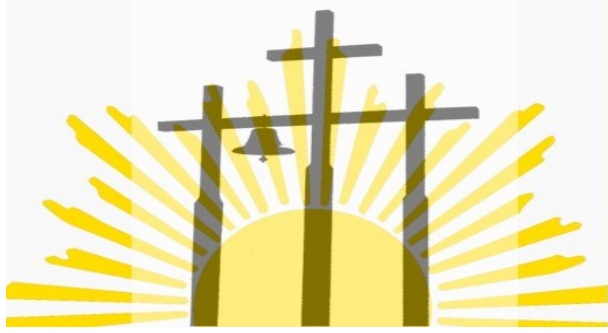


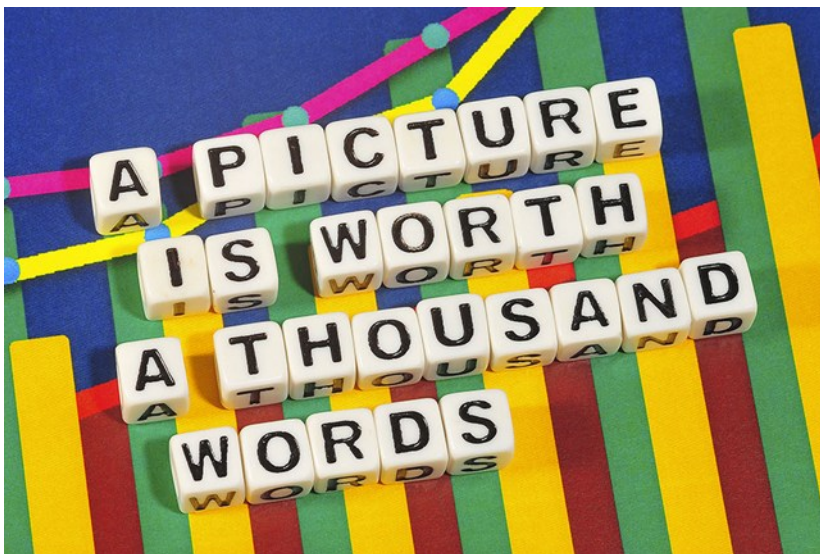


Sonshine News and Updates

October 23, 2025



The Congregational Meeting will be held
this Sunday, October 26th after Worship



Please give us “A Thousand Words!”

We really would like to have a full pictorial directory. For that to happen, we need your picture. You can submit your own digital picture by sending it to Directory@millikenpres.org or you can have your picture taken after worship beginning this Sunday, October 26th. We will be printing the directories and will have them available on Sunday, December 7th. Make sure you are in it!

MPC Hearing Assistance:

On Sunday, October 19th we started a 4 week trial of a new Hearing Assistance program from Listen Technologies. There will be limited devices to try but we would like as many people as possible to try out this new system and the different options. You may see people passing them around during the services.

For those with hearing aids there are two primary methods for using this WiFi based system:

1. Hearing Loop: This is a WiFi receiver with a loop that hangs around your neck and transmits the audio directly to a hearing aid or cochlear implant that uses T-Coil technology.
2. Smart Phone App: For those who are already able to send audio from your smart phone directly to your hearing aid. Use your phone to connect to the WiFi audio channel and transmit to your hearing aid.

WiFi Receiver : This is similar to the older FM receiver system but with much better sound quality. You simply plug in your own wired earbuds, headphones or bone conduction headphones. This WiFi receiver allows for wired devices.

Phone App for Wireless options: With the Listen Smart Phone app loaded on your phone (in PlayStore search for ListenWiFi) you connect to the MPC Audio WiFi channel and then use your own wireless earbuds or headphones.

What to expect: We know that depending on what type of connection you are using there will be milliseconds of delay possible. Similar to having two TV's in your house on the same channel (which are you hearing 1st or echo). We will be doing some fine tuning as we go for what works best in our sanctuary.

We need as many people as possible to try things out and see if it's something that works for you and please let someone from the Communications or EZW team know your thoughts or if you need help loading the app.

Communications Ministry Team, Larry Wakeman

MONSTER MASH /TRICK OR TREAT STREET



With the Town of Milliken this Saturday

October 25th from 12 - 2 PM



Operation Christmas Child !!

The Mission and Outreach Ministry Team will have shoeboxes, shopping lists, and boy/girl labels in the Narthex this Sunday, October 26th. They are due back on or before November 23rd.

The shoeboxes will be taken to Greeley for shipping right after church that day.

Have fun shopping!!!





Volunteers are needed this Sunday

OCTOBER 26

directly after Worship

and Congregational Meeting to help

**DISMANTEL STALLS IN BATHROOMS
AND INSTALL NEW FLOOR COVERING!!**

A Sign up sheet is in the Narthex!!

