

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THIS SPECIAL WEEKEND



Celebrating America's 250th with special MPC Events

Saturday, July 25 (4pm) — Rev. Grant Sutphin, Presbyterian pastor and Chaplain to the 1st Marine Regiment, Camp Pendleton, weaves together American history and Scripture in a special presentation. Together we'll explore faithful citizenship, the stewardship of liberty, and what it means to live as "one nation under God" — while keeping our ultimate allegiance to His eternal kingdom.

Sunday, July 26 (4pm) — We gather in the sanctuary for a time of prayer for our communities, our leaders, and our nation.

Whether you're a history enthusiast, a veteran, or simply seeking to live faithfully in this moment — we'd love to have you with us. Details & childcare registration: mandarinpres.com/onenation.



In this newsletter you will find: upcoming events, a financial update, an events recap & more. Keep reading!

Daily Bread Food Pantry

Our Tuesday evening guest visits to the Daily Bread Food Pantry and Clothes Closet continue at a pace ahead of last year's. Now six months into 2026, our volunteers continue to joyfully provide to each guest household three grocery bags — packed with non-perishable staples alongside fresh breads, pastries, vegetables, fruits, dairy, and meat or poultry when available.

These numbers reflect a substantial impact on our local community, demonstrating the ongoing need from the Pantry and Clothes Closet. Each guest represents a story and a family household touched by the generosity and dedication of our volunteers, donors, and partners. We anticipate continued demand and remain committed to serving with compassion and care.

Various support from MPC members, church youth groups, clubs, local school groups, local neighborhood residents, and businesses, including both monetary donations and food, has propelled the Pantry forward. All contributions directly benefit the guest households we are committed to helping. Thank you for your support.



We appreciate and are grateful for your prayers for this ministry and our guests.

Thanks for your continued support,
Daily Bread Food Ministry
(Food Pantry & Clothes Closet Volunteers)

Upcoming Ways to Serve & Give Back



Sunday mornings during our building campaign take a team effort, and we need a few more hands! We're looking for Coffee Servers, Golf Cart Drivers, and Greeters — a great way to be part of what God is doing at MPC right now. Interested? Reach out to Renata at rkamp@mandarinpres.com and she'll get you plugged in.



Want to see God at work in our world? Join our Adult Mission Trip to San Miguel Chicaj, Guatemala, November 10–17, 2026, for a week of community outreach and medical mission work. Whether you're a seasoned missionary or just have a heart to serve, we'd love to have you on the team. Applications are due August 9th — learn more and apply at mandarinpres.com/adultmission.



Three Grains of Rice is collecting gently used Christian books. Donated books are in high demand — they fly off the shelves as soon as they arrive! Drop off your donations at our Office/Preschool Campus.

Just Older Youth



July J.O.Y. Luncheon

Put on your red, white and blue and join us at Sonny's BBQ on San Jose Blvd. as we celebrate the 250th birthday of this great country God has blessed us with on Thursday, July 9th at 11:30am. Appetizers and desserts provided!

Please RSVP by Wednesday, July 8th at 904-680-9944.

Operational Budget



It's Summertime - Let's Keep our Goal in Mind!

Summer is in full swing, and so is your generosity! Whether you're chasing kids to camp, soaking up a long-awaited vacation, or simply enjoying the slower pace of the season, your faithfulness hasn't slowed down one bit. Thanks to your continued commitment to giving 10% more, we've now reached over 42% of our Operating Budget goal for the year! We are deeply grateful for every gift you've given. Don't stop now — your continued giving propels our mission forward and funds all that we do in pursuit of His vision. Let's keep this summer of generosity going strong!

OPERATING BUDGET — KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING — THROUGH MAY 2026

We are 42.1% to our Operating Budget Goal!

Your faithfulness is making it happen — thank you!

\$0 **42.1% reached** Goal: \$3,186,931

\$1,342,840 received

2026 Operating Budget goal \$3,186,931	Offerings received through May \$1,342,840	Still to go \$1,844,091
May contributions \$235,772	May expenses \$233,806	Net Operating Result \$151,364

Your generosity fuels everything we do — thank you!



Here are some exciting Momentum Construction updates:

- As you may be aware, demolition has begun in our courtyard (fountain moved and columns removed) and the Next Gen building pad is being prepped.
- With our One Worship service in July at 10am, we encourage everyone to carpool, park at Walter Jones Park across the street or at our Office/Preschool campus if possible.
- We ask that you continue to pray for the construction crew, our leadership, and our congregation throughout this season.
- Visit mandarinpres.com/momentum for the latest construction updates.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility during our construction phase!

Have questions?

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MPP



MPP is finishing up our amazing summer of preschool camps with a "Rainforest Falls" Camp June 30-July 2. We are excited to offer this VBS Curriculum to our preschool families! We are also preparing for the start of another great school year in August. We have a few spots left in our amazing school-year program, if you know of a child who needs a spot!

