



RESULTS OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A meeting of the Congregation took place on 12/4/11 in the Fellowship Hall. The following officers were elected as Deacons, Elders and Trustees to serve from 2012 – 2014.

Elders: Bryan Benton, Frances Berry, Vic Halbach & Bev Hawkins

Deacons: Pam Bethel, Tim Capley, Chuck Clark, Zan Frick, Kurt Hammond, Phil Haught, Wayne Hester, Rick Hood, Vivian Karneol, Alice Kelsey, Tim Krebs, Lloyd Lippert, Greg Miller, Jeanne Orman, Alan Peck, Ellen Petersen, Garrett Rigby, Carl Smith, Beth Sullivan & Cris Warner

Trustees: Chuck Tamblyn & Mark Wisniewski

Following the election of officers, Kevin Pound addressed the recent changes to the Book of Order, which is a part of the Constitution of the PC(USA), and some of the issues currently facing our denomination. There will be several 'town hall' meetings where people can come to ask further questions as we go forward. The first of these meetings will be Sunday, January 8th from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. in Woody's on the East Campus. There are currently frequently asked questions (FAQ's) posted on our website (www.mandarinpres.com). Please read the FAQ's and email any additional questions to the address shown on the site so they can be addressed at the town hall meeting on the 8th.

Another opportunity: Rev. Jack Watson, who many of you will remember as our staff Theologian in Residence from 2005-2008, will be visiting in January. A retired Presbyterian minister and long time mentor and friend to Kevin, Jack will present "Presbyterian Disagreements" on Saturday, January 21st in Woody's from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. A time for questions and answers will follow. All are invited to attend this time with Jack and his wife, Mary. Please call the church office for a reservation.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY - The Bible has a lot to say about how we manage our money, in fact, we could learn a lot about what God thinks about money just by reading the book of Proverbs. So why, if it is so important, do we spend more time planning our vacation each year than we do on our financial plan? During this season of Stewardship, we wanted to encourage you to dive into some materials related to this subject as well as alert you to some opportunities that MPC will be facilitating in 2012. Check out some of the following:

- MPC will host Financial Peace University (FPU.) The first class is Sunday, January 8th from 5 – 7 p.m. at the East Campus of MPC. Some frequently asked questions about the course are answered at: daveramsey.com/fpu/faq. If you have questions about registering please contact Jason & Tami Shepler at 268-0636 or sheplerfamily@bellsouth.net or Joe & Stephanie Dethloff at 226-7950 or joe@mybreakwater.com.
- Visit some of the following websites:
www.daveramsey.com
www.thegreatrecovery.com
masteryourmoney.com
- Check out some of the following books:
"Total Money Makeover"
by Dave Ramsey
"Money, Possession, & Eternity"
by Randy Alcorn
"How to Manage Your Money"
"Debt Free Living"
by Larry Burkett

We look forward to walking with you as a community of believers dedicated to "Loving People to Love Jesus Christ."

NORTHEAST FLORIDA GREAT BANQUET

Believe it or not, the Spring NEFGB Weekends are fast approaching! Don't drag your feet if you're interested in attending either the men's weekend #22 (March 1-4) or women's weekend #23 (March 15-18) as we anticipate wait lists for each. Take a few minutes to check out the general information available at nefgb.com. If you still have questions, submit them online by selecting the "Contact Us" tab on the menu or by calling 680-9981. Reservation Request Forms and brochures may be obtained at the Information Center in the Lobby, online through the MPC website, mandarinpres.com/GetInvolved/greatbanquet, or at the church office.

JUST OLDER YOUTH (The J.O.Y. Group) is hosting an Antique Roadshow and would like to invite anyone interested in having a treasured personal or family item historically identified and shared to join them on Thursday, January 12th in the Fellowship Hall on the East Campus. Lunch is \$5 and served at 11:00 a.m. The sharing and appraisal activities will follow lunch and be directed with the assistance of Barbara Langston of B. Langston Antiques. Call the church office, 680-9944, to make your reservations and indicate if you intend to bring an item.

