

NEWSLETTER



MOMENTUM

GROUNDBREAKING CELEBRATION

CHURCH CAMPUS - MARCH 29TH

LET'S GATHER & CELEBRATE INCLUDING EASTER EGG HUNT FOR KIDS!

10:00AM ONE WORSHIP SERVICE FOLLOWED BY CEREMONY & LUNCH CELEBRATION!

Momentum Updates

Mark your calendars and dust off your Momentum t-shirts — something BIG is happening! Join us Sunday, March 29th for ONE worship service at 10am, followed by a historic groundbreaking ceremony and a celebratory lunch together. This is a moment we've been praying and working toward, and we want everyone there to celebrate what God is doing at MPC!

MOMENTUM VOLUNTEERS

Momentum construction is set to begin in April and we need lots of volunteers to help with Sunday services. Please scan the code or go to mandarinpres.com/momentum to sign up!

Serve the City Saturday, March 7th

MPC is planning an action-packed day of service projects for volunteers of all ages and abilities to serve our community! Projects include: meal packing, thrift store, prayer team, grocery organization, bathroom demo, gardening, clean-up, course preparation and more for our mission partners! Sign up today!



Operational Budget Update

Imagine the extraordinary impact we can create together.

God is moving at MPC, and our growing church is a testament to His faithfulness! As we grow, so does our need for resources to support and strengthen our ministries. To help fulfill our mission of moving more people toward Jesus, we invite you to prayerfully consider increasing your giving to our Operating Budget by 10%. Your generosity sustains our facilities, empowers our programs, and fuels the daily work of disciple-making.

Here's an encouraging update: Since our February 8th Momentum meeting, many of you have already responded by increasing your gifts—and we are deeply grateful. We are on our way!



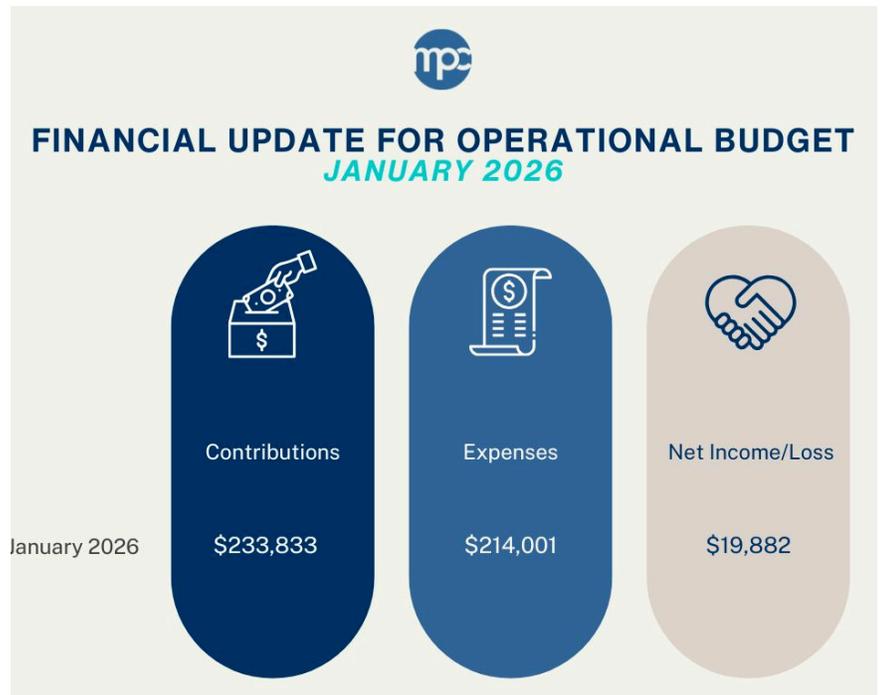
Recurring donations provide the most reliable support for our ministries. They're easy to set up and help us plan effectively. Need assistance? Contact Anne Petrone: (904) 680-9944.

Thank you for your generous support!!

Give online: mandarinpres.com/give.

God at Work at MPC

2026 is off to a great start! Nearly 500 participants are signed up for Cover to Cover and spending time in God's Word, our Next Gen ministry is in full swing, various small groups are connecting and growing in faith together, we gathered for a special Ash Wednesday service to reflect and prepare our hearts for Easter, and Momentum Construction is progressing to create more space for people to move toward Jesus. We are so grateful to see God at work at MPC!



Daily Bread Food Pantry

Our Tuesday evening guest visitations to the Daily Bread Food Pantry and Clothes Closet continue at a pace ahead of last year. Seven weeks into 2026, Daily Bread Volunteers are still distributing three grocery bags each week, filled with non-perishable foods and often an array of dairy products, meat, fish, or poultry.

FEBRUARY		DRIVE-THRU LANE -- GUEST HOUSEHOLDS						GUESTS YTD 2026	Last Year thru 7th Week
Thru Feb 17th	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	n/a	Drive thru MTD Total			
		61	47	53			161		
		"SPECIAL BAG DELIVERY" (Homes of Hope @City Rescue Mission, MealsOnWheels, Others) GUEST HOUSEHOLDS						440	388
WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	Specials MTD Total				
	3	20	3			26			
ALL "GUESTS" TOTALS Month to date		64	67	56	0	0	187		
		GUESTS visiting CLOTHES CLOSET						Clothes Closet YTD	2025 7th week
WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MTD Total				
CLOTHES CLOSET	34	18	29			81	192	165	
Blessings All !!									

