

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



May 2023



A group of summer mission team members and volunteers preparing for mulch spreading at a home.

City Rescue Mission Banquet

Join City Rescue Mission in celebrating its mission of transforming the lives of the homeless, needy, and addicted in Jacksonville and Northeast Florida. The evening will honor Difference Makers in our community.

As a ministry sponsor of the City Rescue Mission - the MPC community is invited to attend this evening of celebrating a legacy of Hope, Healing, and Change. The event is Thursday, May 4 at 6:00pm at the Southbank Hotel Jacksonville Riverfront.

For details and ticket information on this event, please visit crmjax.org.



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News from the Daily Bread Food Pantry

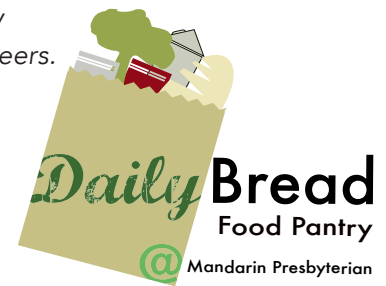
Guest visitation to our MPC Daily Bread Food Pantry and Clothes Closet remains consistent. On average, through the first trimester of 2023, our seventy or so faithful volunteers have contributed to the weekly distribution of three grocery bags full of canned and packaged products, along with breads and pastries, fresh fruit, vegetables and dairy products to each participating household. Weekly distribution has averaged 50 households (inclusive of >120 individuals). Additionally, twenty guests each week have taken advantage of a vast array of items from the Clothes Closet! We at MPC are truly blessed to be a blessing to those in our community that need food and clothing assistance!

The steady flow of miscellaneous donated dry goods remains the primary need, week in and week out. Recent increases in donations of good old BROWN PAPER grocery bags (we use 150+ per week) have helped GREATLY! Please keep them coming!! Donate by placing them in the marked Pantry Bins at the Sanctuary or Church Office. The Clothes Closet remains in need of a steady flow of clothing donations of ALL kinds. In particular: Women's dresses and blouses/tops, children's clothes (all ages) and men's shirts and pants.

Congregation wide steady food donations have served to fuel the fires of the Daily Bread Food Pantry (Ministry) for almost 10 years!! Start thinking BOGO for the Pantry!! Better yet: B-O-G-O-D-O Buy – One – Get – One – Donate – One!! Everyone can participate!

Lastly, we appreciate and are grateful for your prayers for this ministry and our guests, as we approach our 10-year anniversary. God has truly shown his light on this ministry, and the love and support our covenant partners have consistently given since our first day has enabled us to be a positive provider in our community.

*With Blessings, MPC Daily
Bread Food Pantry Volunteers.*



MPC Meals on Wheels Ministry Update

MPC supports a Meals on Wheels ministry that, like the Daily Bread Food Pantry, continues to see our numbers rise. We currently serve 17 residents in the Mandarin area (32223 and 32257 zip codes) each day for a lunchtime meal Monday through Friday, including holidays.

Our army of volunteers in teams of two pick up those purchased meals from Westminster Woods retirement community in Fruit Cove at 11:00am each day and deliver the meals, a smile and some brief conversation in a routine that takes about three hours to complete from start to finish.

If you know of someone who might need our services or if you'd like to explore volunteering yourself, please give the church office a call at 904-680-9944 and they will put you in contact with a MOW coordinator. God bless you all for your financial and prayerful support of this ministry!

Earl Bittner, Meals on Wheels Coordinator



The six week series started April 16.

Sermon Series Continues

“Toxic”

Relationships can bring both the greatest blessings in our lives and our most intense challenges.

Whether it is with family, friends, coworkers, or a random person in the grocery store, figuring out how to name and address toxic behaviors can be exhausting and confusing because they come in so many shapes and sizes: gossip, lying, pride, blame, resentment, over-spiritualizing, guilt-tripping, personalizing...just to name a few.

This six week series is focused from a Biblical perspective on how to identify and handle some of these toxic behaviors and not embody them ourselves. This series continues through June 4.



A huge thank you for the support both in volunteering and purchasing of mulch for our Missions teams!

We had another successful season with 25,500 bags of mulch, pine bark nuggets and pine straw purchased!

MPC Men's Luncheon

The MPC Men's Luncheon takes place at noon in the Fellowship Hall on the Mandarin Road Campus on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

Please contact Randy Hester for more information. **Phone 904-859-4996 or email: hesterrandy632@gmail.com.**

PRELIMINARY APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT

Thank you for your faithful giving to MPC!

CONTRIBUTIONS

APRIL
4/1 - 4/30
\$174,915
YEAR TO
DATE
1/1 - 4/30
\$736,838

EXPENSES

APRIL
4/1 - 4/30
\$135,358
YEAR TO
DATE
1/1 - 4/30
\$686,380

NET INCOME/LOSS

APRIL
4/1 - 4/30
\$39,557
YEAR TO
DATE
1/1 - 4/30
\$50,458

Upcoming MPC Women's Ministry Event Opportunities



MPC Ladies Coffee Catch-Up

All ladies are invited! Join us for a morning of fellowship and catching up at the Caplin's home on Friday, May 12 from 9:00am to 10:30am.

Please RSVP at mandarinpres.com/womensministry.



Save the date - Summer Soirée - July 26

Ladies, join us for a summer evening of dessert, fellowship and fun on Wednesday, July 26 from 7:00pm - 8:30pm in Woody's on the Mandarin Road Campus. Cost is \$5.00 p/p.

You can RSVP now for this event on our women's ministry webpage: mandarinpres.com/womensministry.

Daddy/Daughter Dance Event



Calling all fathers, grandfathers, father-figures and daughters ages three and up! 'There's No Time To Siesta, It's A Daddy Daughter Fiesta!' Come show off your dance moves and make memories at our 2023 Daddy Daughter Dance on May 6 at 6:00pm.