Thank you

**ALL VOLUNTEERS WILL BE SERVED LUNCH
BEFOR THE DISMANTELING STARTS**

**PLEASE CALL DONNA AT 970-396-1643
if you are able to help!!!**

Important information regarding a proposed change to our By-Laws

At our Sunday, October 26, 2025, we will be discussing and voting on a proposed amendment to our By-Laws.

This proposed amendment was drafted by your 2025 Nominating Ministry Team and approved to be sent to the congregation for a vote by your Session.

What follows is the motion that the Nominating Ministry Team sent to Session:

This motion proposes an amendment to the current term lengths for members of Session, Deacons, and Trustees, changing them from two years to three years. We believe this adjustment will offer several significant benefits to our church and its leadership.

Current Situation:

Currently, members of Session, Deacons, and Trustees serve two-year terms. This requires frequent rotations and can sometimes lead to a lack of continuity in leadership and projects.

Proposed Change:

The Nomination Ministry Team makes a motion that the Church's bylaws be amended to extend the length of term for Deacon, Elder and Trustees from two year to three-year terms.

Rationale and Benefits:

1. Enhanced Continuity:

- A three-year term provides greater continuity in leadership.
- It will allow members to develop a deeper understanding of their roles and responsibilities.
- This continuity is especially beneficial for long-term projects and strategic planning.

2. Increased Efficiency:

- With a longer term, leaders will have more time to implement initiatives and see them through to completion.
- It will reduce the time spent on onboarding new members.
- Allows for a more efficient use of resources.

3. Deeper Engagement:

- A longer term enables members to develop stronger relationships with the congregation.
- A longer term enables them to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the church's needs.
- This fosters deeper engagement and commitment.

4. Improved Training and Development:

- A three-year term allows for more effective training and development opportunities for leaders.
- Ensures they are well-equipped to serve the church.

5. Reduced Turnover:

- Less frequent rotations reduce the administrative burden associated with elections and onboarding.
- Allows the church to focus on its mission.

Implementation:

If approved, we propose implementing this change through a phased approach to ensure a smooth transition. For example, we could stagger the terms so that only a portion of each body is replaced each year, maintaining continuity throughout the process.

Next Steps:

We request that Session consider this proposal and schedule a meeting to discuss it further. We are prepared to provide additional information and answer any questions you may have.

We believe that this change will strengthen our church's leadership and better equip us to serve our congregation and community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
2025 Nominating Ministry Team

Below are the current By-laws and then the changes to be made if this amendment passes.

The Session shall consist of six (6) Elders divided into classes of **three (3)**, one class of whom shall be elected each year at the annual meeting for a **two-year term**. No elder shall serve on the Session for consecutive terms either full or partial, aggregating more than six years; but shall be ineligible for election to a new term until one full year shall elapse.

The Board of Deacons shall consist of six (6) Deacons divided into classes of **three (3)** one class of whom shall be elected each year at the annual meeting for a **two-year term**. No Deacon shall serve on the board for consecutive terms, either full or partial, aggregating more than six years; but shall be ineligible for election to a new term until one full year shall elapse

The Board of Trustees shall consist of six (6) Trustees divided into class of **three (3)** one class of whom shall be elected each year at the annual adjourned meeting for a **two-year term**. No trustee shall serve on the board for consecutive terms, either full or partial, aggregating more than six years; but shall be ineligible for election to a new term until one full year shall elapse.

If proposed amendment passes the By-Laws will read:

The Session shall consist of six (6) Elders divided into classes of **two (2)** one class of whom shall be elected each year at the annual meeting for a **three-year term**. No elder shall serve on the Session for consecutive terms either full or partial, aggregating more than six years; but shall be ineligible for election to a new term until one full year shall elapse.

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A vibrant illustration of an orange alarm clock with purple bells, surrounded by autumn leaves and fruit like grapes and a pomegranate. The clock face is white with black numbers and hands, showing a time around 1:50. The background is a soft, light blue gradient.

Daylight Savings Time ends
on Sunday November 2nd!!

The Youth Group will meet Sunday, November 2nd from 1 to 3 pm at MPC for activities. A snack will be provided. Friends are invited and welcome to join us!





HIGHLANDS
Camp & Retreat Center

A NEW DAY AT HIGHLANDS

**A friendly reminder that our New Day at Highlands event on
November 1st is less than two weeks away!**

If you plan to attend, please [register in advance here](#).
We hope to see you then!

**JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION AND LUNCH AT
HIGHLANDS CAMP & RETREAT CENTER
ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025
FROM 10 AM TO 2 PM**

We're launching our identity as a non-profit and want to share our vision of Highlands as a place of welcome for all people. Be our guest for an easy guided hike, activities for children, a tour of the property, and a delicious meal in the company of friends old and new.

We can't wait to see you!

