

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

June 2026



WELCOME TO OUR NEXT GEN MINISTRY SUMMER INTERNS!

We are so excited to welcome Drew, Madison, Rachel, and Alyssa to our Next Gen Ministry team this summer! Madison joins us as our Kids Min Intern (Georgia Southern, Nursing), Drew and Alyssa as our Middle School Interns (both from UF — Business and Nursing, respectively), and Rachel as our High School Intern (UF, Business). These four students are giving their summer to serve and pour into the next generation of our church — please give them a warm welcome and follow their adventures at @mpc_interns on Instagram!

CONGRATS TO OUR MPC SCHOLARSHIP WINNER!

Congratulations to our 2026 MPC Endowed Scholarship recipient, Lily Perlmutter! Lily graduated from Creekside High School and will attend the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, pursuing a career as a pediatric occupational therapist or in a related healthcare field. Many blessings to your bright future, Lily!

Congratulations to all our graduates! Wishing each of you the best of luck in your future endeavors.



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

Daily Bread Food Pantry

2026 to Date as of:	TOTAL	2026 - TO DATE	Weekly Average GUESTS SERVED
MAY 30th	GUESTS		
	HOUSEHOLDS SERVED ↓ 1201		
	GUESTS VISITING CLOTHES CLOSET 435		
		57.2	Weekly Avg
		22.9	Weekly Avg

Our Tuesday evening guest visits to the Daily Bread Food Pantry and Clothes Closet continue at a pace ahead of last year's. Now five 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 into 2026. All contributions directly benefit the guest households we are committed to helping. Thank you for your support.

Below is a list of standard food / common items provided each week to the Guest households supported by the Daily Bread Food Pantry.

DAILY BREAD FOOD PANTRY STANDARD ITEMS PROVIDED WEEKLY		
THESE (4)---EACH GUEST HOUSEHOLD EVERY WEEK		
PASTA SAUCE	+	MAC 'n CHEESE
FRUITS, canned	+	VEGGIES: canned
PLUS (ONE or the OTHER) of these (7) EACH HOUSEHOLD EVERY WEEK		
TUNA, canned	+ OR	CHICKEN, canned
CHILI / BEEF STEW / BEEF RAVIOLI, Etc (canned)	+ OR	SOUP, LARGER (family sizes), cans (>14.5oz)
INSTANT OATMEAL: Multi-Pac (10-12), box	+ OR	CEREALS: any brand, box
PEANUT BUTTER: any style, plastic container	+ OR	JELLY: any style, plastic container
SIDE DISHES: all styles, box / bag	+ OR	RICE or SOUP BEANS plain or flavored, bags ((16oz))
PASTA: Elbow Mac, BowTies, Rotini, etc, ((16oz))	+ OR	PASTA: Spaghetti, Angel Hair, Linguini, etc. ((16oz))
COOKIES	+ OR	"BREAKFAST BARS": Fruit&Grain, Granola Bars, PopTarts, etc
Also Included: Fresh Vegetables, Fruits, Breads & Pastries and other pantry/food items as provisioned by our Agency Partners: Feeding Northeast Florida - and - Waste Not-Want Not !!!		

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)

All Church Retreat



All Church Retreat
Fun-Connection-Spiritual Growth
September 5-7th | St. Simons Island

Featured Speaker:
"The Chalkguy" Ben Glenn

Award Winning Artist, Speaker & Author



Spend Labor Day weekend at the stunning Epworth by the Sea on St. Simons Island — hotel-style accommodations, beautiful coastal surroundings, and a weekend built for faith and fellowship.

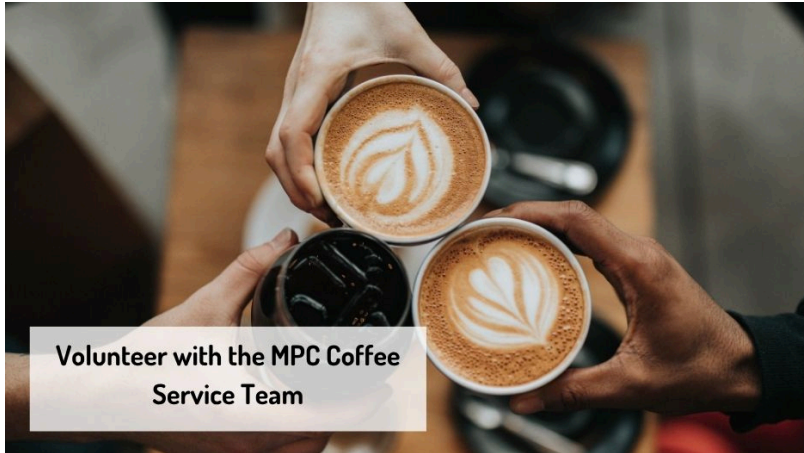
What's Included:

- Gatherings for worship
- Guest Speaker, "The Chalkguy" Ben Glenn
- Kids and Student Ministry programming
- Plenty of afternoon activities (beach, pool, putt-putt golf, crafting, and more)
- All meals provided by Epworth
- Evening fun for the whole family - bingo, glow in the dark games, campfire, trivia, and game show night!

