



Fall 2021
Spring 2022

MPC Classes & Groups Catalog

Welcome to the Fall 2021– Spring 2022 catalog! Inside are a variety of classes and groups that will provide opportunities for you to connect with other people at MPC. During this time of COVID, some groups are meeting on-line and others are meeting in person. As we grow as a church, and in our faith, we want to provide ways to get to know each other beyond Sunday worship. We are strengthened when we come together as the body of Christ! We want to focus on Christ's invitation to join with others to study and to learn how to "love others to love Christ," and these opportunities are an essential element of living into our community in Christ.

We hope that you will find a place here with us at MPC that includes a group or class, as well as Sunday morning worship! To register, please contact the group leader listed for the class.

We are so glad that you are here at MPC!

Rev. Jessica Konker

Associate Pastor for Small Groups



To Grow Spiritually
You need to be Connected Relationally

At Group Link you will have a chance to meet other folks in your similar life stage on a Sunday and learn about our small group ministry at MPC and about joining a small group. Our next event is scheduled for September 26th at 9am in Woody's! We have groups for women, men and married couples. You will meet others in your similar life stage, discuss when you could be free to meet. For more information on our next Group Link Meet and Greet e-mail Jessica at jkonker@mandarinpres.com.

Groups– Sunday Morning

The Minglers

Sundays, 9am, Quad 1

Contact: Craig Henderson (craighenderson@gmail.com)

This is a group for couples & singles, ranging from 40's to 70's. The class is a mixture of fellowship and prayer, teaching, discussion and Bible Study. The first portion of class is spent sharing prayer concerns and praying. The second portion is the Bible study.

Upper Room (working and retired)

Sundays, 10:30am beginning 9-12-21, Choir Room

Contact: Trudi Yarbrough (trudiyarbrough@yahoo.com)

Upper Room is open to anyone looking for a welcoming, loving class who loves Jesus Christ. The average age is 60+ although we have members of all ages, both married and single. Our weekly class typically has fun discussions around the Bible Study, as well as sharing each other's joys and concerns. Upper Room provides caring friends who will pray for you and love you through life's ups & downs. We are friends who know you, care about you, and encourage your faith. Please join us.

Explorers (40's Couples)

Sundays, 10:30am, Quad 2

Contact: Matt Balanky (mattbalanky@hotmail.com)

We enjoy fellowship, Bible study, and sharing prayer requests. We will meet from September 5th through late spring. For the fall, we will be doing a ~10 week study on Praying the Bible by Donald Whitney. Members have kids (preschool-elementary).

Groups– Sunday Morning (cont'd)

Seekers Class (50+)

Sundays, 10:30am, Room 13, The Loft

Contact: David Middleton (davidmidd@comcast.net)

If you are looking for a great place to connect to others, share prayer, and dig into Scripture, the Seekers Class is the adult Bible study class for you. Each Sunday's topic is a self-contained lesson related to the theme for that quarter. If you miss a Sunday you are not "lost" in the cycle. We have several ministries we support as a class as well. To further promote our small group unity we all go out to Sunday lunch every two or three months.

Pathfinders Class (50+)

Sundays, 10:30am, Room 12, The Loft

Contact: Margie Dalton (dalton1949@comcast.net)

This class is a wonderful place to connect to others. You will spend time going deeper into God's word and have a chance to meet and pray for each other. The sharing of life experiences and how they relate to our Christian Faith is a key part of the class. Sharing these experiences and discussing how they have impacted our faith is the bond that brings us together as a group.

Groups– Married Couples

Empty Nest Couples

Sundays, 6pm, twice per month

Contact: Heidi Sorensen (h.sorensen@live.com)

This is a group that meets for fellowship, study and prayer. They have children that are grown or in college. Would love for you to join for a gathering twice a month.

Married Couples (40's-60's)

Wednesdays, 7pm, members' homes

Contact: Steve Pauly (sdp254@comcast.net)

This is a group that meets for fellowship, study and prayer. They have children that are in college or have moved out of the home. We will be starting a new study in September and hope you can join us!

Parents Of Middle and High School Students

Every Other Sunday, 4pm, beginning 9-12-21, Conf Room, LRC

Contact: Christina and Marc Elmore (summer14joy@yahoo.com)

We are a group that meets for fellowship, study and prayer. We have children that are in middle school or high school. This fall, we will begin a new study, but haven't yet decided yet. Please join us!

