregation to structure our church planting efforts.

Omnibus Agenda:

Alf introduced the Omnibus Motion below for February and asked if there were any items that needed to be removed for separate consideration. Alf then asked for a motion to approve the Omnibus Motion as presented. **Motion Carried.**

- a. **Motion** to approve the minutes of February 2026, Session Meeting.
- b. **Motion** to approve the following baptisms performed in March 2026:

Name	Age	Parents	Member	Date
William John Bosse	Child	Lauren Byrd and Kyle Bosse	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	03/1/2026 Sprinkle
Abigayle Marie Crumley	Youth	Kelly and Jerred Crumley	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	03/1/2026 Immersion
Annie Grace Crumley	Child	Kelly and Jerred Crumley	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	03/1/2026 Sprinkle
Archer Ray Crumley	Youth	Kelly and Jerred Crumley	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	03/1/2026 Immersion
Reese Eleanor Davis	Infant	Lindsey and Preston Davis	Mom-Yes Dad-No	03/1/2026 Sprinkle
Cody Meyer Hanlen	Young Adult		No	03/1/2026 Immersion
William “Ford” Lothrop	Infant	Mariah and Bryan Lothrop	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	03/1/2026 Sprinkle
Lily Grace Rayburn	Child	Ashtyn and Samuel Rayburn	No	03/1/2026 Sprinkle

Charles "Wallace" Soltis	Infant	Julia and Jake Soltis	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	03/1/2026 Sprinkle
Judy Muir	Adult		Yes	03/22/2026 Sprinkle

c. Motion to approve Outreach Partner Funding for March 2026 as follows:

Consent Agenda items:

1. Partner Funding Recommendations

Designated

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| • Cru | \$11,000 | Designated: Missionary #0638840 | Global Missionary |
| • Steven & Natalie Hall | \$11,000 | Designated: Personal Support | Global Missionary |
| • Allegro Organizational Solutions | \$5,500 | Designated: Acct# NYC-BB.KSJ | Global Missionary |
| • Pioneers | \$5,500 | Designated: Account: 112440 | Global Missionary |
| Totaling: \$33,000 | | | |

Calendar Reminders

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| March 23 | Session Meeting Chapel 6:30pm |
| March 28 | Journey to Easter 10am-12pm Outdoor Festival |
| March 29 | Alf Halvorson Preaching Sermon Series: <i>The Lion, Lent, and C.S. Lewis</i>
Palm Sunday |
| March 30 | The Spoken Word & The Silent Word begin and continue throughout the week |
| April 2 | Maundy Thursday 7pm in Sanctuary Communion and Anointing with Oil |
| April 3 | Good Friday Noon in Sanctuary 7 pm Spanish-language Service in Chapel |
| April 5 | Easter Sunday Alf Halvorson Preaching <i>Nothing Separates Us</i>
7am Sunrise Service-Sanctuary Courtyard 8:15am Contemporary Service- Sanctuary
9:45am Family-friendly Service-Sanctuary 11:15am Traditional Service- Sanctuary
Easter Sunday Spanish-language Service Guillermo Yela Preaching 11:15am Chapel
Easter Sunday Portuguese-language Service Almir Dias Preaching 6pm Chapel |
| April 9 | ECO Texas Presbytery Zoom Meeting 4 pm |
| April 12 | Preaching Sermon Series: 1 Corinthians 15 Baptisms |
| April 19 | Senior Sunday Alf Halvorson- Message with Panel |
| April 26 | Alf Halvorson Preaching Sermon Series: 1 Corinthians 15 New Members |
| April 26 | MDPC Concert Series 6-730pm Sanctuary |
| April 27 | Session Meeting Chapel 6:30pm |

2026 Remaining Session Meeting Dates

- April 27
- May 18
- June 22
- July -No Meeting
- August 24
- September 28
- October 26
- November- No Meeting
- December 14

2026 Remaining Communion Dates

- April 2| Maundy Thursday
- June 7
- August 2

October 4| World Communion; First Communion
November 29| First Sunday in Advent

Announcements and Additional Business

Pastoral Updates: Clay was here in the chapel tonight – recovering from knee surgery and progressing well- will get back in person in the coming weeks. Brett has been working from home and continuing to stay engaged in his ministry- joining us via phone tonight!

Adjournment

A **Motion** to adjourn the March 2026 Session Meeting was made at 8:09 pm.

Prayer

Beth invited us back into small groups and asked us to pray for 1. Holy Week and Easter Activities 2. Outreach dollars and discernment, partners, 3. Master Plan.

Minutes respectfully submitted on behalf of Joe Stockdale, Clerk, by Jennifer Vajdos, Executive Ministries Director, March 2026

Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church



**Outreach
Overview**
March 23, 2026

Outreach & Evangelism Ministries

Outreach

Evangelism

Database
Operations

Outreach Team

- Outreach Staff

- Amy Delgado Director
- Kelsi McCormack Global Outreach Director
- Julie LaRue Local Outreach Director
- Megan Hulings Outreach Admin & Database Coord.

