



Sonshine News and Updates

February 5, 2026

Ash Wednesday, February 18th

Worship service at 7 pm



Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. The official name is “Day of Ashes,” because of the practice of rubbing ashes on one’s forehead in the sign of a cross. Lent it is exactly 40 days (excluding Sundays) leading up to Easter.

The Bible never mentions Ash Wednesday—for that matter, it never mentions Lent. Lent is intended to be a time of self-denial, moderation, fasting, and the forsaking of sinful activities and habits. Ash Wednesday commences this period of spiritual discipline.

While the Bible does not mention Ash Wednesday, it does tell us of people in the Old Testament using dust and ashes as symbols of repentance and/or mourning (2 Samuel 13:19; Esther 4:1; Job 2:8; Daniel 9:3). The modern tradition of rubbing a cross on a person’s forehead helps to identify that person with Jesus Christ.

It is a good thing to repent of sinful activities, but it is something Christians should do every day, not just during Lent. It is a good thing to clearly identify oneself as a Christian, but, again, this should be an everyday identification, especially by our actions. And it is good to remember that no ritual can make one’s heart right with God, only God’s grace, mercy, and forgiveness can.

**Remember you are dust
and to dust
you will return.**





GIRL SCOUT COOKIES FOR SALE

Troop 76161
Milliken/Johnstown

Help us reach our goals!
All proceeds will help fund troop 76161's trip to Girl Scout Camp!

AVAILABLE COOKIES

 \$6 THIN MINTS	 \$6 ADVENTUREFULS	 \$6 DO-SI-DOS	 \$6 TREFOILS	 \$6 SAMOAS
 \$6 LEMON-UPS	 \$6 TAGALONGS	 \$7 TOFFEE-TASTIC	 \$6 EXPLORAMORES	 NEW

ORDER NOW!
Delivery starts: Feb 2
Sale Ends: Mar. 16

SCAN QR CODE TO ORDER ONLINE



Girl Scout Cookies Are Here ~ support the troop that meets here at our church!

Troop 76161 is selling delicious cookies and would love your support! You can order online easily and have them shipped right to you or we're happy to deliver in Northern Colorado! While this is one of our scouts' sites, all sales will be spread amongst all 20 girls in our troop to help us fund our first trip to Girl Scout Summer Camp this August!

Presbytery Wide Yucatan Peninsula Mission Trip

May 5 -12, 2026

Information Meeting - Thursday, February 26, 6:30 pm (**on Zoom**)

Commitments/Deposits Due March 4

If folks are interested in participating and ready to make their commitment/deposit, they can fill out the attached form and email it to pastor@1ston4th.com.

Copy and paste this link into a browser for the registration form:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/05bba5e4301/3ca079d5-9f31-488c-87dd-758889b9458b.pdf?rdr=true>

FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY TEAM

We have installed a new Hearing Assistance system from Listen Technologies. It uses a new technology called AuraCast. Unlike the WiFi system we tried earlier, this system has virtually no sound delay.

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

1. Some hearing aids are already Auracast capable but may require your Audiologist to upgrade the firmware or switch it on. You would likely have a smart phone that has an application for your hearing aids to select our broadcast and set volume etc. This application would be updated to select a AuraCast broadcast which would then receive the MPC audio directly. This would be the preferred method and no additional equipment needed.
2. If your hearing aids are not AuraCast capable then they would likely receive the MPC audio using the AuraCast receiver and neck loop like the WiFi system we had tried earlier. This AuraCast receiver with a loop that hangs around your neck transmits the audio directly to a hearing aid or implant that uses T-Coil technology. For most over-the-counter hearing aids this would work without any user changes. Some hearing aids need to have your Audiologist turn this option on as well.
3. For those without hearing aids the AuraCast receiver will support any typical wired earbuds or earphones.

Finally, newer cell phones and wireless earbuds/headphones that support Auracast are just starting to hit the market but will be more readily available in the coming months. You might also see newer TV's (Samsung and LG) that are broadcasting a Auracast signal for hearing assistance so if you're shopping keep that in mind. For any of those devices look to see if they support AuraCast

We will be making adjustments to the sound system for several weeks to get the best result possible and always appreciate any feedback you may have.

Communications Ministry Team, Larry Wakeman



Loving our Children and Youth

Supporting our Children and Youth

Show up and support C.J. Wright play basketball. All games are played at the Milliken Athletic Complex (320 Centennial Dr), on the south court.

Sat. 2/7 @ 9:30 am: Sat. 2/14 @ 8:30 am: and Sat. 2/21 @ 10:30 am

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.



The Deacons will be serving a Spaghetti Lunch after Worship on Sunday, February 15th.

The lunch will include Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Brownies and Lemonade, Tea and Water.

There will be a free will offering that will be used to update the roasters and other kitchen needs.