[Kindly Register Here](#)



JOURNEY

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Help Us Raise Money For The Sampson Family

**Ben was diagnosed with grade 4 glioblastoma tumor on
March 12th, 2025. Ben, his wife Vanessa and children
Akayden, Zeke, Loki and Aksel have all been hit hard.**

Where: Work Out West(5701 W. 20th St. Greeley)

When: November 1st 8am-5pm

Chili Cook Off at 2pm

**All \$20 admission fees will go to the family along with
all other donations**

**There will be bouncy houses for the kids,
special classes offered and more!**

8:30am Spin w/ Laci

9:30am Dream Cycle w/ Dolly

11am Dream Circuit w/ Dolly



 **DONATE EARLY HERE**



You Are All Invited to our
ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER
November 16th after Worship

Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes gravy and drinks will be provided.
If your last name begins with **A-M** please bring a salad or vegetable.
If your last name begins with **N-Z** please bring a dessert.



There will be a Free Will offering.

The Deacons are looking for 3 additional people who would be willing to cook a turkey.

We will be moving chairs and setting up tables at 1:00 pm on Thursday, November 13th. Anyone who could help would be greatly appreciated!

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

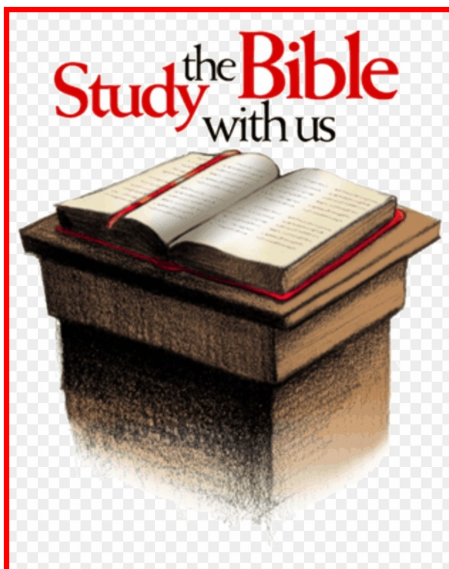
**If you would like to volunteer, please
contact**

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

kylie.schneider4@gmail.com 970-534-1035



There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex as well.



**Please join us at MPC
for Bible Study the
1st and 3rd Thursday's
from 10 - 11 am**

**November 6th
November 20th**

as we

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

**Co-Led by Sharon Morgan
and Donna Herman**



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 .



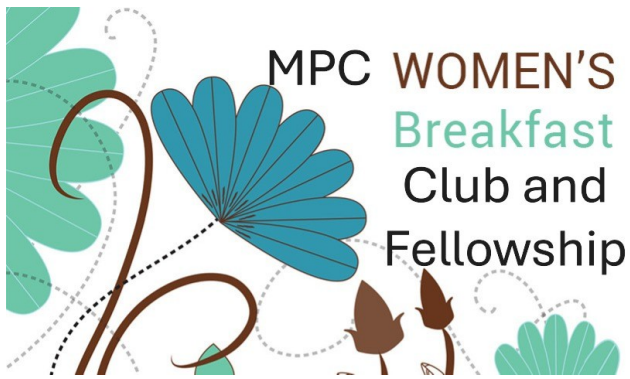
MPC App

Scan this QR code to download
the MPC Church App



MPC Give

Scan this QR code to download
the MPC Giving App



Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 9:00 am

**Panera Bread
1550 Fall River Drive
Loveland, CO 80538**

**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



Shari Schneider	23
Lanndon Sullivan	26
Bob Kirkman	29
Ruby Brown	31
Connie Dilka	31



Lois Ann Onorato	1
Sophia Smith	1
Matt Wortman	1
Martha Newcomb	3
Jim Betz	4



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

October 25	12 - 2:00 pm	Monster Mash/Trunk or Treat with Town of Milliken
October 26	9:15 am	Education Hour
October 26	10:30 am	Worship Service
October 26	11:30 am	Congregational Meeting
October 26		Volunteers Lunch then start to dismantle bathrooms and install flooring.
October 26	1:00 pm	Youth Group at JUMC
October 28	6:00 pm	Session Meeting
October 30	6:30 pm	Praise Team
November 1	9:00 am	Easy Worship
November 2	9:15 am	Education Hour
November 2	10:30 am	Worship Service
November 2	11:30 am	Kids Club
November 2	1:00 pm	Youth Group at MPC
November 3	11:30 - 2:00 pm	Food Pantry
November 3	6:30 pm	P.E.O.
November 4	5:30 pm	Trustees
November 5	3:00 - 5:30 pm	Food Pantry
November 6	10:00 am	Bible Study
November 6	6:30 pm	Praise Team
November 7	5:00 pm	Girl Scout Meeting
November 8	9:00 am	Women's Breakfast and Fellowship
November 9	9:15 am	Education Hour
November 9	10:30 am	Worship Service



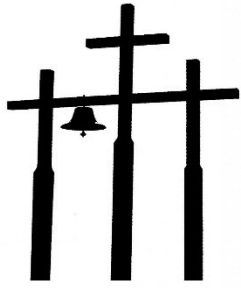
Your contributions are welcome!

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*
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
LeeAnn Young
Dani Jennings

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

Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.

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

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Information to be included in the next update
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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.

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