- Outreach Elders

- Local Outreach Marc Laney, Mike Pelton,
Lisa McChristian, Kim Oswald
- Global Outreach Sharon Roark

- 70+ members on committees

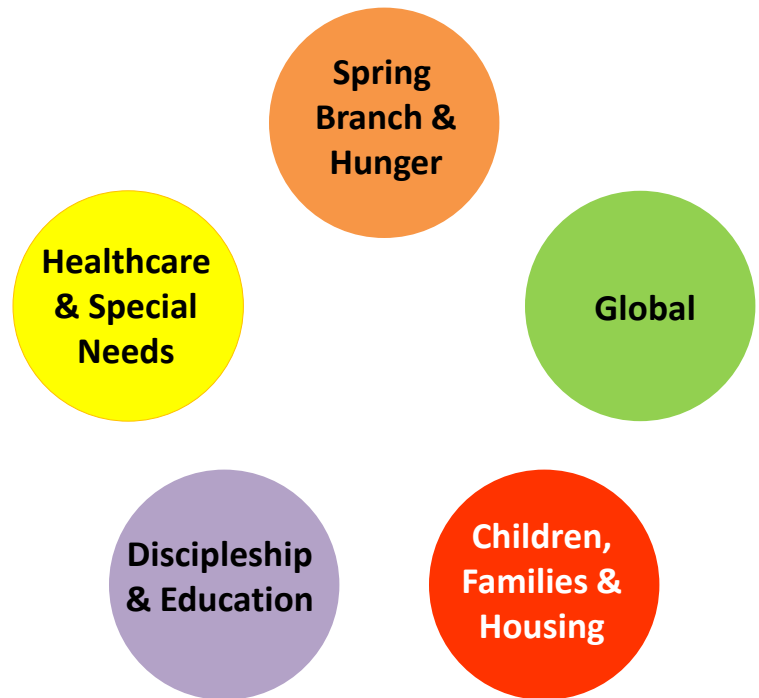
What makes up Outreach?

Ministry Activities

Church in the City
Mission Trips
Partner Relationship Management
Disaster Relief
Thanksgiving Meal-in-a-Bag
Food Drives & Toy Train
Knitting for Missions
BLESS Friday
Community Engagement
Service Opportunities
Children's Hunger & Human Trafficking Initiatives
ECO Denomination Global Engagement
IMPACT Mentoring at Spring Woods
Kids' Meals Monthly Service Event
MAM Back to School Drive
Fuente Food Pantry
Outreach Sunday...