We are also seeking a VPK Teacher for one of our classes. If interested, all inquiries can be sent to Lee Samuels at Lsamuels@mandarinpres.com or call 904-680-6406

MPC Men's Fellowship Luncheon

The MPC Men's Fellowship Luncheon is held the second and fourth Wednesday of every month. We meet in the Fellowship Hall from noon until 1:15pm. We strive to have a guest speaker at one of the monthly meetings and have a discussion based on the previous Sunday's sermon at alternate meetings.

Our lunches consist of sub sandwiches with the fixings on the side, along with potato salad, chips, drinks and dessert. The cost of lunch is \$8.00.

All men of our church and guests are invited to join us. Please consider joining us for fellowship, prayer, interesting guest speakers and discussion.

Please contact Randy Hester at 904-859-4996 or hesterrandy632@gmail.com or Wayne Gaff at 904-318-0002 or w.gaff@comcast.net with any questions.



As of this writing, there are two days until Independence Day (the holiday, not the movie!); 67 days until Labor Day; and 176 shopping days until Christmas. And.....drum roll please.....105 days until the Women's Great Banquet weekend (Oct. 15-18); and 126 days until the men's (Nov. 5-8). No time like the present to explore the Northeast Florida Great Banquet website for more information (nefgb.com). No time like the present to give yourself a present and send in your reservation/registration.

Mark Your Calendar!



Join us every Sunday in July at 10am for a single, combined worship service. As in past summers, our entire church family will gather to celebrate together, blending elements from both our traditional and contemporary services. And yes—there will be cold treats! Be sure to visit the truck after the service.



MPC Ladies, mark your calendars to join us on Wednesday, July 29th from 7-9pm in the Fellowship Hall for Creative Grace, led by one of our MPC members. Please feel free to bring your daughters or granddaughters in the 5th grade and up! For more details and to save your spot, visit: mandarinpres.com/womensministry.



Loss of a Spouse helps men and women grapple with the challenges of losing a spouse. This two-hour seminar features heartfelt stories, practical guidance, and diverse perspectives on spousal loss, along with opportunities for open discussion. For registration: mandarinpres.com/griefshare.



Spend Labor Day weekend at stunning Epworth by the Sea on St. Simons Island for a weekend of faith and fellowship — featuring worship, inspirational guest speaker "The Chalkguy" Ben Glenn, kids/student programming, beach and pool fun, delicious meals, and evening favorites like bingo, campfire, and a special game show night. Reserve your spot **by August 5th** at mandarinpres.com/retreat!

June Camps Recap



K-Kamp at Camp Montgomery was everything! Rock walls conquered, the lake swum, and amazing food devoured — with so many laughs along the way. At the heart of it all: prayer stations, Bible study, and quiet time with Christ.



We hosted another year of SCAMP (Summer Camp at Mandarin Presbyterian), and we wrapped it up with a foam party, water slides, music, and dancing! The week was full of laughter, learning, and so much fun exploring God's nature. A huge thank you to our amazing volunteers who made it all happen!

SESSION UPDATE

Left to Right:

Front Row: Kim Harris, Danielle Caplin, Rev. Jenn Arnold, Rev. Jeff Arnold, Christina Elmore

Middle Row: Carol Yelinek, Penny Kieviet, Rosa Heard, Rev. Dr. Andrew Stepp, Chris Davis, Brandon Perkins

Back Row: Bob Gillander, Curt Etheridge, Matt Balanky, Craig Henderson, Rev. Devyn Nelson



If you would like to reach out to our Session members, please email session@mandarinpres.com.

Our Next Gen Ministries is still going strong this month, with three High School mission trips. Middle School students are headed to Southwind, and elementary-age students are looking forward to WinShape camp. Please continue to be a prayer partner for these students and leaders as they go out into the world and community to share God's love with others.

Save the Date: The Pumpkin Spice Girls are returning on October 25th to join us during our Fall Fest on the River. This event is a highlight of the year, and you don't want to miss out on the fun, festivities, and food. There will be opportunities to volunteer. Look for additional information as the time gets closer.

Registration closes August 5th for our All Church Retreat on September 5th-7th at Epworth by the Sea on St. Simons Island, GA. If you missed our last retreat, be sure not to miss this year's. Even if you are a family of one, come and connect with other MPC families. You can find more information at mandarinpres.com/retreat.

Please join the Session as we pray for MPC and the vision that God has put before us. *"In peace I will lie down and sleep, for You alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety."* (Psalm 4:8)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Front Row (left to right):

Regina DuVernay, Joey Holcomb, Barbara Rogers, Erica Bright, Una Cornelius, Mark Cornelius, Katherine Dopkowski, Janelle Montgomery and Linda Wildes.

Back Row (left to right):

Keith DuVernay, Brian Holcomb, Ethan Bright, Graham Rogers, Kevin Graham, Brianne Graham, Holly Stringer, Drew Stringer and Steve Wildes.

Interested in learning more about our mission and becoming a member? Join our August 2nd Discovery Class! Sign up at mandarinpres.com/discoveryclass.

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