Women's Groups

Tuesday Morning Women's Group

Tuesdays, 9am, Zoom

Contact: Toby Richmond (toby.richmond@gmail.com)

This is a group for women 55+ who will be doing a Bible study and sharing prayer and having fellowship together. Please join us; all are welcome!

Wednesday Morning Women

Tuesdays, 10am, resuming 9-7-21, Room 7, LRC

Contact: Kathy Starmer (k.starmer@comcast.net)

This women's group is all ages and we love our time together, sharing fellowship and Bible study. We are currently studying Philippians; we plan to study Colossians next. We meet weekly and have occasional service projects and social events as well. Please join us!

Open Door

Tuesdays, 6:30pm, Quad 4, LRC (temporarily on Zoom)

Contact: Judy Wolfensperger (jwolfensperger@hotmail.com)
or Marjorie Lewis (maljax@gmail.com)

We have a variety of ages from 40-60's, mostly with empty nest or grown kids. We spend time doing a Bible study, sharing prayer requests and fellowship. We will be doing the 40 Days of Prayer study in the fall. Hope you can join us!

Evening Women's Group (20's-40's)

Tuesdays,, 7pm beginning 9-7-21, Room 9, LRC

Contact: Adrienne Peacock (adrienne.peacock@yahoo.com)

We have a variety of ages from 20's– 40's single, engaged, married with kids. We spend time doing a Bible study, sharing prayer requests and fellowship. Hope you can join us.

Wednesday Morning Moms (20's-40's) Group

Wednesdays, 9:15 am, Room 8 , LRC

Contact: Jessica Konker (jkonker@mandarinpres.com)

We have a variety of ages of moms from babies to elementary school. We spend time doing a Bible study, sharing prayer requests and fellowship. Hope you can join us. We will be doing Lysa Terkeurst 's study "Trustworthy: Overcoming Our Greatest Struggles to Trust God."

Wednesday Women's Group (55+)

Wednesdays, 9:30am beginning 9-1-21, Rooms 137-138, MRC

Contact: Sharon Masters (s.mastersfl@gmail.com)

This is a group for women age 55+. We will meet beginning 9-1-21 to study Bad Girls of the Bible, beginning 1-12-22 to study the Book of Ephesians and beginning 3-23-22 to study Waiting on God in Difficult Times. We hope you will join us!

Wednesday Evening Women's Group (50+)

Wednesdays, 6:30pm, Room 6, LRC

Contact: Ruth Burrell (osprey3811@bellsouth.net)

Ladies, are you looking for a place to connect, to meet together and share life? Join us for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. Group members range in age from 50-70's.

Men's Groups

Men's Evening Bible Study

Mondays, 7pm, Quad 3

Contact: Heath Schopp (schoppworld1@icloud.com)

We meet for study, fellowship and prayer. Please join us!

Men's Fellowship Lunch

2nd and 4th Weds, 12:00 pm, La Nopalera at Claire & San Jose

Contact: Randy Hester (plsalesco@aol.com)

We meet for fellowship and prayer and to discuss and go deeper with the sermon message from Sunday.

Men's Bible Study

Begins the week of September 12th

Day, Time & Meeting Place TBD

Contact: Jon Kern (jonchriskern@comcast.net)

We meet for study, fellowship and prayer. We are currently studying the Book of Revelation. Please join us!

Co-Ed, Married and Singles Groups

Comernisky Group

Begins the week of September 12th

Day, Time & Meeting Place TBD

Contact: Scott Comernisky (scottcomernisky@gmail.com)

We meet for fellowship and prayer and to discuss and go deeper with a Bible study.

Friday Bible Study Group

Fridays, 10am, via Zoom

Contact: Priscilla Case (pbcase1972@juno.com)

This group is one of fellowship, prayer, and deep Bible study. Our next study is on Jesus's Parables. Interested in joining us? Have questions? Want to know more? Please contact Priscilla!

Support Groups

Grief Share

Begins August 24 at 6pm, The Loft, LRC

Contact: Vic Halbach (victorhalbach@gmail.com) or

Ann Sutton (annpacesutton@comcast.net)

It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future right now. If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before. Grief Share groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life.