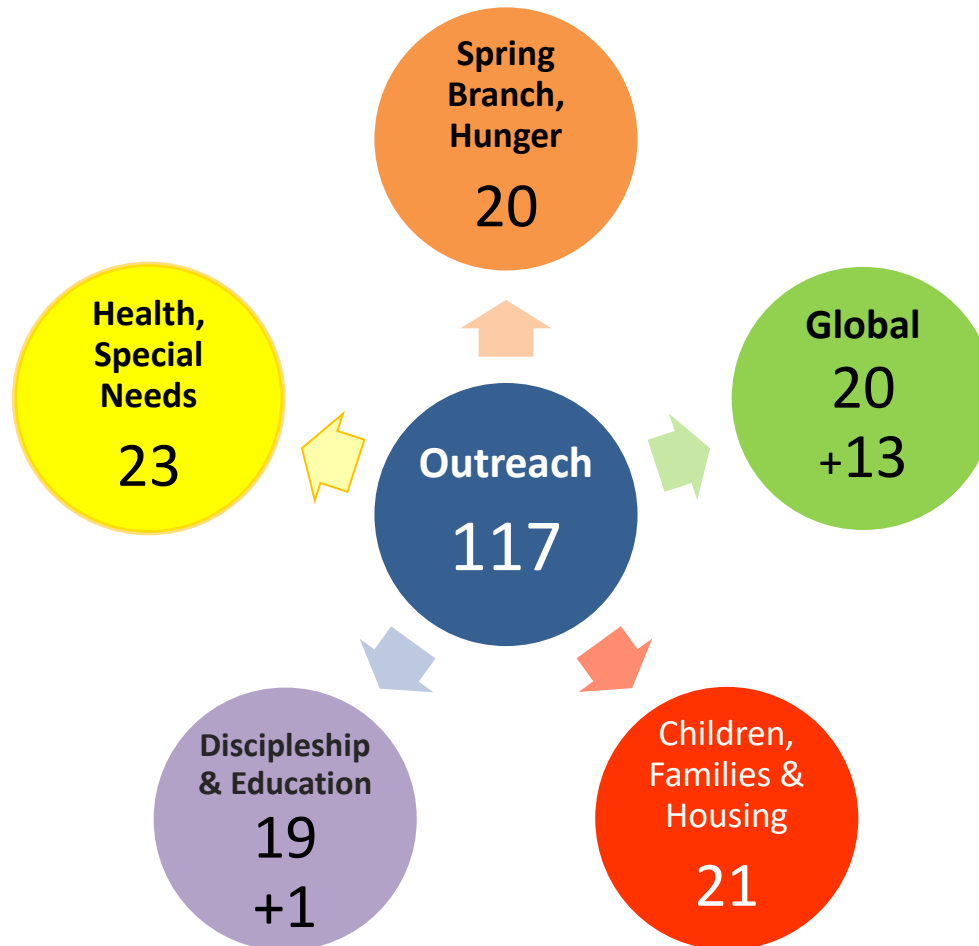
And much, much more

Partner Committees



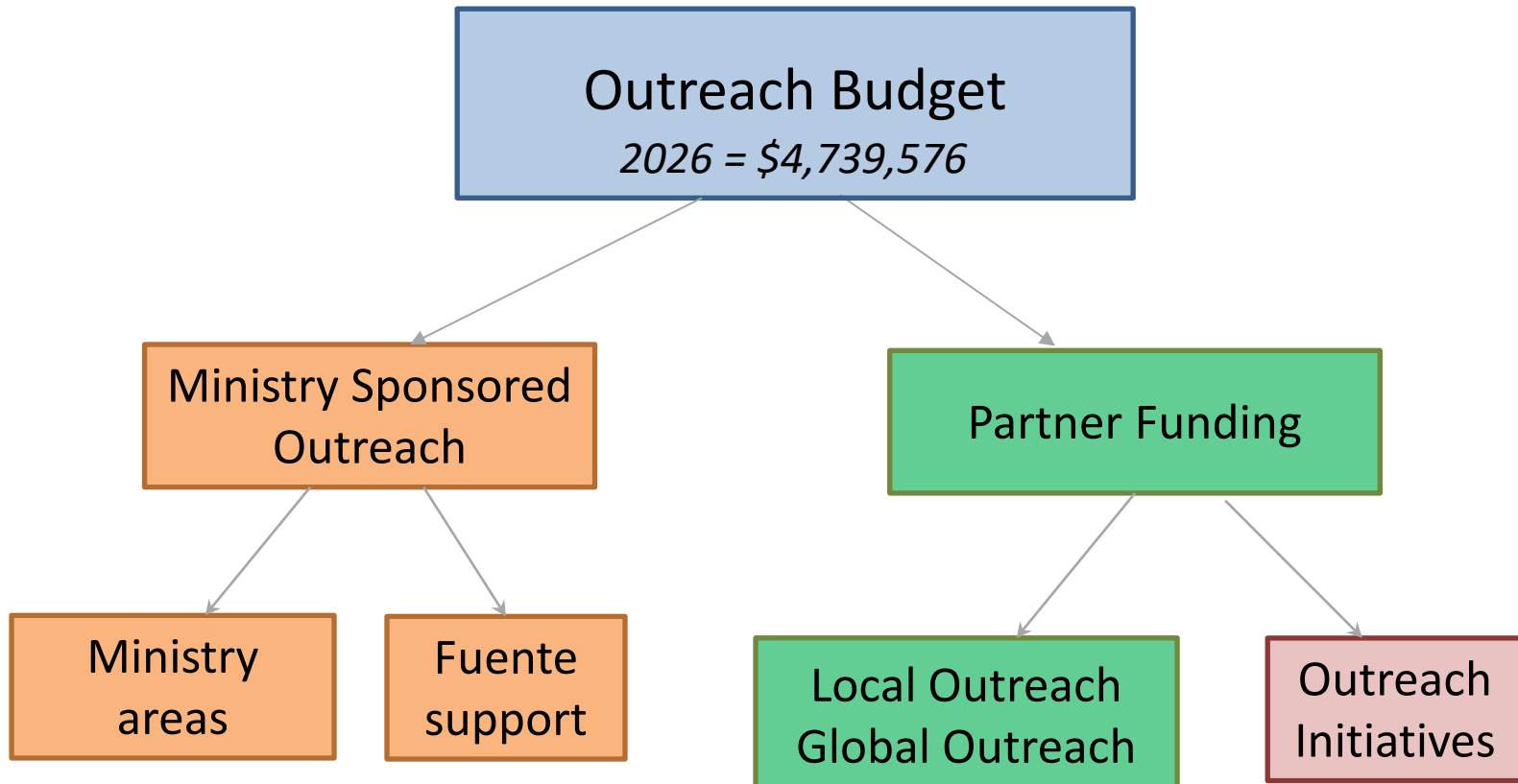
Outreach Partner Committees

103 Local & Global Partners + 14 Missionary Partners



* Not including relational partnerships

Outreach Budget Areas



Guiding Principles for MDPC Partnership

- Visible need being met by the organization
- Commitment to partnership with MDPC beyond funding; non-monetary touchpoints
- Organization's effectiveness in delivering services
- Responsible organizational structure and finances
- Involvement of MDPC members in organization
- Opportunities for relationship building
- Funding request in relation to other funding sources
- Fund operational expenses or specific items (not campaigns, endowments, or giving orgs)
- Preference for faith based but not required

Stewardship, Stewardship, Stewardship!

Funding Process

- Funding Application
 - Local and global partners invited, funding applications sent in January
 - Applications and supporting documents have been submitted
- Site visits
 - Local: in person
 - Global: via Zoom/phone/in person if local office
 - Partner site visit forms help guide discussions, capture notes for future years
- Deliberation & Recommendations
 - Review funding form, financials, and site visit input
 - Discuss at sub-committee to present/approve funding proposal
 - Flag potential “Over & Above”
- Approval flow
 - Sub-committee → Outreach Elder Committee → Session
- Resources
 - Current forms and previous years’ reports
 - Documentation history, committee members who have previously visited, Outreach staff
 - Financial review instructions

Calendar of events

- **January - February:** Recruit new volunteers
- **February:** Kick-off, initial subcommittee meetings (tonight)
- **March:** First official meetings, partner submissions received, and begin planning for the year
- **March-September:** Conduct partner site visits/interviews
- **April-October:** Outreach approvals/Session approvals
- **September:** Mission Market/ Christmas Eve Offering partners selected & approved
- **September:** Outreach Sunday
- **October/November:** Confirm Partners' "Over and Above" opportunities
- **December:** Any remaining business, prep for next year!



Questions?

Potential red flags?

- **Board**: Limited board involvement in review and shaping of programs, setting vision and direction, stewardship of financials, or leadership development.
- **Results**: The organization cannot demonstrate a track record of success.
- **Program**: Change in organizational mission.
- **Personnel**: Inadequate training and development for staff, high turnover.
- **Inability to correct course**: Not learning from their experience.
- **Financials**: No recent audit (or audit deficiencies identified) or official financial review; growing deficit from year to year; big changes in sources of revenue. Unusual spending patterns (e.g. excessive rent or salaries) or spending outside of the organization's mission.
- **Accountability**: Leaders are unfocused or cannot identify where they need to invest next (time, money, programs, training).

Discernment

Combined Minutes of the Session Committees April 2026 Session Meeting

Caring Ministries Committee Minutes:

April 21, 2026

Attendees: Rosemary Armstrong, Beth Case, Annette Erickson, Beverly Fluke, Christine Gentil, Bob Larson, Barbara Mueller, and Betsy Nash

Absent: Betsy Chalmers, Terral Cesak, Olga Griffin, Willie Jordan, Ross Purdy, Suzanne Tobin, and Sue Warren

Opening Prayer and Devotional: Bob Larson opened the meeting with prayer and a devotional on verses from Isaiah 41.

