

Sonshine News and Updates

September 17, 2025



On Sunday, August 17th we sang the song Speak, O Lord as our closing hymn. This song is really a beautiful prayer. I invite you to pray this with me for the next 21 days. It doesn't matter what time of day you pray it; you are simply invited to pray it once each day. We started last Sunday, September 7th and will end on September 28th. Let's see what and how God is speaking to us.

Speak, O Lord

(Verse 1) Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, to receive the food of Your Holy Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in Your likeness, That the light of Christ might be seen today. In our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us All Your purposes for Your glory.

(Verse 2) Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility; Test our thoughts and our attitudes. In the radiance of Your purity. Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority. Words of pow'r that can never fail—Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

(Verse 3) Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—Truths unchanged from the dawn of time That will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built, And the earth is filled with Your glory.



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General Assembly - Ruling Elder Commissioners and YAADS

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Bcc: office@millikenpres.org

Tue, Sep 16, 2025 at 1:44 PM

The Nominating Committee will be accepting applications for ruling elder commissioners and YAADS until the end of this month (September 30th). If you know of someone in your congregation that would be interested, have them return the application as soon as possible to me. I will then forward it onto the Nominating Committee. The blank applications are attached.

Below is some information regarding the upcoming General Assembly.

General Assembly Theme

The theme of the 227th General Assembly (2026) is Persevering Toward Wholeness, and the guiding scripture is Revelation 22:2. "...and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations." This theme will guide worship and resources throughout the assembly. You are invited to reflect on the theme in your own contexts as the assembly approaches.

Dates and Location

The 227th General Assembly (2026) docket will begin with committee meetings conducted online, followed by in-person plenary sessions held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The format will be similar to that of the 226th General Assembly (2024), with a few tweaks:

- June 22 – 24: Assembly committee meetings, conducted online using Zoom and MyGA. Most commissioners and advisory delegates will participate remotely from their home, office, or another location with reliable internet service. Participation is required as a prerequisite to participating in plenary.
- June 25 & 26: Travel days for most commissioners and advisory delegates, with an orientation for YAADS on Friday, June 26.
- June 27: **ALL NEW!** Community Day, to include opportunities for public witness around the issue of gun violence; luncheons for assembly committee members; a Town Square with PC(USA) agencies and organizations available to equip attendees with resources and connections; and a welcome reception.
- June 28, morning: Worship and lunch with Milwaukee area congregations.
- June 28 – July 2: Plenary business meetings, concluding with the election of the moderators on Thursday. These sessions are held in person at the Baird Center in downtown Milwaukee. *Commissioners and advisory delegates must be present in person in the plenary hall to participate. There will not be an option for commissioners and advisory delegates to join the deliberations or vote remotely.*

Standing Rule 3.A.3.a. specifies that "Commissioners and advisory delegates must plan to be in attendance for the duration of the General Assembly." This includes participation in their assigned assembly committee via Zoom and MyGA for all three days of its discernment, as well as the in-person meetings in Milwaukee. *Please make sure that all those who are interested in serving are aware of the full schedule and can commit to participating online in all meetings of their assigned committee, traveling to Milwaukee, and staying for the duration of the plenary sessions. **This includes all advisory delegates as well as commissioners.***

Two documents - GA227 FAQs and GA227 What to Expect are available to provide potential commissioners and advisory delegates with more information about the General Assembly and the role of these participants in it, as well as the schedule and the time commitment. Please share these with all who are interested. Please also encourage them to consult the General Assembly web site regularly and to sign up for the *On the Road to GA* newsletter for more information. **IMPORTANT! Please download and read this full email in pdf format.**

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Presbytery Administrative and Communications Coordinator
Presbytery of Plains and Peaks
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New hours beginning May 1, 2025: Tuesdays and Thursdays
I will be checking email on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

**If you are interested in being considered for Nomination
Please contact Pat in the office for Application Form**

Worldwide Communion

Sunday, October 5, 2025

We are excited to celebrate Worldwide Communion on Sunday, October 5th. This Sunday is set aside as a special day in which Christian communities around the world are invited and encouraged to celebrate communion. This helps to show our unity with each other in Jesus!