Service Groups

Salvation Army

1st or 3rd Sunday of each month, 5:00 –7:00 pm
Salvation Army Downtown, 900 W. Adams Street
Contact: Patty Heard (patty.heard84@gmail.com)

We help to serve meals in the dining room at the Salvation Army between 5 & 7 pm. We also clean off tables and sweep the floor and help in the kitchen with clean up if needed.

Sanctuary Choir

Wednesdays, 7pm & Sundays, 8:40am, Choir Room, LRC
Choir Room, Loretto Road Campus
Contact: Bill Vasko (bvasko@mandarinpres.com)

Looking for people that enjoy singing and a willingness to commit to rehearsals as they can. ***NO AUDITION*** to sing in the choir. All levels of musical skill are welcome to join.

MUGS (Men Under God's Service) Group

Called as Needed for Projects
Contact: Randy Hester (859-4996 or plsalesco@aol.com)

Work with other Christians to help with minor household repairs for seniors, single moms and others in need. We also help with projects on the church property and occasionally are able to help with outside organizations. Call or email for information on joining our team

AV Tech Team

Sunday mornings, LRC

Contact: Jonah Lenius (jlenius@mandarinpres.com)

We need techies! There are many positions available to help Sunday mornings run smoothly. Volunteers generally work one Sunday per month in one of the following positions:

Audio Engineers: Audio Engineers are responsible for how clearly and comfortably we project everything on stage to the congregation so they can worship freely in a comfortable distraction-free environment.

Camera Operator: A camera operator is responsible for capturing shots of worship and the speakers on stage in a perspective not seen from the seats. Your camera shots go on the screen in the auditorium during services and well as to what online views.

Pro Presenter: A Pro Presenter operator helps church attendees follow along in worship by providing the lyrics to songs as well as during the Message, by providing scripture references and sermon points. During service components you are in charge of graphics advertising up and coming events, service details and so on.

Video Director: Just like the camera operator a video director invites different perspectives of the service. Choosing camera shots that give better view of the Pastor and speakers on stage to creatively showing worship components. The video director then is to know good shots and guide your camera operators to create what you want seen.

Lighting Director: As lighting operator you are responsible for the mood of the service. From transitions of worship, to announcements, to videos; lighting invites a movement dynamic of service components. Specifically in worship, lighting helps lead the energy in the room.

Service Groups (cont'd)

Greeter Team

Sunday mornings, Narthex, LRC

Contact: Alisa Knox (alisa102189@yahoo.com)

Welcome folks at the door of the church. This is one of the ways we make MPC a friendly place that visitors and members want to call their church. Contact Alisa for more information.

Usher Team

Sunday mornings, Narthex, LRC

Contact: Carol Yelinek (dcyell@comcast.net)

Join the Usher team! You can help pass out bulletins and be a welcoming face on Sunday morning. We need you! You can help usher with your family or do it by yourself. Contact Carol to learn more.

Hospitality Team

Sunday mornings, Narthex, LRC

Contact: Barry Jackson (Hoosiers1976@icloud.com) of
Susan Jackson (bsejb5@bellsouth.net)

Serving juice and doughnuts between Sunday services is a great ministry for singles, couples, small groups or families. Contact Barry or Susan Jackson at hoosiers1976@icloud.com. We'd love for you to join our team!

Activity Groups

Exercise Group: Yoga

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:30 am

The Loft, Loretto Road Campus

Contact: Suelynn Bacon (suelynbnb2018@gmail.com)

A low impact Yoga class open to both men and women. This class is offered at two different days.

Exercise Group: Pilates

Mondays & Wednesdays, 5:45 pm, Fridays, 5:15 pm,

The Loft, Loretto Road Campus

Contact: Billie Jean Fryer (heidifryer@comcast.net)

This class is based on the Pilates foundation of increasing flexibility, and building overall core strength which improves one's balance. Mats, balls, weights and resistance bands are used. Never heard of, or new to Pilates? Don't worry as you are welcome to join an environment where you are strongly encouraged to work at your own pace and ability. CAUTION: fellowship, laughter and lasting friendships are common side-effects.

Marriage Ministry Events

At MPC we want to help you strengthen your marriage because we believe God wants us to love him and love others and that starts with the people in our family and our spouse. So we are providing some opportunities to do that this year. There are four values: Have serious fun, love God first, practice your promise, love and respect.