Ministry Reports

Dementia and Caregiver Support:

- **The Gathering** is held on the first Wednesday of each month.
 - At the February 4 meeting, there were 12 volunteers, 12 care partners and 11 caregivers. There were also 2 visitor volunteers. The Valentines theme included a heart-stained glass project with tissue paper. Exercise was “lovely” with themed music. The entertainer was Julie VanDevere. Devotional was given by Olga Griffin. Lunch was served and Bingo was played and enjoyed by all.
 - The March 4th meeting had a St Patrick’s Day theme. Em Williams continues to decorate the room each month with wonderful, themed items and Laura Benes comes up with fun craft activities. Exercise incorporated a parachute and balloons. The entertainer was Dawn Maonchino who performed many Broadway hits. Lunch was provided. We also played musical and regular bingo. There were 10 care partners, 11 caregivers and 21 volunteers.
 - The April 1 meeting had an Easter theme. The craft was dauber painting on Easter eggs. The exercise incorporated many Easter songs like Bunny Hop. The entertainer Cindy St Cyr provided great music and lots of dancing opportunities for the guests and volunteers. Devotional by Beth Case along with lunch and bingo rounded out the morning for the 8 care partners, 11 caregivers and 14 volunteers.
- The **Caregivers Lunch** is held monthly for family caregivers to meet and support one another. The February 12 meeting was well attended. There was no Caregivers Lunch in March due to Spring Break and the kitchen being closed. The April 9 lunch had 9 in attendance, including a new member. Beverly Fluke gave the devotional, and the group practiced breath prayers.
- Caring Ministries hosted Amazing Place for a **Savvy Caregivers Express** class in March. It included both MDPC members as well as family caregivers from the community.

Grief Support:

- **Transforming Grief:** The spring series of the Transforming Grief program wrapped up on March 11 with a meaningful closing service. Dates for the fall series have just been set for August 19 – October 7 on Wednesdays from 4-5:30pm. Contact Beverly Fluke for more information.
- **Grief – It’s Complicated:** Amanda Grace Morris, MA, LPC, and Beverly Fluke are offering a special three-week small group experience for those experiencing complicated grief. It’s scheduled from 6-7:30pm on April 16, 23, and 30.

- The Widows Connection: The Widows Connection group meets for lunch and fellowship on the third Thursday of each month. The group last met on March 17 and the next meeting will be on April 21. Contact Judy Stockton for more information.
- **Ministry of Presence:** Caring Ministries staff and officers send out cards and grief books to MDPC members during their first year of losing a loved one.

Health Ministry – Blood Drive:

- The next blood drive at MDPC is scheduled for Sunday, June 14, 2026.

Home Communion:

- Anyone who is not able to participate in the regularly scheduled communion services on campus is invited to request home communion. Requests can be made by contacting Beverly Fluke.

Home Visitation:

- The Home Visitation team makes monthly visits/calls to members of the MDPC community who can no longer make it to church in person or just appreciate extra connection with caring Christian brothers and sisters.
- The March 18 meeting was a continuing education session with a guest speaker from Amazing Place on the topic of “How to Talk to Someone with Dementia.” Two new volunteers have joined the team since that meeting.
- If you have a caring heart for our older members, this would be a wonderful ministry in which to get involved. Please contact Rosemary Armstrong, Visitation Deacon, or Beverly Fluke if you would like to join the team or learn more about this ministry.

Memorial Services:

- February: 6 memorial services with receptions were hosted at MDPC. 1 inurnment service was held in the MDPC Columbarium.
- March: 2 memorial services with receptions were hosted at MDPC.

Prayer Ministry:

- **The Silent Word** - Prayer stations were open and visited 24 hours/day all throughout Holy Week, alongside The Spoken Word. These prayer stations were designed by various staff and volunteers, and set up in the Parlor by Deacons who were coordinated by Christine Gentil. The theme this year aligned with Pastor Alf Halvorson’s sermon series on C. S. Lewis, leaning into Lewis’ thoughts on prayer, on God, and on Narnia! Each year, the room design and usage seem to grow.
- **Approaches to Prayer** - Pastor Beth Case will be leading a 5-week class on prayer in the Amphitheater on Thursdays, April 23 – May 21, 10:15am-11:15am, with an invitation for any/all to join Staff Prayer from 11:15am-11:30am. The class will lean on Scripture to deepen our prayers, consider how believers through the ages grew in their practice of prayer, learn from each other as we share camaraderie in prayer, and expand the ways we talk with and hear from God!
- The **National Day of Prayer** will be observed on Thursday, May 7. We are brainstorming ideas around several prayer stations in the chapel which would be open all day for prayer. These would include prayers for our state/national governments, families, communities, and the world

(with specials prayers for our missions here and abroad). Contact Deacon Terral Cesak for more information.

Second Family/Mobile Meals:

- Second Family is blessed to have seven new volunteers and Mobile Meals to add eight new volunteers. We are extremely grateful to those who answered the call and to God for answering our prayers. Having extra volunteers is especially important when a care partner needs rides to extended physical therapy or treatments for cancer or other illnesses. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Barbara Mueller, Second Family Deacon, or Beverly Fluke for more information.
- Our March meeting was very informative and well attended. Our CarePartners Liaison, Gigi Gomez, led us through the new Care Partners training materials and answered questions. Gigi also shared that MDPC's Second Family is one of only six Second Family teams in the Houston area.

