



Sonshine News and Updates

January 16, 2026



Potluck

*Congregational
Meeting
Jan. 25th*

You are invited to join us for our Annual Congregational meeting and potluck on Sunday, January 25th following worship. Please bring a potluck item to share. Drinks and tableware will be provided.

If you are willing and able to help set up, please be at the church on Thursday, January 22nd at 11:00 am.



We have numerous items in the
LOST and FOUND.

They will be on a table in the Narthex for the next two weeks.

If the items are not claimed, they will be donated.

Please check and see if any of them belong to you.

Thank you.



Loving our Children and Youth

Supporting our Children and Youth

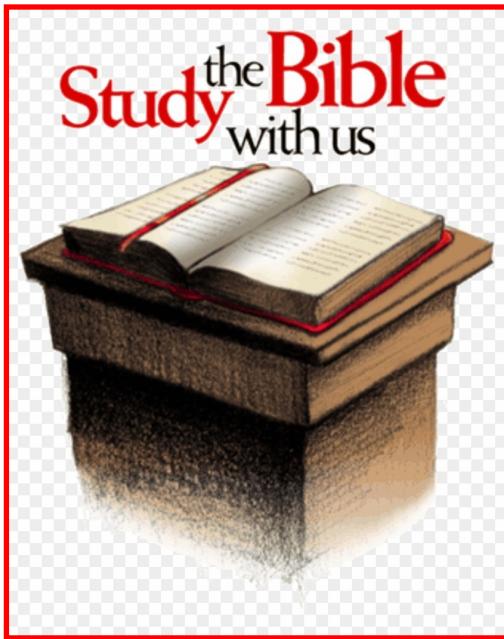
In an effort to love and support our children and youth, we will begin to list activities in which we can show love and support to our children and youth. We will list game schedules, performances, and more. You are invited to show up and lend your support. Even if you cannot attend the full game, performance, etc., showing up for part of it goes a long way. Be on the lookout for the schedules to be in the bulletin and Sonshine News. Parents/guardians, in an effort for us to love and support your child(ren) and/or youth, please submit your schedules to Pat in the office at office@millikenpres.org.

Studies consistently show that non-familial adult mentors, like youth leaders or trusted figures in faith communities, significantly increase the likelihood of young people maintaining their religious involvement into adulthood, acting as crucial support alongside parents to provide different faith perspectives and build strong social connections that help kids stay engaged.

Key Findings from Research:

- **Stronger Bonds:** Teens with at least one adult from church or religious youth group are more likely to continue attending, highlighting the power of meaningful adult relationships.
- **Beyond Parents:** While parental influence is huge, non-familial mentorship provides vital scaffolding, connecting youth to the wider community and passing down traditions.
- **Community Integration:** Youth groups, religious education, and community involvement create spaces for these relationships to form, fostering deeper religious practice and identity.

Search Institute Data: Research points to the importance of adults beyond family in shaping a young person's spiritual journey, indicating that positive adult interactions are key to faith retention.



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

February 5th
February 19th

as we

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

Co-Led by Sharon Morgan
and Donna Herman

The Youth Group (6th through 12th graders)

The Youth Group will meet Sunday, January 18th at MPC from 1 to 3 pm for activities. A snack will be provided. Friends are invited and welcome to join us!

The Youth Group will meet Sunday, January 25th at JUPC from 1 to 3 pm for activities. A snack will be provided.

Friends are invited and welcome to join us!



The Communication Ministry Team is
looking for more people to join their team.
They meet the 2nd Wednesday at 4pm at
the church. If you are interested, talk to
Larry Wakeman or Pastor Mark.



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.

We need meals for the following dates:

February 1st March 1st April 5 May 3rd



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 .