Communications Workshop

Conflict without Casualties

Day, Time and Place TBD

Contact: Craig Myers (craigmyers@yahoo.com)

This workshop is designed to bring couples together to evaluate and learn new ways to approach communication to strengthen relationships. Craig and Marsha Myers, the facilitators, have presented this workshop to other congregations and to MPC couples. Craig's professional experience as a therapist who has counseled hundreds of couples has given him a unique perspective on the importance communication plays in marriage. Marsha's professional experience as a group facilitator and coach provides additional insight in the field of communication. As their marriage has matured over the years, they have found the skills and insights they present have aided their relationship to grow and flourish. They both have a desire to share their experience and knowledge with couples in hopes of strengthening and making marriage enjoyable and fun.

The workshop will be presented in a series of four consecutive weekly 90 minute sessions. These workshops will be highly interactive and provide practical communication skills to be incorporated into everyday living.

Date Nights

Periodically Throughout the Year

Contact: Jessica Konker (jkonker@mandainpres.com)

Date Night bags will be available with FUN ideas and questions to strengthen your marriage. You can pick up a bag on Sunday or email Jessica to reserve a bag.

Classes

Financial Peace University

Begins Sunday, August 22, 5pm, Chapel, MRC

Contact: Barb Trawick (tennis7@comcast.net)

Financial Peace University is a nine-lesson, money management class taught by America's most trusted financial guru, Dave Ramsey. Dave and his teaching team will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more.

"All the Places to Go, How Will You Know?"

Life and Career Transitions Class

Sundays, 10:30am, Quad 3, LRC

Contact: George Currie (ghcurrie@aol.com)

Lay ministry, career & life fulfillment using your unique gifts, talents, passions, personality, abilities, and experiences. A 7 week Bible study based upon John Ortberg's book & DVD. "All the Places to Go, How Will You Know?" We will focus on making a life or career transition God's way. Facilitated by George Currie, a Presbyterian ECO certified coach. Please RSVP with George for course details and participant's guide information. All ages are invited. A mid week Bible study is also a possibility if there is sufficient interest, plus a free individual coaching session can be arranged for class attendees.

Classes (cont'd)

MPC Discovery Class

First and Second Sunday, every other month

Next class begins October 3, 2021

Contact: Chris Konker (ckonker@mandarinpres.com)

Our Discovery class is for those interested in learning more about our mission and becoming members at MPC. We would love for you to join our MPC family and our mission to “Love people to love Jesus Christ.”

What is MPC’s mission? How can I move from the outside to the inside of this church community? If you are visiting and want to take the next step in your walk with Christ with our church, we hope you will come to the Discovery Class.

Part 1 will answer the question, “why partner with MPC?” and will meet from 9:00 -11:00am.

Part 2 will be a lunch following the 10:30am service. Both gatherings will be in the Fellowship Hall on our Mandarin Road Campus.

Fellowship Groups

I.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) Group

2nd Thursday of the month

Fellowship Hall, Mandarin Road Campus

Contact: Brenda Haye (bhaye@mandarinpres.com)

JOY (a.k.a. Just Older Youth) is a group of fun loving adults ages 55 and older. Our normal gathering time is the second Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$7.00 per person and reservations are required. Occasionally we have been known to hop on a bus for a road trip. We have attended the Jacksonville Symphony, visited St. Augustine, entered a huge gingerbread house into the Jacksonville Historical Society competition. We have arranged "Lunch Abouts" and met at different restaurants around town as well as many other activities. It is a wonderful way to enjoy Fun, Food and Fellowship with Friends.

Epic College Ministry & MPC Men

Contact: Dan Dodge (epiccollegeministry@gmail.com)

Follow at Instagram@epic_collegeministries

Are you college age and looking for a place to connect? Are you a seasoned man available to come alongside and mentor young men? MPC Men and the Epic College Ministry will be partnering this fall to launch the Epic ministry at UNF and within MPC. We will be building a presence on campus, hosting groups in homes and collaborating on events. You may contact either Dan Dodge, Epic Director, or Bob Graumann, MPC Men's Ministry Leader (rjgraumann@gmail.com), for details.

Fall Calendar of Events

9-25-21: **Connect 60-40-20**

Men's Breakfast and Workshop—"Bringing men together to build the next great generation of men": We will have panel discussions and small group workshops with High School and Collegiate young men

10-23-21: **Real Men's Event:**

Men's Road Trip to Skeeter Ranch in Jasper, FL

(www.realmensevent.org)