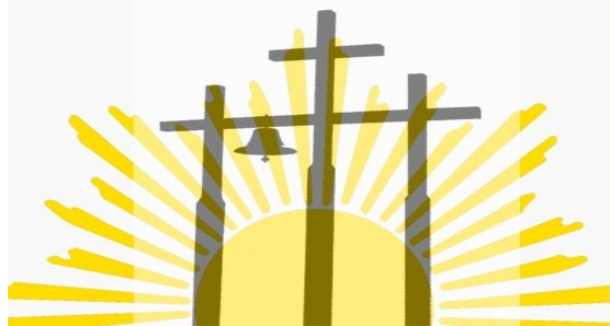




Sonshine News and Updates

October 1, 2026



Milliken Presbyterian Church Monthly Session Report September 2026



Jesus Christ calls us to glorify God and to love others.

Our mission is to reach out and actively engage others by sharing our Christian faith, worshiping, studying the Bible, praying, and serving God in our families, our communities, and our world.

At the **September 22, 2026 Session meeting**, your Session took the following actions:

- Received the proposed 2027 budget
- Reviewed Pastor Mark's terms of call
- Approved the request from your Deacon board for them to collect a free will offering at a spaghetti dinner on either January 24, 2027 or February 7, 2027
- Approved a motion from your Finance Ministry Team keeping Kristin Eidson on board (payroll) up to 2 more months (September and October). This is so she is compensated for any help that our Treasurer, Chris Hurley might need.
- Approved the agenda for our upcoming congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, October 25th following worship. The agenda is as follows:

Election of Nominating Ministry Team members at Large

Pastor Mark's terms of call for 2027

Update on the listening sessions

Update on our 2026 budget

2027 Annual Budget

Giving trends and their impact

Sunday October 4th

Two events

World Communion Sunday

Blessing of the Animals

Join us for two special events on
Sunday, October 4th.

During worship we will celebrate

World Communion Sunday.

- Please feel free to wear clothes that connect to your nationality/ethnicity.
- You are invited to bring bread that is connected to your heritage . The bread will be used to decorate the communion table.



From **1 to 2 pm** on October 4th we will do the **Blessing of the Animals.**

- You are invited to bring your pet(s) and have them blessed by Pastor Mark.
- Small and Large animals are welcome.
- All animals need to be on a leash or in a cage.
- To ensure all of the animals safety, please keep a safe distance, so that the animals will feel safe.





Pastor Mark will be out of the office Monday, October 5 through Thursday, October 8. He will be attending the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation (OPSF – changing its name to Presbyterian Leadership Connection – PLC). This is part of Pastor Mark’s Bountiful Preaching Co-hort. If you want to learn more about this conference click on this link. <https://omahapresbyterianseminaryfoundation.org/preaching-with-compassion/>



Congregational Meeting

We will have a very important Congregational meeting on Sunday, October 25, 2026, following worship. Every member, whether a voting member or not, is encouraged to stay. Your Session has set the following agenda for the meeting.

Congregational meeting agenda – Sunday, October 25, 2026

- Election of Nominating Ministry Team members at
- Large for the 2027 Nominating Ministry Team
- Update on the listening sessions held in late August
- Update on the 2026 budget – how are we doing?
- Pastor Mark’s terms of call for 2027
- 2027 Annual Budget

Giving trends and their impact



Sunday, October 18th
12 - 1:30 pm
Lunch Provided

- If you are curious about what being a Presbyterian is all about, please join us.
- If you are considering becoming a voting member of our church, please join us.
- If you just want to hang out with some great people, please join us. ☺
- Child care available upon request.

Please RSVP by October 14th to the church office -
970-587-2378, office@millikenpres.org or
Pastor Mark, pastormark@millikenpres.org



at MPC - 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 10 - 11 am
September 24th and October 8th
We will be studying 1st Timothy
Co-Led by Donna Herman and Sharon Morgan



Join us for Trick or Treat Street
With the Town of Milliken on October 24th
in the parking lot of the Town Hall
From 12-2 pm

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex
For anyone would like to hand out candy
on October 24th.



There will be a tote for candy donations
in the Narthex!

We will stay after Worship on
October 18th to fill candy bags.
Volunteers are welcome to help!





**Loving our Children
and Youth
Supporting our Children
and Youth**

Show up and support Briley Wright play volleyball. Games are held at *TRPR MAC North Gym*

Sat. 10/3@ 9:00 am

Sat. 10/10@ 1:00 pm

Show up and support CJ Wright play football. Games are held on the grass field outside the MAC

Thur. 10/8 @ 5:00 pm

Sat. 10/10 @ 11:45 am

**Show up and support Brayden Stilwell play football. Games are held at Loveland Sports Park,
950 N Boyd Lake Ave.**

Sat. 10/3 Not scheduled yet

Sat. 10/10 @ 8:00 and 9:15 am Field 7

**Show up and support Devon Stilwell play football. Games are held at Loveland Sports Park,
950 N Boyd Lake Ave**

Sat. 10/3 Not scheduled yet

Sat. 10/10 @ 11:45 am and 1:00 pm Field 6

If you come please bring chairs to sit in.



