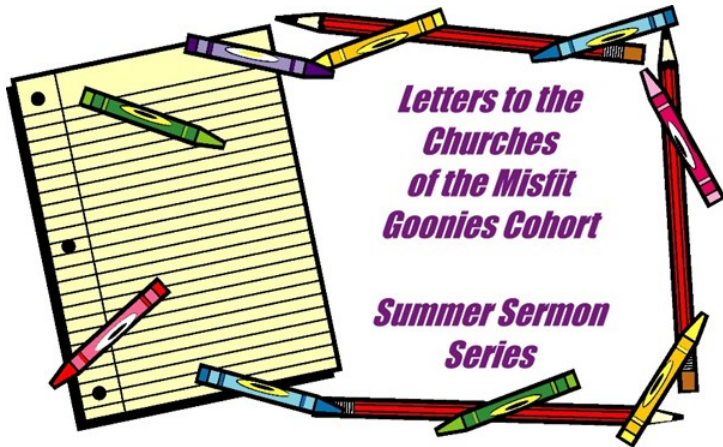




Sonshine News and Updates

May 7, 2026

Two Summer Sermon Series are coming our way!



The first of our summer sermon series will be focused on letters written by Pastor Mark's Bountiful Preaching Cohort. This is a cohort that began when he wrote and received a grant to be a part of Bountiful Preaching, an opportunity through Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation (OPSF). This is an opportunity for Pastor Mark and his cohort friends to learn and grow in their preaching abilities. This cohort, named the Misfit

Goonies (a story for another time), decided that it would be interesting to craft a message based on Paul's style of writing to churches. Then these messages will be shared with the other churches in the cohort. This first summer sermon series will begin on May 31st and end on July 12th.

The second summer sermon series is "The Gospel According to Hymns and Praise Songs." You are invited to write your favorite hymn and/or praise song on the cards in the entry way and place them in the bowl. Then let Pastor Mark explore and reveal how the Gospel is presented in the hymn/praise song. This series will begin on July 26th (we have a special guest on July 19th) and end on September 6th.



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday May 31st following worship for the purpose of electing officers for the class of 2029 and to receive a financial update of our church.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

A New Chapter for Milliken Begins!

The Grand Opening of the Milliken Public Library Is Here

A New Branch of the Glenn A. Jones M.D. Memorial Library

April 23, 2026 MILLIKEN, CO — Get ready, Milliken—your community is about to get a whole lot more exciting! The Glenn A. Jones M.D. Memorial Library is thrilled to throw open the doors of its brand-new location: **Milliken Public Library**. Mark your calendars and bring the whole family for a Grand Opening celebration you won't want to miss! Saturday, May 9, 2026.

The festivities kick off with a **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 9:00 AM**, followed by a morning packed with family fun. Come explore the new library, connect with neighbors, and help the community celebrate this exciting new chapter!

What to Expect at the Grand Opening

Face painting by Phobia Entertainment

Balloon twisting with Jasbo the Balloon Artist

Library scavenger hunt & prizes

Coffee from Mill Haus Coffee

Frozen treats from SnoZone

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 9:00 AM

FREE admission — open to everyone!

The event is 9am-12pm on 5/9/26

About the New Location

The new Milliken Public Library is nestled on the north end of the Milliken Intermediate School building at 266B S. Irene Ave—a site rich with local history, having served the community as Milliken Middle School for several decades. Now, it begins a vibrant new life as a hub of knowledge, creativity, and community connection.

RSVP <https://bit.ly/47RAs0Y>

Thank You to Library Community Partners

Library Board, Library Staff, WeldRE5J School Board, Wakeman Family, Fransen Pittman Construction, studio-trope Design Collective, Wember, Level 5, and Front Range Fire Rescue.

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Vacation Bible School Adopt-a-Prop Opportunity

We are excited to begin something new this year for VBS. Our very first Adopt-a-Prop Decorating Team! If you enjoy crafting, building, painting, or decorating, we would love your help in creating props and decorations that will bring our VBS theme to life.

There is a sign-up sheet in the entryway for anyone who would like to participate. Please sign up and take an Adopt-a-Prop instruction sheet with directions for creating each prop. After signing up, you may take your sheet home to begin working on your chosen project. Please have your props back at the church by **June 7th**

This would be a wonderful family crafting opportunity, a great way for families to work together, get creative, and be part of making VBS special for our children.

Your time and creativity will help make this year's VBS an exciting and memorable experience.

Thank you for helping make VBS amazing, because of **YOU!!**



The Colorado Rockies will be hosting their **Faith Day on Sunday, August 2nd at 1: 10 pm.** Crowder (David Crowder) will be the Christian artist that gives the concert after the game. MPC has participated in this before. In order to participate this year, we are looking for someone to coordinate getting people signed up, getting the tickets purchased (we can use the church credit card to do this), collecting payment and arranging carpooling. If you are interested in coordinating this, please let Pastor Mark know.



Loving our Children and Youth

Supporting our Children and Youth

Show up and support Jacob Conover in Track . Track and Field meets are at Roosevelt High School.

Sat. 5/9 @ 10:00 am.

Show up and support CJ Wright play Soccer. All games are held at Milliken Athletic Complex, 320 Centennial Drive on Field Eight - Far back left corner if you are facing south.

Sat. 5/9 @ 9 am.

Show up and support Addie Wortman play Soccer. All games are held at Eaton Rec Center, 1675 3rd St. Eaton.