We need snacks for the following dates:

January 18th February 1st February 15th



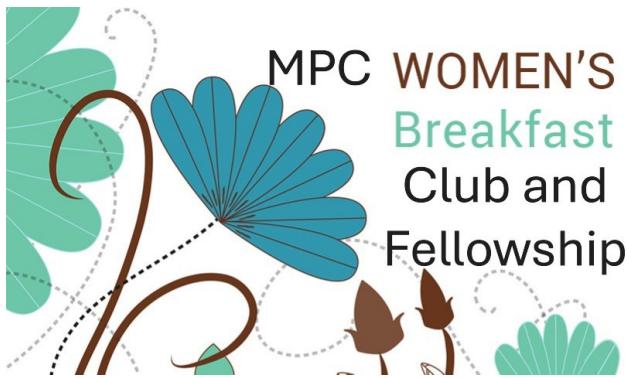
MPC App

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the MPC Church App



MPC Give

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February 14, 2026 9:00 am

**Mill Haus Coffee
1109 Broad Street
Milliken, CO**

**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 - dbsshock@proton.me**



John Leadbitter	20
Marianne Hayes	23
Linda Keohane	24
Jan Carlson	27



If you have questions or need to get copies of financial statements from Chris Hurley—treasurer, here is his contact information.

**treasurer@millikenpres.org
970-371-6031
office hours at the church
Monday and Thursday 10:00 am - Noon**



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

January 16	5:00 pm	Girl Scout Troop
January 18	9:15 am	Education Hour
January 19	Office Closed	Martin Luther King Day
January 19	11:30 - 2:00 pm	Food Pantry
January 21	3:00 - 5:30 pm	Food Pantry
January 21	5:30 pm	Personnel Ministry Team
January 25	10:30 am	Worship Service
January 25	11:30 am	Congregational Meeting
January 25	1:00 pm	Youth Group at JUMC
January 27	6:30 pm	Session Meeting
January 29	6:30 pm	Praise Team
February 1	9:15 am	Education Hour
February 1	10:30 am	Worship Service
February 1	11:30 am	Kid's Club
February 1	1:00 pm	Youth Group at MPC
February 2	11:30 - 2:00 pm	Food Pantry
February 2	6:30 pm	P.E.O.
February 4	3:00 - 5:30 pm	Food Pantry
February 5	9:00 am	Mission and Outreach Ministry Team
February 5	10:00 am	Bible Study
February 5	6:30 pm	Praise Team
February 6	5:00 pm	Girl Scout Troop
February 7	9:00 am	Easy Worship
February 8	9:15 am	Education Hour
February 8	10:30 am	Worship Service
February 8	11:30 am	Deacon's Meeting
February 8	1:00 pm	Youth Group at JUMC
February 9	6:00 pm	Worship Ministry Team



Milliken Community
Food Pantry
uniting flames in 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 – Chris Hurley
Administrative Assistant – Pat Woods
Nursery Caregiver - Angel Blocksom
Music Director and Pianist – Becky Selby
Organist – Janice Williams
Custodian - Lee Woods



BOARDS

Session

Ron Uttecht - 2026 - *Clerk*
Peggy Wakeman - 2026
Donna Herman - 2026
Debbie Hutton - 2027
Wes Mayfield - 2027
Pete Keohane - 2027

Deacons

Karen Kammerzell - 2026 - *Chairperson*
Phyllis Nelson - 2026
Jan Carlson - 2026
Marilyn Schneider - 2026
Michelle Sanchez - 2027
LeeAnn Young - 2027

Trustees

Cassy Stoaks - 2026
Amy Ehrlick - 2026
Becky Hook - 2027
Mindy Wakeman - 2027 *Chairperson*
Jim Curtis - 2028
Wendy Fields - 2028

Nominating

Ron Uttecht - *Chairperson*
Max Morgan
Kristin Eidson
Becky Hook
Phyllis Nelson

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*
Wes Mayfield

Worship

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

Finance

Kristin Eidson - *Chairperson*
Bill Selby
Linda Daly
Martha Leadbitter
Chris Hurley - *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
Doris Fields
Karen Kammerzell
LeeAnn Young
Dani Jennings
Gabrielle Farquhar
Debbie Hutton - *Liaison*

Communication

Larry Wakeman - *Chairperson*
Jennylei Wright
Pat Woods - *ex-officio*

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

Contact Us!

201 S. Olive Ave. Milliken, Colorado 80543

(970) 587-2378

office@millikenpres.org

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

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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.