**MPC WOMEN'S
Breakfast
Club and
Fellowship**

October 10, 2026 9:00 am

Original House of Pancakes
1402 E. Harmony Rd.
Ft. Collins, CO

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

Please RSVP to Becky Hook
By phone or text - 970-776-0734
or email at- dbsshook@proton.me

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



Bring a friend!



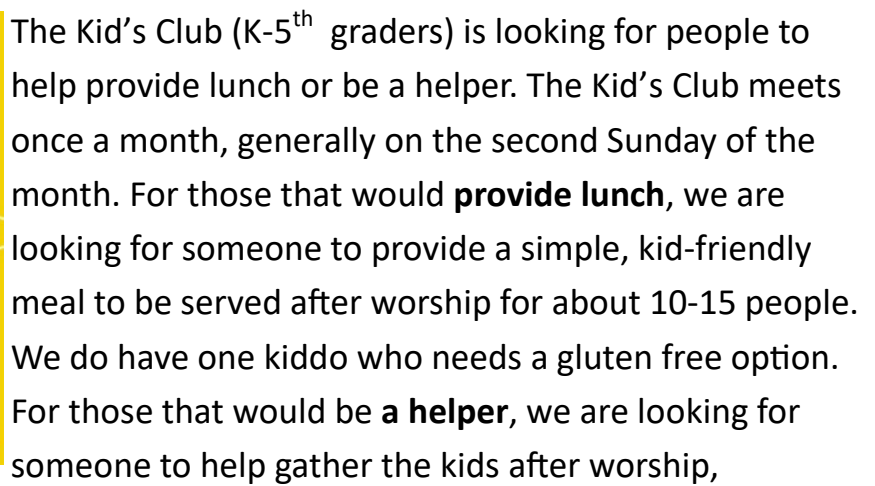
MPC App

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MPC Church App**



MPC Give

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download the MPC
Giving App**



Kids Club will meet this Sunday, October 11th at 11:45 am

A word cloud centered around the text "Youth Group". The words are arranged in a circular pattern, with "Youth Group" being the largest and most prominent. Other words include "community", "love", "share", "growing", "serve", "Christ", "students", "teach", "open", "bond", "friends", "authentic", "games", "fun", "group", "sweet", "grow", "enthusiasm", "active", "Bible", "girls", "caring", "home", "boys", "real", "meaning", "belief", "rest", "encouraging", "dialogue", "joy", "inspirational", "connect", "help", "safe", "belong", "teach", "laugh", "cool", "give", "lean", "purpose", "teens", "learning", and "share".

Youth Group will meet this Sunday, October 11th from 3-5 pm at MPC for activities. A snack will be provided . Friends are invited and welcome to join us!



Todd Sleby	4
Rachel Selby	10
Ella Miller	14
Jolene Mayfield	19
Lee Woods	20
Rob Schneider	21
Janella Buittner	22
Shari Schneider	23
Landon Sullivan	26
Bob Kirkman	29
Ruby Brown	31
Connie Dilka	31



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](#).

SIGN UP TODAY!

NAVIGATORS NEEDED



UNITED WAY
Weld County

**WELD
PROJECT
CONNECT**

**A one-day event providing FREE
on-site services to those in need.**

Thursday, October 15
Noon - 5:30 p.m.

Navigator check-in begins at 10:45 a.m.
Island Grove Events Center - Greeley

Volunteer Navigators are paired up one-on-one to
guide guests through the services being provided.
Navigators will receive required training prior to WPC.



For more information
**[www.unitedway-weld.org/
projectconnect](http://www.unitedway-weld.org/projectconnect)**



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Energy

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Church Calendar

October 2	5:00 pm	Girl Scout Meeting
October 3	9:00 am	Easy Worship Meeting
October 4	9:15 am	Sunday School
October 4	10:30 pm	Worship Service
October 4	1:00 pm	Blessing of the Animals
October 4	3:00 - 5:00 pm	Youth Group at JUMC
October 5-8	Pastor Mark Out	Study Leave Conference
October 5	11:30 - 2:00 pm	Food Pantry
October 5	6:30 pm	P.E.O.
October 7	3:00 - 5:30 pm	Food Pantry
October 8	10:00 am	Bible Study
October 8	5:30 pm	Trustees
October 8	6:30 pm	Praise Team
October 9	10:00 am	Presbyterian Women
October 10	9:00 am	Women's Breakfast and Fellowship
October 11	9:15 am	Sundy School
October 11	10:30 am	Worship Service
October 11	11:45 - 12:45 pm	Kid's Club
October 11	3-5:00 pm	Youth Group at MPC
October 12	6:00 pm	Worship Ministry
October 13	6:00 pm	Finance Ministry Team
October 13	6:00 pm	Spiritual Growth Ministry Team
October 14	4:30 pm	Communication Ministry Team
October 15	6:30 pm	Praise Team
October 16	5:00 pm	Girl Scout Meeting



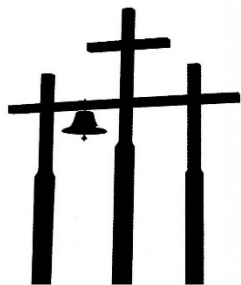
Your contributions are welcome!

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 Ehrlich - 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 - *Liaison*

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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office@millikenpres.org

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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.