Cost is \$30 per dad/daughter and \$15 per additional daughter. Dinner will be served. Sign-up using the link below or scan the QR Code.

Questions? Email Lauren Perkins
(LaurenWPerkins@gmail.com)

mandarinpres.com/dance



NEWS

Mandarin Presbyterian Preschool will be having loads of fun this summer through our preschool camp sessions! Children ages 3-5 years who are fully potty trained are welcome to join us.

Cost is \$60 per child per session. Classes for each session will run 9:00 am – 12:00 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each session listed, with lunch buddy being offered from 12:00 – 3:00 for an extra fee.

May 30-June 1	"I Scream, You Scream..."
June 6-8	"Let's Go Camping"
June 13-15	"Bluey and the Dog..."
June 20-22	"Minion Mania"
June 27-29	"Loving Legos"

Spots are filled on a first come, first served basis and you can sign up for as many or as few weeks as you like! See Lee Samuels at the preschool for more information or call 680-6406.

Hope you can join us!



HELLO FROM THE SESSION

Here are a few key updates from our April Session meeting:

We were so excited to worship as one body of Christ on April 23. After a great message on "One Body, Many Parts", the congregation was led through an opportunity to provide feedback on four areas within MPC. The response was overwhelming, and the Session can't wait to read ALL your notes. God is surely working at MPC!

Our membership will grow in May through the new Discovery Class beginning April 30th and concluding May 7.

The Student Confirmation class will be coming to a close with students sharing their statements of faith on May 1. These students will be recognized during the worship service on May 7. It will be wonderful to welcome new Covenant Partners to MPC.

Summer is just around the corner and once again, we will hold one worship service, beginning at 10:00am, each Sunday during the month of July. Mark your calendars now!

MPC will be hosting the Grandparent Conference in October. This conference is for you if you want to see your grandchildren follow Christ, you desire to leave a lasting legacy of love and if you want to influence generations of your family for Christ. More information will be available in the next few months.

Please join us in prayer as we continue to pray for our church, our community and our world! We serve a great God!



Left to right: Front Row - Carol Yelinek, Rev. Dr. Andrew Stepp, Chris Davis, Danielle Caplin,

Middle Row - Bob Graumann, Kim Harris, Curt Etheridge, Joan Pooley,

Back Row - Craig Henderson, Rosa Heard, Matt Balanky, Rev. Jenn Arnold, Rev. Jeff Arnold.

(not pictured - Hawley Smith III and Tami Shepler.)

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KIDS CAMPS @ MPC

Hey Parents! Have you started planning your summer activities yet? Well, our Next Generation Ministry teams are here to help! We have opened registrations for several upcoming summer camps and youth ministry opportunities.

We have K-Kamp, an over-night camp, coming up June 11-15 for kids who have just completed 1st - 5th grades. This will be followed by SCAMP, our version of vacation Bible school, July 10 - 14.

And new this year, MPC is hosting Winshape Camp. WinShape Camps bring the ultimate day camp right to your neighborhood, combining fun and friendship into an action-packed week—all centered around Jesus. Our WinShape camp is July 31 - August 4.

You can check out these opportunities on our website at mandarinpres.com/kidsevents.

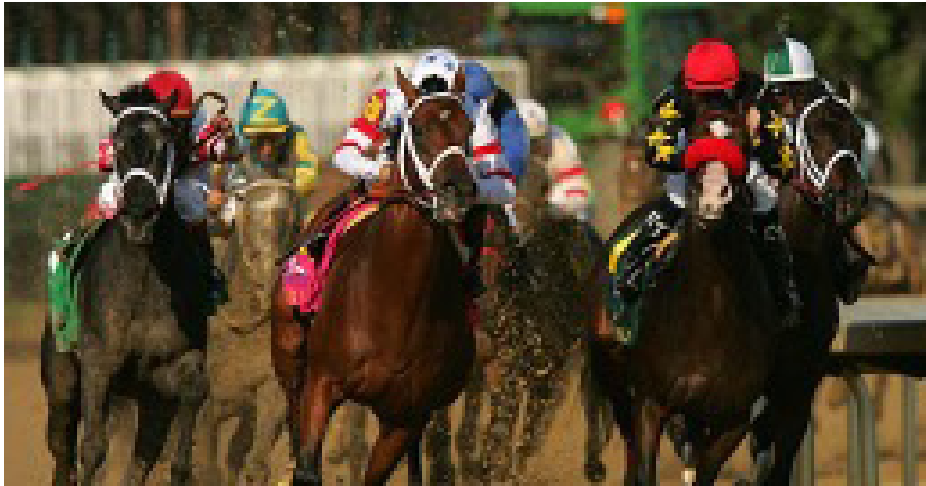
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K-Kamp June 11-15

SCAMP July 10-14

WinShape July 31-Aug. 4

J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) May Event



RIDER'S UP! It's time for our annual Kentucky Derby Party {JOY Style}. Hats and Horses, Bowties and more, Here's a glimpse of what's in store....

Please join us on Thursday, May 11, at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be Kentucky Derby Traditional Foods.

Prizes will be awarded for: Best Hat, Best Bowtie, Derby Race Winner and more. So, ladies put on your favorite hat and gentlemen grab your craziest bowtie and come enjoy the food, fun and fellowship. Cost is \$7.00 per person.

Please call 680-9944 or email apetrone@mandarinpres.com to RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, May 9.

Upcoming Events

K-Kamp - June 11 - 15

July One Worship Services - 10:00am

SCAMP - July 10 - 14

Southwind MS Camp - July 19 - 23

WinShape Camp - July 31 - August 4

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