

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

February 2026



## ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS

- Operational Budget Update
- Momentum Campaign
- Women's Ministry Update
- Upcoming Events
- Session Update



Discover what it means to be part of MPC and our mission through our Discovery Class. You'll connect with our church family and learn about our vision for serving Christ as well as explore ways to get involved. Sign up at [mandarinpres.com/discoveryclass](http://mandarinpres.com/discoveryclass).

## February

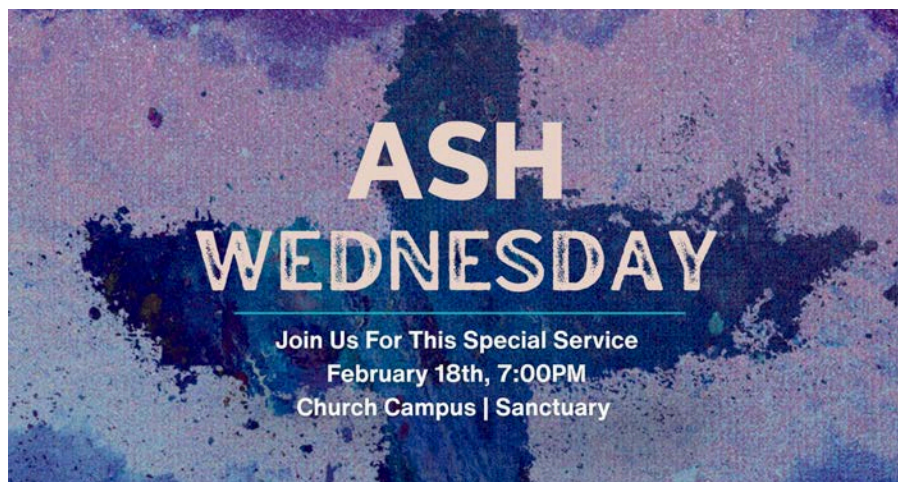
### Upcoming Events

- Discovery Class: February 1st
- Momentum Update: February 8th
- Loss of a Spouse: February 14th
- Ash Wednesday: February 18th
- Iron Sharpens Iron: February 28th

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Join us in the Sanctuary at **9:50am on Sunday, February 8th** for an exciting Momentum update, construction news, and operating budget update! Learn how the upcoming construction will impact our Sunday services and ministries as we make space for more people to move toward Jesus.



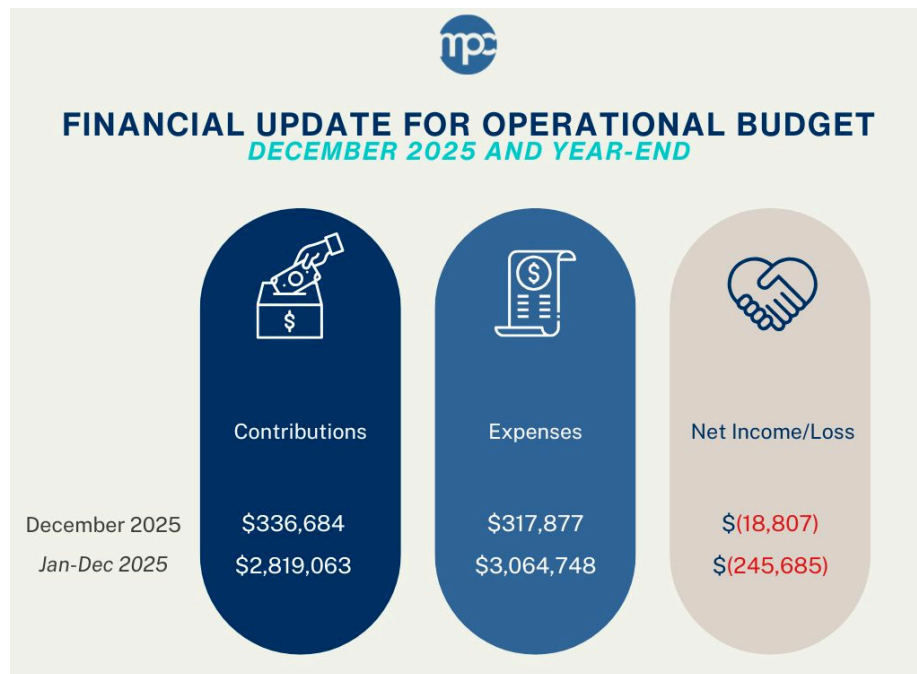
All are invited to join us for our Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, **February 18th** at 7pm. We gather to mark the beginning of Lent with the imposition of ashes—a sign of repentance and God's grace.

Childcare is available for kindergarten and under. Childcare registration is available at [mandarinpres.com/ashwednesday](http://mandarinpres.com/ashwednesday).

# Operational Budget Update

Your faithful partnership with MPC is truly a blessing. Thanks to your generosity, our discipleship programs, youth ministries, and outreach efforts continue to flourish. It's inspiring to witness God at work at MPC—January showcased this powerfully through the remarkable response to our second round of Cover to Cover in 100 Days, with over 450 participants diving into God's Word together.

This is a significant season for our church. As we embark on the rest of the year and begin Momentum construction, we invite you to continue your support of our operating budget. Every gift—regardless of size—empowers us to fulfill God's vision for MPC.



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](https://mandarinpres.com/give).