Reserve your spot today at mandarinpres.com/retreat.

Should you have any questions, reach out to Cindy Althouse at calthouse@mandarinpres.com.

Upcoming Ways to Serve at MPC



Volunteer with the MPC Coffee Service Team

Love coffee? Love serving? The MPC Coffee Team would love to have you! We're looking for volunteers to serve before each Sunday service. Interested? Reach out to Renata at rkamp@mandarinpres.com.



Calling Nurses,
Doctors, EMTs &
more....

Volunteer at our Summer Kids Camps!

Got a medical background? Our summer kids camps need you! Nurses, Doctors, EMTs, or equivalent — contact Pastor Wendy Greer to volunteer: wgreer@mandarinpres.com.

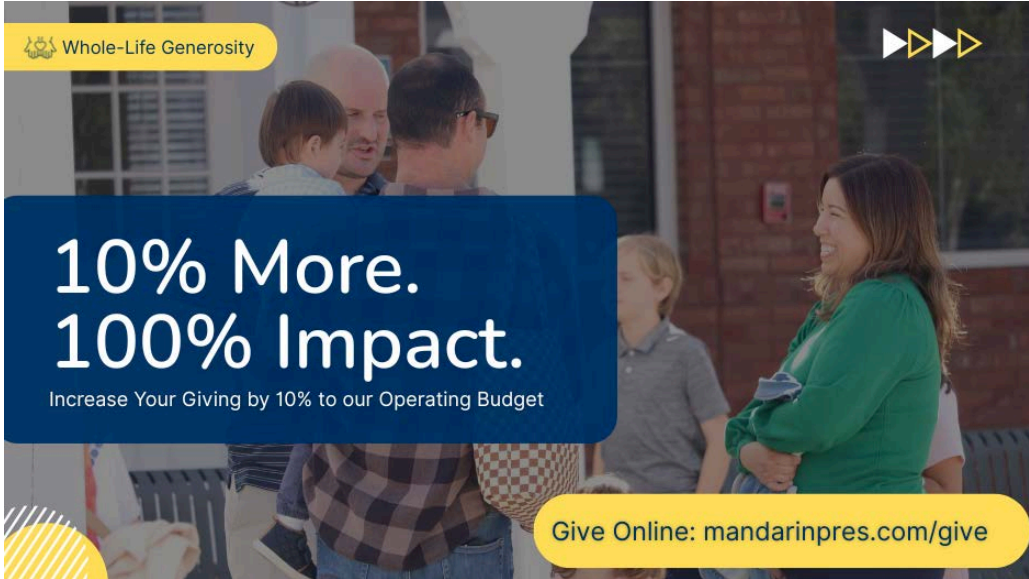
Just Older Youth



June J.O.Y. Luncheon

Please join us for our June J.O.Y. Gathering on Thursday June 11th at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall as we share a farm to table luncheon! Join us for food, fun and fellowship! The cost is \$7 per person. Please RSVP by Wednesday, June 10th at 904-680-9944.

Operational Budget



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

Summer is here, kids are out of school and heading to camps, and many of you are enjoying well-deserved vacations — and thanks to your faithfulness, we are making real progress toward our goal of 10% more toward our Operating Budget. We are deeply grateful for every contribution you have made. Don't stop now. Your continued giving propels our mission forward and funds all that we do in pursuit of His vision. Let's make this summer unforgettable—together!

OPERATING BUDGET — KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING — THROUGH APRIL 2026

We are 34.7% to our Operating Budget Goal!

Your faithfulness is making it happen — thank you!

\$0 **34.7% reached** Goal: \$3,186,931



2026 Operating Budget goal \$3,186,931	Offerings received through April \$1,107,068	Still to go \$2,079,863
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Ahead of budget +4.2%	Under on expenses \$42,221	Net operating result \$149,397
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Every gift to our Operating Budget keeps the momentum going!



Here are some exciting Momentum Construction updates:

- As many may know, we partnered with Dana B. Kenyon construction company and their team is hitting the ground running with surveying, demolition, plumbing, electric, site clearing and pad construction. Things will look different in the next several weeks!
- Our Office/Preschool Campus is getting long-overdue upgrades as we've submitted the permitting for plumbing upgrades, have engaged an architect to begin remodel plans (5-6 month process) and are reviewing competitive roofing replacement bids.
- We ask that you continue to pray for the permitting process, 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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Giving: Anne Petrone | apetrone@mandarinpres.com | (904) 680-9944



Brian Paul, MPC's Director of Operations is pictured with Ross Wasdin, the Project Superintendent and Jesse Frost, the Project Engineer. Construction is gearing up and we couldn't be more excited to create more space for more people to move toward Jesus!

MPP



We finished the school year strong with Spring Sing programs and VPK graduations. Congrats to all of our VPK students that are moving on to kindergarten!

Summer camp is mostly full, but we do have a few spots open! We also have a few spots for three-year-olds and VPK students in our amazing school-year preschool program. Call Lee Samuels at MPP for more information at 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. **Please note we will not meet on June 24th due to SCAMP.**

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.