We invite you to consider participating in at least one of the following ways:

- Come to worship wearing traditional clothing from another part of our world or clothing that represents another part of our world (i.e. a sports jersey from your favorite international team). This will help us connect with our siblings in Christ.
- Choose to bake bread from a different country and bring it to share as part of our communion elements on the 5th. Please have your bread in the kitchen no later than 9:10 am on the 5th. Please sign up letting us know that you are bringing bread and what kind. The sign up is in the entry way.
- If you know another language, come prepared to share a greeting in that language. Additionally, if you know a worship song in another language, consider singing it as part of our worship.
- Help decorate our sanctuary for Worldwide Communion. If you have decorations from around the world, bring them in no later than Sunday, September 28th so that they may be used to decorate. You are welcome to join Pastor Mark in decorating our sanctuary on Thursday, October 2nd at 3 pm.



If you change your address or phone number please email the office at office@millikenpres.org and let us know.

We want to keep our church information up to date.

Thank you.

Watch for Sign-up Sheets in the Narthex for the

MONSTER MASH /TRICK OR TREAT STREET



With the Town of Milliken on October 25th
from 12 - 2 PM

There will be a Tote for Candy Donations
in the Narthex!!



We will stay after Worship
on October 19th to fill Candy Bags



**The Spiritual Growth Ministry Team
is needing volunteers for the
Live Nativity on December 13th**

**If you would like to volunteer, please
contact**

kellyn.wortman10@gmail.com 970-515-8042

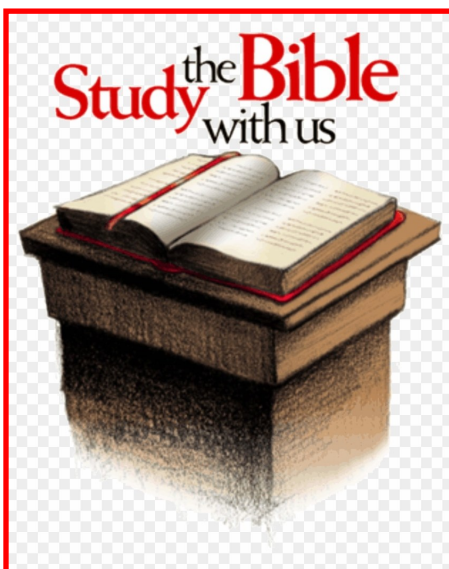
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MPC MOVIE & POTLUCK NIGHT SERIES

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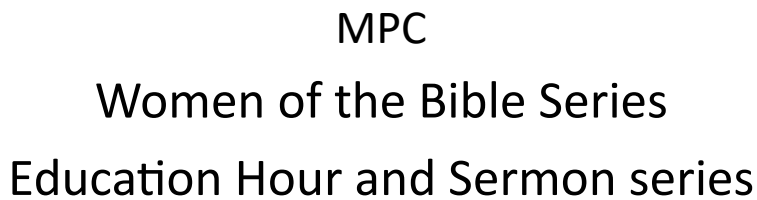
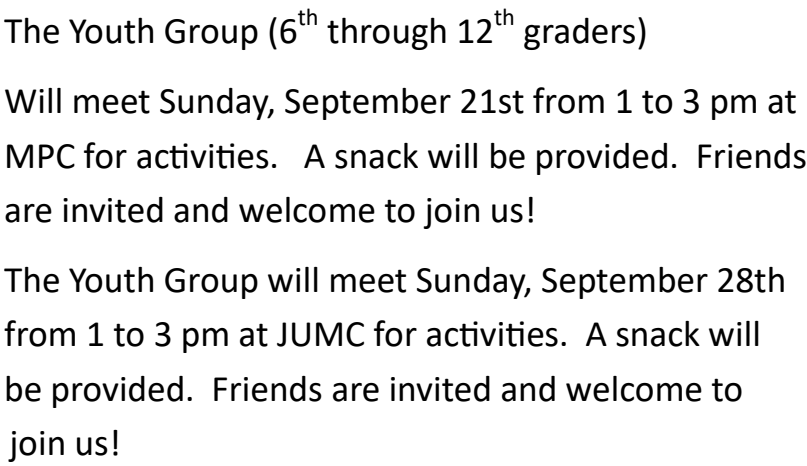
**We are asking everyone to click on the link
above to take a short 2 question survey
regarding our MPC Movie night.**