We are very excited for our next steps with our Momentum Campaign. Please mark your calendar for the dates below and continue to pray with us.

## What's Next?

- Exciting Momentum update, construction news, and operating budget update on Sunday, **February 8th at 9:50am** in our Sanctuary.
- Groundbreaking Celebration is scheduled for Sunday, **March 22nd** - more details soon.
- Transition team volunteers will be needed - more details and sign-ups available soon.
- Ongoing support is needed for both our operating budget and Momentum Campaign.

We'll keep you informed every step of the way. For the latest updates, visit [mandarinpres.com/momentum](https://mandarinpres.com/momentum).



## Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry recently gathered for an amazing Getaway with God and the Gals retreat in Amelia Island. Guest speaker Hannah Rowen Fry encouraged us to rid ourselves of our old distractions and idols, instead choosing to follow Jesus and his call in our lives. It was an uplifting time for all with lots of laughs! We look forward to an amazing year so be sure to mark your calendars for the below upcoming events - details to be shared soon on [mandarinpres.com/womensministry](http://mandarinpres.com/womensministry) and MPC Women's Ministry on Facebook.



Save  
the Date

March  
28  
9-11am



July  
29  
7-8:30pm



Sept.  
12  
11am-2pm



## J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth)

### February Luncheon



Join us for a Valentine's Day and Winter Olympics celebration featuring candy games and our annual elegant chocolate dessert table! Our luncheon will be on Thursday, February 12th at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$7.00 per person. Please RSVP by Tuesday, February 10th at 904-680-9944.

## MPP



Registration is in full swing and preschool classes are filling for the 2026-2027 school year that starts in August 2026. Spots are still available, so if you need a spot in our amazing program, reach out to Lee Samuels at [lsamuels@mandarinpres.com](mailto:lsamuels@mandarinpres.com) or call 904-680-6406.



## 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.

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## Great Banquet



So, how did Santa "do ya" a few weeks ago? If you're anything like me, you appreciated and acknowledged the effort and thoughtfulness, but most of the gifts now sit on a shelf. It's still not too late to give a gift that will last a lifetime—or at least touch someone's soul. The Great Banquet! Think of it as a belated Christmas present for 2025 or an early one for 2026. This is a gift that truly makes a difference. A lasting impact—one that goes deep and reaches the heart. Women's dates are April 16th–19th. Men's are April 30th–May 3rd. Visit [nefgb.com](http://nefgb.com) for more information or to register.



## Mark Your Calendars!



Our "Loss of a Spouse" seminar offers a safe space to process your grief alongside others who understand your journey. For more details and registration, please visit [mandarinpres.com/griefshare](http://mandarinpres.com/griefshare). Feel free to share this information with anyone who could benefit from this support.



It's the 10th year of MPC hosting this powerful gathering designed to equip and encourage men 13 and older through fellowship, worship, and world-class speakers that strengthen your faith and character. For more details and to register, go to [mandarinpres.com/mensministry](http://mandarinpres.com/mensministry).



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](http://mandarinpres.com/kidsevents) and [mandarinpres.com/msevents](http://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](http://mandarinpres.com/dance).



Save the Date for our annual Serve the 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 and make a real difference. Opportunities and sign-ups will be shared soon at [mandarinpres.com/servethecity](http://mandarinpres.com/servethecity).

## Just a quick update from the Session



(Left to right)

Front Row: Curt Etheridge, Tami Shepler, Rev. Jenn Arnold, Danielle Caplin, Rev. Dr. Andrew Stepp

Middle Row: Frank Talbot, Carol Yelinek, Rosa Heard, Kim Harris, Penny Kievet, Chris Davis

Back Row: Rev. Jeff Arnold, Matt Balanky, Hawley Smith III, Bob Gillander

There is so much happening in the life of MPC this season!

Our 2nd Cover to Cover in 100 Days kicked off on January 27th (Tuesday evening) and January 28th (Wednesday morning). If you missed out the first time or want a refresher, this is your opportunity to jump in. Information and registration are available at [mandarinpres.com/cover](http://mandarinpres.com/cover). It's not too late to join the 450+ participants who are already reading together!

On February 1st, our Discovery Class offers you a chance to learn more about MPC and what it means to be part of our family. Between services on February 8th, we'll get an exciting update on Momentum and our progress in the building process. For the 10th year, MPC will host Iron Sharpens Iron on February 28th—a men's conference for all men ages 13+.

It's a wonderful bonding experience for fathers and sons, in-laws, brothers, and more. Don't miss out!

Join us for our special Ash Wednesday service on February 18th at 7pm in the church sanctuary.

Our Next Gen Ministry is in full planning mode for confirmation, summer camps and high school mission trips. Look for opportunities to get involved—volunteer your time or participate in fundraisers to help a student attend camp.

We invite you to join the Session in prayer for MPC, as well as the programs and activities that support everyone who enters our doors. Let us also pray for Cover to Cover, and that all who read God's Word will do so with open hearts and minds, taking time to be still and listen.

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 continue to pray for MPC and the vision that God has put before us. "Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." (Hebrews 4:16)

All event details can be found on our website, [mandarinpres.com](http://mandarinpres.com), the [Church Center app](#) or have it delivered to your inbox with our weekly e-newsletter by signing up at [mandarinpres.com/enews](http://mandarinpres.com/enews).

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