MPC LADIES – Save the date! April 20-21 – Women's Retreat! Look for detailed information soon!

SEEKERS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS continues a 13 week study entitled "God Establishes a Faithful People." The underlying principle for this study is "Faith." Faith means obedience to God, loving God and putting our faith into action for God. We will look at how God watched over Joseph and how Joseph's story is central to the fulfillment of God's covenant promise to Abraham. Each Sunday's lesson is a self contained unit. The class is taught by David Middleton and meets at 10:30 a.m. in Room 9 off the Piazza on the West Campus. All are welcome!

CAREER PLAN REDESIGN (CPR) – Seminar series for job seekers and college seniors. Are you looking for work and your search seems to have stalled, or do you expect your employer to downsize in 2012? You're invited to attend this 5 week series beginning Saturday, January 21st from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in KidSpace on the West Campus. Bring your lunch and see what CPR can do for you!

PRAISE ART GROUP – On January 6th, the Praise Arts Group will be starting another book study, "Scribbling in the Sand" by Michael Card. If you have an interest in art and are interested in getting together with others that do, please join us! We meet the first Friday of every month at 9:30 a.m. in Room 9 on the west campus. For more information, contact Rosemary Moredock at 287-5775 or email rsmoredock@bellsouth.net.

HUGS – Blankets & shawls have been made, so if you know of anyone who is being treated for cancer or any other chronic disease, call Cheryl, 287-6021 and she will provide a blanket (for children and men) or a knitted shawl for ladies. All blankets and shawls have been handmade and prayed over by members of our HUGS team. If you would like to be a part of the HUGS team to learn how to make the blankets or the shawls, call for information about our next class, held here at MPC.

FINANCE REPORT – 12/27/2011

Back dated contributions for 2011 can still be made during the first week of January, should you need to catch up your pledge.

	<u>Dec.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Contributions	\$227,916	\$1,938,165
Expenses	\$182,138	\$1,980,209
Net income/(loss)	\$45,778	(\$42,044)

Stewardship:

Goal:	500 pledges	\$1,900,000
As of 12/27	373 pledges	\$1,554,199

Our 2012 budget will be finalized in January, based on your pledges. Thank you for your faithfulness to MPC!



KIDMIN

We are starting a new year and KIDMIN (Children's Ministry) is as busy as ever. Sunday mornings, FRAT House for 5th graders, Children's Music programs... and Eggstravaganza is right around the corner.

Mark your calendars! S.C.A.M. P. is the week of July 23 – 27, 2012.

New Stuff: Our very own, first ever "K Camp" - A sleepover camp for 1st – 5th graders at Camp Montgomery. "K-Camp" will intersect all that kids love about summer camp with a week to pull away and experience God. There will be worship and speaker times designed just for them, and Bible Studies and cabin discussions focused on what it means to have a relationship with Christ! Students will develop deeper relationships with God, each other and their counselors (adults and teen leaders from our church!) Watch for registration forms in the mail, or pick up a brochure at the Information Center on the West Campus or in the church office on the East Campus. The dates are June 24th – 28th.

We are very blessed to have all the children that come to our church each week. It is a joy to see their beautiful faces during the Children's Message. As the number of children who attend grows, so do our needs in Children's Ministry. On Sunday mornings, we need leaders who love Christ and love kids: teachers, helpers, and people behind the scenes to help us get ready for Sundays, special events and keep our classrooms organized. If you have a heart for kids, we have a place for you! Contact Kris Murphy at kmurphy@mandarinpres.com for information and opportunities.

DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE – Saturday, February 4th! Tickets are \$35 per couple/\$15 for each additional daughter and will be available for purchase at the Information Center beginning Sunday, January 22nd!