Senior Adult Ministry:

- Senior Adults Fellowship consists of Venturers, Prime Timers, Encore Fellowship, Senior Adult Lunch, and now a Senior Adult Lunch and Games Day.
- **Venturers** met on March 2 and had 45 in attendance for dinner and a speaker at Fratelli's.
- **Prime Timers** met for lunch at the Chavez restaurant on Gessner on March 18. There were 11 attendees.
- **Senior Adult Lunch** met on March 16 and 12 attended.
- **Encore Fellowship** hosted our annual dinner at Demeris Barbecue on March 21. We had 18 plan to come and 17 attend.
- **Senior Adult Lunch and Games Day** met for their second Games Day on March 26. We had 13 attendees. Many were repeat attendees from the first meeting which was encouraging.
- **Tech Help:** A big thanks to Megan Hulings, as we are now able to offer our Seniors appointments with Megan for individual help with tech support for laptops, ipads, cell phones, and the MDPC app. Appointments can be made online or through Beverly Fluke.

Stephen Ministry:

- The Stephen Ministry team met on February 10, March 10, and April 14 for Supervisory Meetings and on February 24 and March 24 for Continuing Education. The CE topics were "Boundaries" presented by Warren Bright and "Assertiveness" presented by Betsy Nash. These topics are modules from the Stephen Ministry training sessions and serve as reminders for current Stephen Ministers.
- The new Stephen Ministry training program, held on Tuesday evenings, is progressing well. It will conclude on May 26 with the Commissioning Service of MDPC's 8 trainees.
- Stephen Ministry will be highlighted on Sunday, June 7 during the worship services.
- Referrals for potential care receivers who would benefit from a Stephen Ministry relationship can be sent to Beverly Fluke in Caring Ministries.

Reflection and Closing Prayer: We discussed hospitality in our various ministry areas and then broke into smaller groups to share prayer requests and pray together.

MDPC Deacon Minutes:

March 1, 2026, 1:20-2:00 Room 103

MINUTES

Attendees:

Rosemary Armstrong	Beth Case	Terral Cesak	Betsy Chalmers
Beverly Fluke	Maria Galvan	Christine Gentile	Rodrigo Grassano
Olga Griffin	Willie Jordan	Bob Larson	Trey McAfee
Edneia Moreira	Barbara Mueller	Betsy Nash	Mario Porras
Nancy Powell	Ross Purdy	Suzanne Tobin	Sue Warren

Unable to attend:

David Kemper	Sarah Kilgore	John LaCarter	Mary Chris Peterson
Harry Tallichet			

ACTION ITEMS

1.) Reflection & Questions from Annual Church Meeting:

- a. Surprise – cost of one parking space in a garage
- b. Surprise – only one out of four fundraiser met needs of plan
- c. Surprise – there were not more questions raised at annual meeting
- d. How will this construction affect our use of current space (worship, funerals, etc.)?
- e. How will we address those with limited ability during construction?
- f. How will this affect attendance & tithing?
- g. It is important that we as Deacons maintain & project a positive outlook during this growth.

2.) Opportunities for Worship and Service

- a. Second Family and Mobile Meals
- b. Set-up for the Silent Word (next meeting 3/29)
- c. Journey to Easter for children (3/28)
- d. Sign-up for the Spoken Word for readers and host (sign-up starts 3/4 and Spoken Word is 3/30 – 4/2)
- e. Maundy Thursday Service (4/2)
- f. Good Friday in the Chapel (4/3)
- g. Easter Sunday (4/4 with multiple services and locations)
- h. Monthly Brazilian congregation Mission Dinner (3/29 6:00-7:30 Worship followed by dinner)
- i. CityServe – Service Opportunity for Young Adults is the last Saturday of every month from 9:30-12:30 (3/28 at Family Point Resources)
- j. Senior Adult Lunch is the fourth Thursday of every month with lunch from 11:00-12:00 followed by games from 2:00-2:00
- k. Encore Fellowship (Seniors) will be meeting at Demaris Bar-B-Que on 3/21 and attending Stratford’s production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat on 5/2

3.) Lenten Practices

Nancy Powell reviewed the meaning of Lent and suggested that we break into small groups to share our own Lenten practices.

NEXT MEETING: March 29 at which time we will set up for The Silent Word

Respectfully submitted by Terral Cesak on March 2, 2026

Finance Committee Minutes:

April 20th, 2026

Finance Meeting: called to order at 5:20 pm at the Pastor Conference Room.

The meeting was recorded on MDPC's Teams System

Individuals present:

Marcus Vajdos, Dena Bankett, Joe Stockdale, Madison Limbacher, Chris Arend, Kyle Wienert, Rosy Pereira, Karin Tyson, Jeannie Able, Dan English, Amy Delgado, and Bill Enszer, Morgan Kellete and Lori Guttierrez -auditors

Marcelo Pinheiro was absent from this meeting.

Quorum was present

Opening Devotional: provided by Jeannie Able

March Minutes were deferred

2025 Auditors Report: Morgan Kellete and Lori Guttierrez (Rosy Pereira excused herself from this portion of the meeting) Reviewed GAAP Accounting and High-level guidelines-

No separate audit for in-kind donations for Food donated to MDPC was needed- since MDPC Food pantry gave less than \$1MM of food classified as federal charity.

Auditors asked that any contracts signed in 2026 (Ex: architectural, construction company, builders' representative contract) should be disclosed to the auditors for 2026.

Significant Weakness found – The auditors stated MDPC missed supervisory approvals on 2 of 6 random credit cards transactions reviewed by the auditors -Recommended that greater controls be put in place so that supervisor sign off promptly so that Marcus as CFO can sign off shortly thereafter. This recommendation has been provided to the MDPC staff, and they will be following a new protocol/control process to satisfy this weakness.