These numbers reflect a substantial impact on our local community, demonstrating the ongoing need and the importance of the Pantry and Clothes Closet to our guests. Each guest represents a story and a family household touched by the generosity and dedication of our volunteers, donors, and partners. As we move deeper into 2026, we anticipate continued demand and remain committed to serving with compassion and care.

We are grateful for the support from MPC members, church youth groups, clubs, local schools, and businesses — through both monetary donations and food. All contributions directly benefit the guest households we serve. Our next big event is in late April, when the Rotary Club of Mandarin sponsors its annual "Run for the Hungry," with our Sanctuary Campus as the Start/Finish.

*Praises to all with blessings & gratitude,
Daily Bread Food & Clothes Closet Volunteers*

J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth)

March Luncheon



Join us as we celebrate the TPC Sawgrass with our very own "eat around the greens" for our JOY luncheon on Thursday, March 12th at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$7.00 per person. Please RSVP by Tuesday, March 10th at 904-680-9944.

MPP



Mandarin Presbyterian Preschool is making plans for our super-fun preschool camp. Any child age 3-5 years old is eligible to come, as long as they are potty trained. The camp cost \$75 per child per week, and you can pick and choose the weeks that work for you!

Weeks available and themes:

- May 26-28: Zootopia Stuffie Safari
- June 2-4: Pout Pout Fish, Calm Seas Adventure Camp
- June 9-11: Wild Wonders Bugs and Nature
- June 16-18: Sing! Little Rock Stars Camp
- June 30-July 2: Rainforest Falls VBS

Contact Lee Samuels at the preschool office if you are interested in enrolling your little camper! Call 904-680-6406 or email: Lsamuels@mandarinpres.com.

MPC Men's 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.

We have a lunch 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.

Great Banquet



Eat, sing, pray, and grow in faith at the Great Banquet — an inspiring weekend retreat designed to renew and strengthen your walk with Christ. The Women's weekend is April 16–19, and the Men's weekend is April 30–May 3.

If you or someone you know is interested, visit nefgb.com for more information or contact Jeff Arnold at jeffarnold@mandarinpres.com.

Save Your Spot!



Mark your calendar for March 2nd when all MPC summer camps open! K-Kamp is June 7th-11th; Summer Camp at MPC (SCAMP) is June 22nd - 26th; and WinShape Camp is July 13th-17th. SouthWind Camp (middle school) is July 14th-18th. For details and registration: mandarinpres.com/kidsevents and mandarinpres.com/msevents.



Calling all dads, granddads, and father figures to escort your best gal to the Daddy/Daughter Dance for an evening of old-fashioned sock hop fun! Join for a night of boppin' beats, tasty treats, and magical moments as we twist and shout the night away! Register at mandarinpres.com/dance by March 1st!



Sign up to join our annual Serve the City - where our community comes together to make a real difference in our city! This is a great opportunity for small groups, families and friends to serve together, build relationships and provide support to a variety of our mission partners!



This year is our 19th year of raising funds by selling mulch! Funds will be used to offset expenses for high school mission trips this summer to Costa Rica and Dayton, Ohio as well as a camp at Florida Atlantic University. We are excited to see God move this summer! **Volunteers are needed** and you can sign up mandarinpres.com/mulch.



Ladies, join us for Chicks and Eggs on Saturday, March 28th, from 9-11am in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast, fellowship, and fun! The event is \$10, and childcare is available if registered by March 23rd. Sign up at mandarinpres.com/womensministry.

SESSION UPDATE

Session Members:

Matt Balanky, Danielle Caplin, Chris Davis, Christina Elmore, Curt Etheridge, Bob Gillander, Kim Harris, Rosa Heard, Penny Kievet, Brandon Perkins, Frank Talbot, Carol Yelinek including pastors Andrew Stepp, Jenn Arnold, Jeff Arnold, Wendy Greer and Devyn Nelson.



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

Even though it's only March, MPC has been honored to be part of many events happening in the lives of our church family. We've welcomed new babies and 15 new Covenant Members from our Discovery Class. We've baptized young ones and celebrated life for those who have gone to be with the Lord. God's hand has touched every life that has walked through these times of joy and times of sorrow.

Our annual Serve the City is on Saturday, March 7th. There are many ways in which you can serve throughout the city. We will also have opportunities at the church to pack food or assemble appreciation baskets. If you're not able to participate, you can always pray for the hands-on teams. Grab your spot now at mandarinpres.com/servethecity.

Be sure to check out the Momentum section of our MPC website at mandarinpres.com/momentum. Many hands and feet of Jesus will be needed as we welcome worshippers on Sunday mornings. Look for an opportunity to serve!

Mark your calendar: March 29th is our groundbreaking celebration. We will worship as one family at 10am, then proceed to the field for prayer and worship followed by lunch. Our youngest disciples will have fun hunting Easter eggs along with photo opportunities for all to enjoy.

Save the date for our next All Church Retreat on September 5-7 at Epworth on St. Simons Island, GA. More details to be announced soon.

Kids' summer camp registrations start on March 2nd at mandarinpres.com/kidsevents. Spots will fill quickly, so don't let the date slip away.

Please join the Session as we pray for MPC and Momentum. Pray for the protection of all involved in the planning process, pray for those who will be on-site executing the plans, and pray for an easy transition 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, and Whole-Life Generosity.

Please join the Session as we pray for MPC and the vision God has given us. "Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of His household....In Him, the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit." (Ephesians 2:19-22)

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