Kid's Club will meet Sunday, March 1st after worship.

All Kindergarten through 5th graders are welcome to join us for lunch and a game. We will be done by 12:45 pm. Parents/guardians are welcome to join us! Friends are always welcome!

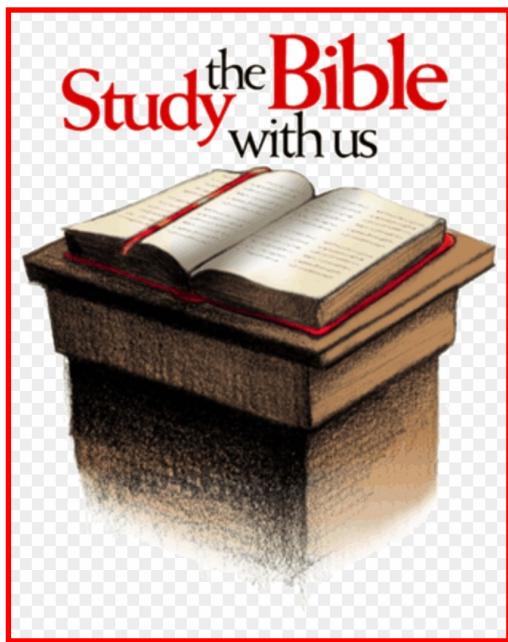
The Youth Group (6th through 12th graders)

The Youth Group will meet Sunday, February 8th at JUMC 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, February 15th at MPC 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.



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

February 19th

March 5th

March 19th

as we

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

Co-Led by Sharon Morgan
and Donna Herman



We are missing a **LARGE** plastic tote with White Table Clothes and White Napkins in it. If you know where it might be, or who borrowed them, please let Donna Herman know.

Thank you!!



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:

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:

February 15th March 1st April 19th May 3rd



MPC App

Scan this QR code to download
the MPC Church App



MPC Give

Scan this QR code to download
the MPC Giving App



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**



Karen Kammerzell	7
Blake Sullivan	9
Laura Riley	12
JennyLei Wright	15
Tim Dalton	16
Nellie Ryan	22
Janyce Silva	25
Patty Ehrlick	28

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

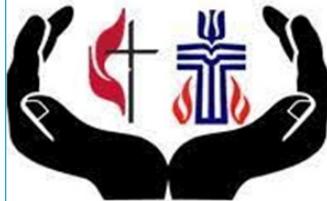
Join us on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for our live-streamed worship service from the sanctuary via [Facebook Live](#) or You Tube. You can see past services online as well. Be sure to invite your friends to "follow" us on Facebook and "subscribe" to us on [YouTube](#).





Church Calendar

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 9	6:00 pm	Worship Ministry Team
February 8	1:00 pm	Youth Group at JUMC
February 10	6:00 pm	Spiritual Growth Ministry Team
February 11	4:00 pm	Communication Ministry Team
February 12	5:30 pm	Trustee's Meeting
February 12	6:30 pm	Praise Team
February 13	10:00 am	Presbyterian Women's Ministry
February 14	9:00 am	Women's Breakfast and Fellowship
February 15	9:15 am	Education Hour
February 15	10:30 pm	Worship Service
February 15	11:30 am	Spaghetti Lunch
February 15	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Youth Group at MPC
February 16	Office Closed	President's Day
February 16	11:30 - 2:00 pm	Food Pantry
February 18	3:00 - 5:30 pm	Food Pantry
February 18	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
February 19	10:00 am	Bible Study
February 19	6:30pm	Praise Team
February 20	5:00 pm	Girl Scouts Meeting
February 22	9:15 am	Education Hour
February 22	10:30 pm	Worship Service
February 22	1:00 pm	Youth Group at JUMC



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

Donna Herman - 2026
Peggy Wakeman - 2026
Pete Keohane - 2027
Ron Uttecht - 2027- *Clerk*
Debbie Hutton - 2028
Wes Mayfield - 2028

Deacons

Jan Carlson - 2026
Marilyn Schneider - 2026
Karen Kammerzell - 2027- *Chairperson*
Phyllis Nelson - 2027
Michelle Sanchez - 2028
LeeAnn Young - 2028

Trustees

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

Nominating

Ron Uttecht - *Chairperson*
Kristin Eidson
Becky Hook
Max Morgan
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*
Jan Carlson
Donna Herman
Becky Selby
Peggy Wakeman - *Liaison*

Finance

Kristin Eidson - *Chairperson*
Linda Daly
Martha Leadbitter
Bill Selby
Chris Hurley - *ex-officio*
Peggy Wakeman - *Liaison*

Personnel

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

Mission and Outreach

Katie Ehrlich - *Chairperson*
Gabrielle Farquhar
Doris Fields
Dani Jennings
Karen Kammerzell
Jo Keller
LeeAnn Young
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

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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.