They also reviewed/discussed the MDPC Balance Sheet

Motion to approve auditors' report:

Committee Updates:

Generosity, Outreach, Personnel,

Clerk: OPM is complete and ready to present to session

Finance Updates:

Cash flow

Old Business:

- **Lease Purchase:**

- **Copier Printer Evaluation:**
- **Computers**
- **Update on P&O Manual**
- **Master Plan Update**

New Business:

Other items:

- Get Feedback on whether to put the financials and the Operating Procedural Manual on main page of the website or whether to place for MDPC members only to have access to
- Get Feedback from the committee on they usage, purchase of the leased video equipment in the center of the Sanctuary on the stage. The question asked is the cost/benefit analysis of renting it 3-4 a year for summer celebration and Christmas and Easter or purchase it for full time use. Is the moving video screen a distraction from worship or helpful?

Rosy Pereira agreed to lead devotional/ prayer in May.

Generosity Committee Minutes:

Minutes from Generosity Committee Meeting, MDPC

We met on Wednesday, April 8 at noon.

Alf Halvorson, David Michels, Josh Weber and Hunter Smith were unable to join us this month.

Jeannie opened us in prayer.

Ava gave a pledge update and financial update.

Ginny gave us a communications update.

We discussed the mailing packet for pledges / commitment Sunday.

>Last year we mailed 2600 packets plus printed an additional 800.

>Ava, Diane and Ginny's team are working on the mailing list, cleaning it up, reducing errors, removing old addresses etc. (300 were returned in mail last year)

>We discussed the criteria for receiving a pledge packet: members, pledgers, givers (making sure we do not send to "one-time givers" as to not offend them, i.e. one-time mission trip supporter)

>Marcus is contacting Generosity OS about meeting with us in person on June 10 at noon to gain knowledge and wisdom on how to best run the two campaigns alongside each other

>Ginny confirmed that Commitment Sunday is Nov 1.

>Theme will be Active Generosity, staying with the same theme as last year due to capital campaign.

Ginny confirmed they will change the theme colors for this year.

>Marcus gave us a master planning update.

>Generosity Committee will not meet in July

Nathan closed us in prayer.

Outreach Committee Minutes:

Meeting Date	April 20, 2026, 6pm, Parlor
Attendees	Mike Pelton, Marc Laney, Kim Oswald, Sharon Roark, Karin Tyson, Julie LaRue, Kelsi McCormack, Amy Delgado

- I. Devotion & Opening Prayer – Mike Pelton
 - I will never leave you or forsake you.

II. Committee Reports

- Global - Sharon Roark
 - International Cooperating Ministries (ICM) \$15,000 Farsi Bibles
 - The Outreach Foundation \$7,000
 - The Antioch Partners \$16,500 Adair Personal Support
 - Frontier Fellowship \$11,000 Biru Personal Support
 - The Antioch Partners \$5,500 House Family Personal Support
 - YWAM \$11,000 Personal Support (Johnson)
 - The Antioch Partners \$11,000 Leina & Salam Personal Support
 - Action International Ministries \$11,000 Acct# 47001
 - Novo \$11,000 Acct# 6781 Zovak

MOTION: To approve partner gifts as presented.

VOTE: Approved

- CFH – Kim Oswald
 - Prestige Learning Institute \$15,000
 - Yellowstone Academy \$15,000 Lower School PK - 5th

MOTION: To approve partner gifts as presented.

VOTE: Approved

- DE
 - Camp Aranzazu \$20,000 Camper Scholarships
 - Camp for All \$15,000 Camper Scholarships
 - Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly \$12,000 Camp in the Valley

MOTION: To approve partner gifts as presented.

VOTE: Approved

- SBH – Mike Pelton
 - ChildBuilders \$10,000
 - Gracewood \$25,000

- Kids' Meals \$20,000
- Memorial Assistance Ministries \$20,000 English Literacy Program
- Mission of Yahweh \$25,000

MOTION: To approve partner gifts as presented.

VOTE: Approved

- HSN – Marc Laney
 - No proposals this month

III. Staff reports

IV. Local

Julie LaRue

- MDPC hosted the Nabor House luncheon last week, well attended with many MDPC members in attendance
- Fuente Food Drive will be May 1-17. Banners and promotions start soon.
- MDPC student Kenneth Wu will host an orchestra performance in the Chapel as a fundraiser for his charity supporting seniors on May 1st.
- Julie and Marc visited Sharpen Recovery to determine if we want to take a next step with them.

V. Global

Kelsi McCormack

- Palm Sunday offering for Living Water International collected \$27,558.
- MDPC Outreach will be hosting the Connecting Mission Leaders Conference in October 2026. This brings in global missions church and organization leaders from across the U.S., we well as international guests.
- Upcoming trips:
 - Greece (May 2026) – childcare team to support the Antioch Partner conference. 13 attending
 - Honduras (Labor Day/September 2026) – trip to visit The Micah Project
 - Cambodia/Thailand (November 2026) – in formation stages of planning with Far East Broadcasting to see projects we have been supporting.

VI. All Other Business

- (Amy) Policy for partner audit requirements: We are reviewing our prior policy for partner audit requirements. We are reviewing ECFA and other standards and are writing a new policy to similarly align.
- (Amy) Finance Committee volunteers – the Finance Committee is requesting a non-staff Outreach representative. Marc Laney and Sharon Roark agreed to help cover the position for the remainder of 2026.
- (Mike) Mission of Yahweh has identified a project to renovate 8 bedrooms and bathrooms at a total cost of \$64,000. They have secured funding for at least \$32,000. Mike Pelton and Julie LaRue will meet with Mission of Yahweh to review the project, verify remaining funding needed, and make a recommendation for potential funding.