**Please join us at MPC the 1st and 3rd Thursdays
from 10 - 11 am starting September 18th as we**

**"Research the meaning of specific words
used in Biblical text".**

Co-Led by Sharon Morgan and Donna Herman



Beginning on Sunday, September 7th our Education Hour begins. We meet at 9:15 am. There is an elementary age class (K-5th grades) and a youth/adult class. The youth/adult class will be following Pastor Mark's sermon series on the Women of the Bible. The elementary age class will be learning about the Women of the Bible as well as other important lessons in our Christian faith.

Pastor Mark is inviting any women who would like to lead a youth/adult class or two. He has a list of the dates, scripture passage(s), the woman (or women) on a schedule that you are welcome to look at and choose which women or women you would like to teach about. Please ask Pastor Mark any questions you may have. No experience is needed. Pastor Mark is happy to help you plan and give you tips on how to lead a class.



The Kid's Club (K-5th graders) is looking for people to help provide lunch or be a helper. The Kid's Club meets once a month, generally on the first Sunday of the month. For those that would **provide lunch**, we are looking for someone to provide a simple, kid-friendly meal to be served after worship for about 10-15 people. For those that would be **a helper**,

we are looking for someone to help gather the kids after worship, invite one of them to pray before the meal, help them get their food and then take it back to the round table room where they will eat. If you are willing to help, please sign up on the sign-up page in the entry way or let Pastor Mark know.

The Youth Group (6th-12th graders) is looking for volunteers to **provide a snack** for the Youth Group. This snack would be for 10-15 people. The Youth Group meets at MPC on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from **1 to 3 pm**. We would like to have the snack available no later than 2:15 pm. You could also leave it in the kitchen after worship. If you are willing to help, please sign up on the sign-up page in the entry way or let Pastor Mark know .



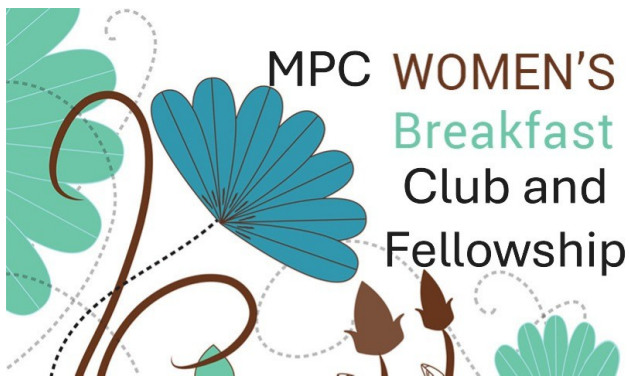
MPC App

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the MPC Church App



MPC Give

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the MPC Giving App



Saturday, October 11, 2025 at 10:30 am

**Milliken Presbyterian Church
Potluck Brunch**

**Hosted by Becky Hook, Vicky Gilmer
and Heather Farquhar**

The 2nd Saturday of each month

Please RSVP to Becky Hook

By phone or text - 970-776-0734

Or email at - dbsshook@proton.me

Bailey Blocksom	20
Mindy Wakeman	20
Brock Gilmer	21
Chad Young	21
Brayden Fields	23
Robert Fields	25
Shirley Kammerzell	29
Scott Smith	29
Dennis Young	29



Sunday Worship Service

Join us on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for our live-streamed worship service from the sanctuary via [Facebook Live](#) or You Tube. You can see past services online as well. Be sure to invite your friends to “follow” us on Facebook and “subscribe” to us on [YouTube](#).