Sat. 5/9 @ 11:00 am *Sat. 5/16 @ 11:00 am.*



MPC App

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the MPC Church App



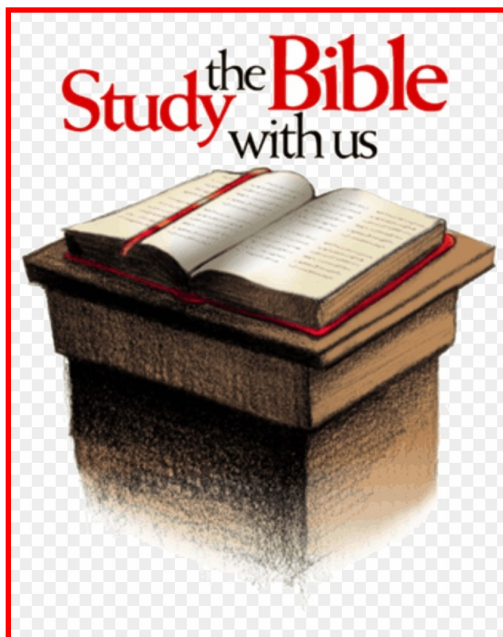
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the MPC Giving App


SENIOR
— CLASS OF  —
2026
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Please join us for
Senior Sunday May 17th.
There will be a Potluck lunch after
Worship Service, followed by a program.

We will be setting up tables and chairs
on Thursday, May 14th at 10 am
If anyone is available to help.



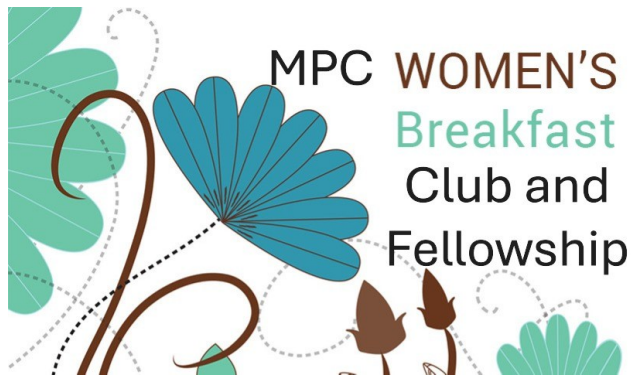
Please join us at MPC
for Bible Study the
1st and 3rd Thursday's
from 10 - 11 am

May 21

as we

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

Co-Led by Sharon Morgan
and Donna Herman



MPC WOMEN'S
Breakfast
Club and
Fellowship

May 9, 2026 9:00 am

Doug's Diner

401 Pointe Plaza Drive

Windsor, 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 - dbsshook@proton.me



Barry Cook	10
Donna Herman	10
Becky Selby	10
Ron Uttecht	10
Willy Carlson	13
Brayden Stilwell	13
Braylyn Gilmer	14
Archer Selby	15
Eli Tiba	17
Asher Sullivan	18
Zeke Ehrlick	20
Phyllis Nelson	27
David Fields	29

Coffee with Pastor Mark
 Wednesdays at 10 am
 Mill Haus Coffee
 1109 Broad St. Milliken



Bring a friend!



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



May 9	9:00 am	Women's Breakfast and Fellowship
May 10	10:30 am	Worship Service
May 11	6:00 pm	Worship Ministry Team
May 12	6:00 pm	Spiritual Growth Ministry Team
May 13	4:10 pm	Communication Ministry Team
May 13	5:30 pm	Personnel Ministry
May 13	6:00 pm	Finance Ministry
May 14	5:30 pm	Trustees Meeting
May 15	5:00 pm	Girl Scouts Meeting
May 17	10:30 am	Worship Service
May 17	11:30 am	Senior Sunday Potluck lunch and Program
May 18	11:30 - 2:00 pm	Food Pantry
May 19	6:30 pm	Session Meeting
May 20	3:00 - 5:30 pm	Food Pantry
May 21	10:00 am	Bible Study
May 21	6:30 pm	Praise Team
May 23 - May 28	Pastor Mark Out	Vacation
May 24	10:30 am	Worship Service
May 25	Office Closed	Memorial Day
May 26	Office Closed	Pat out Vacation
May 28	6:30 pm	Praise Team
May 31	10:30 am	Worship Service
May 31	11:30 am	Congregational Meeting
June 1	11:30 am - 2:00 pm	Food Pantry



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.





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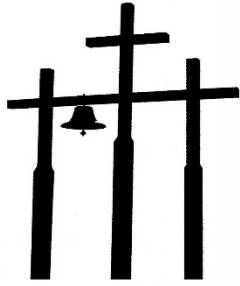
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Milliken Presbyterian Church



Our Ministry Teams

Pastor Mark Hutton
Temporary Treasurer – Kristin Eidson
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

MINISTRY TEAMS

Nominating

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

Spiritual Growth

Kellyn Wortman - *Co Chairperson*
Kylie Smith - *Co Chairperson*
Vicky Gilmer
Shari Schneider
Gabrielle Farquhar
LeeAnn Young
Amanda Young Sullivan
Sabrina Hook
Pete Keohane - *Liaison*
Wes Mayfield
JennyLei Wright

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
Dave Crego
Kylie Smith
Deb Hodson

Mission and Outreach

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

Communication

Larry Wakeman - *Chairperson*
JennyLei Wright
Heather Farquhar
Deb Hodson
Pat Woods - *ex-officio*

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.
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Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.

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Information to be included in the next update
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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.

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