VII. Closing Prayer - Amy Delgado

Worship Committee Minutes:

March 16 | 1-2 pm

Attendees: David, Kelley, Mary, Alf, Rachel, Beth, Meliza, Michael, Charles, Steffanie, Christina, Charlie, Chris, Dan

(Attended via Teams: Hector, Ginny, Kathryn)

I. Quick eval of first three Lenten services and review upcoming services

- a. 3/15
- b. Holy Week
 - i. Maundy Thu (with anointing oil & communion) @ 7pm in the Sanctuary
 - ii. Good Friday @ 12 noon in the Sanctuary (with choir and trumpeter)
 - iii. Easter
 1. 7am Sunrise svc in the Sanc Courtyard (use Chapel if weather is bad)
 2. 8:15 svc (Blended) in the Sanc
 3. 9:45 svc (Contemporary / Family) in the Sanc
 4. 11:15 svc (Traditional) in the Sanc
- c. Baptisms on 4/12 (Clay is preaching)
- d. Choir Concert on 4/26

II. Master Planning Update

- a. The Master Planning Committee continues to explore ways to support the growth of both Fuente and BPC, while also discerning which Sanctuary improvements should or should not move forward outside of the formal Master Planning process (e.g., chancel extension, tile flooring replacement, permanent LED screen, etc.).

III. Media / Comms Updates

- a. Temporary LED Screen will be installed week of March 23. Worship continues to receive quotes for permanent installation
- b. Media Staffing updates – Additional part-time staff support is needed to adequately meet the demands of Sunday morning worship and other ministry events. At this time, the Media team is understaffed.
- c. Easter Bulletin
 - i. Pastors/Worship review on 3/23; Tech on 3/25; final proof on 3/26 to print on 3/30

IV. Other

Worship Eval and Planning – April 13, 2026 @1 pm – Room 122

Invited: Steffanie, Tracy, Christina, Meliza, Michael, Charles, Charlie, Chris, Alf, Beth, Rachel, Kathryn, Ginny, Christina, David, Hector, Kelley, Amanda S.

Present: Steffanie, Tracy, Christina, Meliza, Chris, Alf, Beth, Rachel, Kathryn, Ginny, Christina, David, Kelley, Amanda S.

I. Recap of Holy Week services

A. Attendance at Easter (2026)

[7 AM – 150; 8:15 AM – 398; 9:45 AM – 1,645; 11:15 AM – 850; Fuente – 155; BPC – 80]

B. Previous years' attendance #s (on back page)

C. Maundy Thursday

D. Good Friday

Things to consider for next year's planning:

- parking lots
- traffic direction
- shuttle
- chairs
- overflow for chapel (and staff ushers/greeters for this too)
- messaging before to try to really strongly encourage attending a different service to make room for visitors
- ushers (not sitting) and actually helping to seat people
- hospitality elements in second space

II. Senior Sunday

- Traditional team will handle Blended service
- Michael will rehearse with youth singers and Worship Team in the sanctuary
- Wednesday evening rehearsals for all HS Senior liturgists.

III. Other

- Discussion around “family-friendly” representation in all services, not just contemporary
- Mother's Day service will be a good opportunity for this

**Outreach
Funding Recommendations
April 2026**

CFH

Prestige Learning Institute

2025 Funding: \$15,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$15,000

Prestige Learning Institute exists to glorify God by educating, equipping and ministering to immigrant and refugee families. This ministry is designed to meet the unique needs of our marginalized Muslim immigrant and refugee neighbors by empowering them to overcome social inequalities, while sharing the limitless love and resounding hope of God. Programming includes both Women and Men's ESL classes and after-school enrichment for kids.

<https://www.prestigeinstitute.org>

Yellowstone Academy

2025 Funding: \$19,952 (*\$15,000, \$3,500 O&A, and \$1,352 MM*)

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$15,000 (Designation: For the Lower school Pre-K – 5th)

Yellowstone Academy offers an academically rigorous Christian education to children living in Houston's Third Ward. Academic excellence, spiritual growth and student support including social services, meals and transportation help students achieve their highest potential and fulfill their intended purpose.

<https://www.yellowstoneschools.org>

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Camp Aranzazu

2025 Funding: \$20,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$20,000 (Funds designated for camper scholarships)

Camp Aranzazu (pronounced Ah ran' zah zoo), located on Copano Bay near Rockport, is dedicated to enriching the lives of children and adults with special needs and chronic illnesses by providing unique camping, environmental education, and retreat experiences.

Camp For All

2025 Funding: \$15,000 (plus \$17,450 O&A)

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$15,000 (Funds designated for camper scholarships)

Camp For All, located in Burton, Texas, is a summer camp ministry designed for children and young adults with special needs (physical/developmental/intellectual disabilities) to experience a week-long residential, barrier-free camp while surrounding them with love, acceptance, and fun. The facility works in partnership with 65 non-profits to enrich the lives of campers and their families.

Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly

2025 Funding: \$12,000 (plus \$28,130 O&A)

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$12,000 (Funds designated for Camp in the Valley)

Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly is a conference and retreat center, located on 500 acres along the Guadalupe River. Since 1949, Mo-Ranch has served as a sacred and transformative place for those who retreat to the Hill Country for worship, fellowship, relaxation and renewal.

SBH

ChildBuilders

2025 Funding: \$10,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$10,000 (Designation: None)

ChildBuilders promotes mental health and prevents abuse by empowering children, parents, and teachers with assertiveness skills, emotional control, empathy, resilience and the ability to resolve conflict non-violently. Programs involve training and building a community that protects children from bullying, Internet dangers, abuse, neglect and relationship violence.

www.childbuilders.org

Gracewood

2025 Funding: \$20,000 (plus \$9,300 Over & Above)

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000 (Designation: None)

Gracewood is a transitional housing and family care program for single mothers in crisis and their children. Their Family Assistance Program helps relieve extreme financial burdens for single mothers in residence while they work to meet critical employment and/or education and training goals that will permanently stabilize their families.