IT'S PARTY TIME! God is throwing a party, and you're invited—just as it says in the Bible (Luke 14). In the parable of the Great Banquet, when those considered "up and outers" made excuses to bow out, God welcomed the "down and outers" to feast with Him—and on Him. Two Great Banquets are coming to MPC this fall: the Women's Fall Weekend (October 15–18) and the Men's Fall Weekend (November 5–8). More details are available now at nefgb.com.

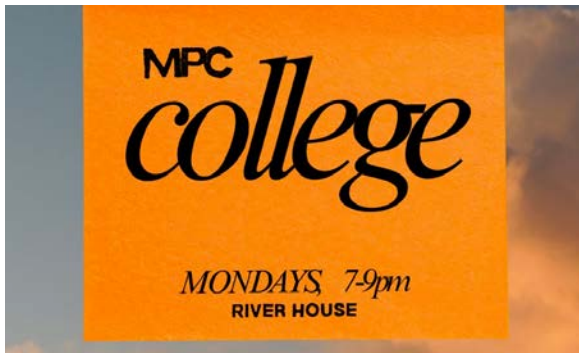
Mark Your Calendar!



Take your next step with us through our Discovery Class on June 14th from 10:15am- 1:30pm. Our Discovery Class is a welcoming space where you can explore what it means to be part of our MPC family and our mission of More People Moving Toward Jesus. For details and registration, visit mandarinpres.com/discoveryclass.



MPC MomCo is a vibrant fellowship where moms support each other through motherhood and grow together in faith — all over hot coffee, breakfast, and provided childcare! For more information, visit mandarinpres.com/momco. Please note that spots are limited, so register soon!

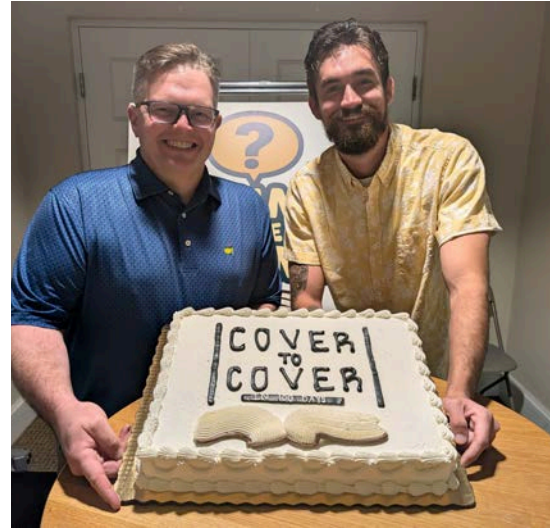


MPC College is back this summer! Join us for community and fellowship every Monday from 7–9pm at the River House. All college-aged individuals (18–22) are welcome, so bring your friends and spread the word! Visit mandarinpres.com/college for more info.



MPC Ladies, mark your calendars to join us on **Wednesday, July 29th** from 7-9pm in the Fellowship Hall for Creative Grace. Our own Susan Chapman will once again be leading us. Please feel free to bring your daughters age 5th grade and up! For more details and to save your spot, visit: mandarinpres.com/womensministry.

Event Recap: May



We wrapped up Cover to Cover in 100 Days in May. More than 500 participants crossed the finish line of reading the Bible from start to finish — and we celebrated with cake! Pictured above is our Tuesday session and the Wednesday session is pictured to the right. What an incredible journey together!



We honored Mark Brown's (Facilities Director) retirement with a travel-themed lunch. We wish him many great adventures!



Earlier in May, we hosted a Senior Brunch to celebrate all of our graduating seniors. 'Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.' — Joshua 1:9 🎓

SESSION UPDATE

Left to Right:

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

Middle Row: Carol Yelinek, Penny Kievet, 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.

Just a quick update from the Session.

Our Church Campus on Loretto Road looks a little different these days. Fencing is up, a construction trailer is in place, and the buzz of excitement is in the air. Thank you for your patience as we continue to work through the flow of traffic in the parking lot. One thing that has not changed is our vision of more people moving toward Jesus. *The bricks don't love; people do.*

More than five hundred people participated in Cover to Cover. Of that 500, 191 were reading their Bibles, as a group, for the 2nd time. Over 300 hundred were reading the Bible cover to cover in 100 days for the 1st time. Let's not forget the 24 students under the age of 18 who also participated. Reading your Bible takes you one step closer to Jesus and doing it with your church is priceless.

We've begun a new sermon series on Finding Rest in a Restless World. God offers us a gift of rest in Him. We only need to accept it. We can look forward to studying Psalms during the summer. Fall will bring messages on the seven churches of Revelation, for which we will form sermon-based discussion groups.

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

Please join the Session as we pray for MPC and Momentum. Pray for protection of all who are involved in the planning process, pray for those who will be on-site executing the plans, pray for an easy adjustment for our MPC families as they come to worship during this Momentum season.

Our Vision of More People Moving Toward Jesus and our Core Values drive all that we do: Jesus First · Every Generation · Deep-Spirited Community · Courageous Faith · Whole-Life Generosity. Please join the Session as we pray for MPC and the vision that God has put before us.

"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." (Romans 15:13)

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