MPP NEWS – Registration: Our Preschool is currently registering students for the 2012-2013 school year. If you are the parent of a 2, 3, or 4 year old child and would like information about our preschool, please call Mellanie Henderson at 680-6406.

A BIG THANKS!

Thanks to all who supported the Salvation Army Angel Tree and Red Kettle Bell Ringers this year. Participation in these two projects has become a tradition that makes a genuine difference in our community. MPC filled 100 Angel bags, bought bicycles, toys, clothes and much more. We also rang the bell at Publix for two weeks following Thanksgiving. What a wonderful way to start the Christmas season by serving God and helping others.

In addition, MPC collected and donated 200 turkeys for the City Rescue Mission over the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday season!

Thanks, too, to all those who took advantage of the Alternative Gift Market this season. We hope to have a final report soon.

NEW MEMBER DISCOVERY CLASSES

Discovery classes are open to all visitors who are seeking information about the Presbyterian Church in general and MPC in particular. After attending Discovery classes, those interested in membership are invited to a New Member Dinner. The next classes are Feb. 12th & 19th and the New Member Dinner will be Feb. 26th. All begin at 6:30 p.m. and are in Woody's on the East Campus.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT MINISTRY

The best weekend of 2012 – Its **D-NOW 2012!** For the 2nd year in a row, MPC will host D-NOW! It will be amazing – already have things planned? ... it's worth changing our plans. February 10-12, the weekend starts Friday night at 7:30 p.m. and ends Sunday at noon. Look for more details coming soon but if you are a High School student, plan on being there, if you know a High School student, encourage them to go!

COSTA RICA MISSION TEAM MEETING –

A mandatory Parent AND Student meeting will be on Sunday, January 22nd following the 10:30 service in Woody's on the East Campus. This will be a great time to get all the forms completed and get all your questions answered. Reminder: the next payment of \$200 is due Monday, January 30th.

MULCH 4 MISSIONS – Look for your 2012 order form soon! Help us raise money for our High School Mission Trip to Costa Rica. We will be building houses and doing ministering to the people in Costa Rica.

MONDAY – JANUARY 16TH – No regular Crave – all High School small groups will be having their own event/activity – look for more details to come!

SUMMER INTERNS

Want to be a part of a dynamic team that is passionate about ministry to children and students? We are currently accepting applications for our summer internship program. We have 3 positions available working with our children and youth ministries. Applications are available on-line at www.mandarinpres.com. For information or if you have questions, please contact Krista, kknott@mandarinpres.com or 680-9954.

HOLY GROUND - Holy Ground Worship service will be Sunday, January 22nd from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel in the East Campus. This worship experience is designed just for students. Come and be with God in new ways!

STUDENT DISCOVERY 2012 – Confirmation is about to begin for students in 7th – 12th grades who want to join the church and learn more about their faith. Classes start Feb. 5th and will be held Sunday's at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall on the East Campus. Students will attend classes and complete assignments during the week as well as attend either the High School D-Now weekend or the Middle School Daytona retreat. Student Discovery ends May 20th when those completing the class will join the church. For more information and to register, contact Krista at kknott@mandarinpres.com.

*1st Crave – High School – Monday, January 9th
1st Hang Ten – Middle School – Wednesday, January 11th*

MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Continued prayers are requested for MPC military and their families: Alaina Clay, **Geoff Cunningham**, **Jeremy Etheridge**, **Peter Flynt**, **Joshua France**, Becky Gallant, Richard Gallant, Russell Gallant, Michael Hahn, **Christopher Hicks**, **Scott Hoffman**, **Bobby Hughes**, **Les McNellie**, Yancey Montgomery, A.J. Moss, **Nick Sawall**, Jonathon Scott, **Richard V. Shirley, II**, **Jeremy Sluser**, Derek Smith, Walter Weaver, Louis Wilcox, Jr. & **John Winkler** (Bold denotes active duty deployed.)