<https://www.gracewood.org/>

Kid's Meals

2025 Funding: \$20,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$20,000 (Designation: None)

Kids' Meals works to end childhood hunger by delivering free, healthy meals, year-round to the doorsteps of Houston's hungriest preschool-aged children. Additionally, they connect families to more than 50 vital community organizations and resources to help them break out of the poverty cycle.

www.kidsmealsinc.org

Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM)

2025 Funding: \$20,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$20,000 (Designation: English Literacy Program)

Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM) offers emergency help for rental assistance and other crisis situations, as well as educational programs such as ESL, employment services, citizenship, counseling and application assistance for public benefits. MAM Resale is a thrift store benefiting the mission of MAM and is open Monday-Saturday. MAM is integral to establishing healthy, supportive communities in north and west Houston.

www.mamhouston.org

Mission of Yahweh

2025 Funding: \$20,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000 (Designation: None)

Mission of Yahweh (MOY) is a faith-based shelter that empowers, enriches and restores the lives of homeless women and children and provides outreach services to low-income communities. MOY is the only emergency (up to 90 days) and transitional shelter (up to 2 years) for homeless women and children in the greater Houston area offering a unique continuum of services.

www.missionofyahweh.org

Global Partners

International Cooperating Ministries - ICM

2025 Funding: \$10,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$15,000 , Designated: Farsi Bibles

ICM's vision is a healthy church within walking distance of everyone in the world. ICM partners with indigenous ministries to equip churches with a permanent building and discipleship resources in their native language. The church building serves as a place of worship as well as an outreach center for the community, serving both physical and spiritual needs. Local church leaders are trained to plant churches in nearby unreached communities, reaching places that outsiders could never access. icm.org

Living Water International

2026 Palm Sunday Offering: \$27,558

Living Water International exists to demonstrate the love of God by helping communities acquire desperately needed clean water, and experience “living water”—the gospel of Jesus Christ—which alone satisfies the deepest thirst. Mission teams work in impoverished communities to provide a water well and hygiene education, and to share the love of Christ. www.water.cc

The Outreach Foundation

2025 Funding: \$7,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$7,000

The Outreach Foundation is an independent Presbyterian global mission organization that connects congregations and people in the United States with church partners around the world in Christ-centered evangelistic mission. It seeks to build the capacity of the global church to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ by sending missionaries, building relationships, expanding mission support, and equipping their global partners. <https://www.theoutreachfoundation.org/>

Global Missionaries

Missionary Partner: The Adair Family

Funding made out to: The Antioch Partners, Designated: Adair

2025 Funding: \$16,500

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$16,500

Rev. Andrew and Teri Adair launched The Antioch Partners (TAP), a missionary-sending agency, in 2007 to train and equip cross-cultural servants, and send them into the world to demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ in tangible ways. TAP's goals are to see people become followers of Jesus and to foster the formation of worshipping communities among the unreached and least-reached people groups throughout the world.

Missionary Partner: Urgessa Biru

Funding made out to: Frontier Fellowship, Designated: Biru

2025 Funding: \$11,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$11,000

MDPC Field Partner Urgessa works and serves in Ethiopia as the founder of Light of Hope Ministry Ethiopia (LOHME). The vision of LOHME is to bring the Good News of God's love to the Arsi Oromo people, both in Ethiopia and in North America. LOHME carries out their mission through building village schools, church planting, Bible translation into local dialects, and the vision of establishing a Christian College to train teachers and nurses.

Missionary Partner: Family Serving in SE Asia

Funding made out to: The Antioch Partners, Designated: House Family

2025 Funding: \$5,500

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$5,500

A and S serve in SE Asia, advancing the gospel in a region experiencing political instability and conflict. Their work includes equipping leaders through seminary teaching, developing children's ministry curriculum, and providing discipleship and relief support to local communities. They also partner with area churches to strengthen outreach efforts among least-reached groups, including youth and women's ministries. Pray for A, S, and their three children as they faithfully share the hope of Christ in a difficult context.

Missionary Partner: The Johnson Family

Funding made out to: YWAM, Designated: Personal Support (Johnson)

2025 Funding: \$11,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$11,000

MDPC Field Partners Steve and Barbara Johnson serve in Budapest, Hungary, through Youth With a Mission. The Johnsons operate a coffee house that serves as an evangelism center, reaching out to the Budapest community with music and conversation that sparks spiritual discussion. They also lead a discipleship training school and have formed a mercy ministries team that shares the love of Jesus with people that are homeless and refugee families.

Missionary Partner: Couple Serving in Tbilisi, Georgia

Funding made out to: The Antioch Partners, Designated: Leina & Salam Personal Support

2025 Funding: \$11,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$11,000

This MDPC missionary couple supports communities of Arab, Persian and Turkish believers from a Muslim background. Through their Christian center in Tbilisi, Georgia, they disciple and equip maturing believers to be a light in their community of origin and shepherd Christ-centered, biblically based, multiplying churches.

Missionary Partner: Dr. Miguel and Laura

Funding made out to: Action International Ministries, Designated: Acct# 47001

2025 Funding: \$11,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$11,000

MDPC Field Partner Dr. Miguel and his family show God's compassion to the unreached by meeting physical needs through dental health. Dr. Miguel practices and teaches dentistry while sharing the Good News of Jesus with tribes living in abject poverty in Southeast Asia. There, the 98% Muslim population has the least amount of dental care in the world.

Missionary Partner: Kim Zovak

Funding made out to: Novo, Designated: Acct# 6781 Zovak

2025 Funding: \$11,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$11,000

MDPC Field Partner Rev. Kim equips high-level Kingdom leaders to multiply movements of the gospel and mobilizes the church for mission in less reached and less resourced parts of the world (particularly in Asia). Through her strategic mentoring, training, and coaching, she helps missionaries and national leaders develop their personal and professional capacities to serve God, and to intentionally multiply themselves by developing more leaders to do the same.