Church Calendar

September 18	6:30 pm	Praise Team
September 21	9:15 am	Education Hour
September 21	10:30 am	Worship Service
September 21	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Youth Group at MPC
September 23	6:30 pm	Session Meeting
September 25	6:30 pm	Praise Team
September 26	6:00 pm	Potluck and Movie Night at MPC
September 28	9:15 am	Education Hour
September 28	10:30 am	Worship Service
September 28	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Youth Group at JUMC
October 2	10:00 am	Bible Study
October 2	6:30 pm	Praise Team
October 4	9:00 am	Easy Worship
October 5	9:15 am	Education Hour
October 5	10:30 am	Worship Service
October 5	11:30 am	Kids Club
October 5	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Youth Group at MPC
October 6-9	Pastor Mark out	Highlands Camp
October 6	11:30 - 2:00pm	Food Pantry
October 6	6:30 pm	P.E.O.
October 7	5:30 pm	Trustees Meeting
October 8	3:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Food Pantry
October 9	6:30 pm	Praise Team



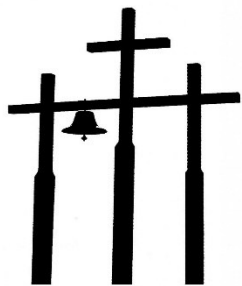
Your contributions are welcome!

Mail your monetary donations to the church office, mark your check "Food Pantry" on the memo line.

Food donations can be dropped off at the church front door
Monday -Thursday
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



Milliken Presbyterian Church



Our Ministry Teams

Pastor Mark Hutton
Treasurer – Kristin Eidson and Chris Hurley
Administrative Assistant – Pat Woods
Nursery Caregiver - Angel Blocksom
Music Director and Pianist – Becky Selby
Organist – Janice Williams



BOARDS

Session

Becky Selby - 2025
Jo Keller - 2025
Pete Keohane - 2025
Peggy Wakeman - 2026
Ron Uttecht - 2026 - *Clerk*
Donna Herman - 2026

Deacons

Kellyn Wortman - 2025
Michelle Sanchez - 2025
Doris Fields - 2025
Karen Kammerzell - 2026 - *Chairperson*,
Phyllis Nelson - 2026
Jan Carlson - 2026

Trustees

Shari Schneider - 2025
LeeAnn Young - 2025
Mindy Wakeman - 2025
Cassy Stoaks - 2026 - *Chairperson*
Amy Ehrlick - 2026
Becky Hook - 2026

MINISTRY TEAMS

Nominating

Jo Keller - *Co Chairperson*
Becky Selby - *Co Chairperson*
Doris Fields
Max Morgan
Jan Carlson
LeeAnn Young

Spiritual Growth

Kellyn Wortman - *Co Chairperson*
Kylie Smith - *Co Chairperson*
Wendy Fields
Vicky Gilmer
Shari Schneider
Gabrielle Farquhar
LeeAnn Young
Amanda Young Sullivan
Sabrina Hook
Pete Keohane - *Liaison*

Communication

Larry Wakeman - *Chairperson*
MaLeah Calderon
Jennylei Wright
Peggy Wakeman - *Liaison*
Pat Woods - *ex-officio*

Finance

Bill Selby - *Chairperson*
Wendy Fields
Martha Leadbitter
Kristin Eidson - *ex-officio*
Peggy Wakeman - *Liaison*

Personnel

Donna Herman - *Chairperson*
Dave Crego - *Liaison*
Catherine Crego - *Liaison*
Kylie Smith - *Liaison*

Mission and Outreach

Katie Ehrlich - *Chairperson*
Jo Keller - *Liaison*
Doris Fields
Karen Kammerzell

Worship

Becky Selby - *Chairperson*
Jan Carlson
Peggy Wakeman
Donna Herman
Heather Farquhar

Interested in joining a Ministry Team? Speak to the Chairperson or Pastor Mark

Contact Us!

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Office Hours - Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Education Hour at 9:15 a.m.
(September - May)

Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Join us live on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#)

Office Hours

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Sonshine Newsletter

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Deadline

Information to be included in the next update
should be in the church office no later than
12:00 p.m. Wednesday of each week

Submissions

Send your church related event, news,
meeting highlights, announcements,
prayer requests or more to the church office at:
office@millikenpres.org

Put “*Sonshine News*” in the subject line.
Paper submissions can be mailed to the church
address or placed in the drop box
by the front door of the church building.
All submissions are subject to edit and approval.

The Sonshine Newsletter is primarily available
online through the website.
Paper versions available on request through the
church office.