Sonshine News and Updates

October 29, 2026

Milliken Presbyterian Church
Monthly Session Report
October 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 October 27, 2026 Session meeting, your Session took the following actions:

- **Proposed three potential dates for a Tri-board meeting to continue the conversation regarding the listening sessions and our vision and mission. As a reminder we have a new purpose statement that is listed at the top of this report.**
- **Approved your Spiritual Growth Ministry Team's (SGMT) motion to have the Children's Christmas program be a dinner theater. This will take place on Saturday, December 12th. The motion included a request to have a charge per person and to sell small cook books related to the dinner. Your Session approved this request with the encouragement that the SGMT consider also putting out donation jars.**
- **Approved the request from your SGMT's motion to have Group Publishing's VBS curriculum Crave for the theme and curriculum for our 2027 VBS.**
- **Approved a motion from SGMT to approve Pastor Mark lead a Bible Study and/or a Discipleship group. Pastor Mark will be sending out a survey to gain interest in either a Bible Study and/or a Discipleship group. Be on the look out for the survey coming soon.**
- **Heard the report from the Presbytery Commissioner's, Donna Herman and Peggy Wakeman, from the October 3, 2026 Plains and Peaks Presbytery meeting.**
- **Held a the final Triannual conversation on how your Elders feel the church is doing.**

This also included conversation regarding the congregational meeting on October 25th. Aside from the revenue problems we are having the overall feeling was that we are doing well.





Join Us for Trick or Treat Street and Monster Mash

With the Town of Milliken on October 31st

in the parking lot of the Town Hall

From 12-2 pm

Be sure to turn your clocks back one hour this Saturday night.





Baked Potato & Dessert Bar



This Sunday, November 1st Following Worship
Build your Own Potato:

Toppings inclue Chili, Cheese, Queso, Sour Cream, Bacon Bits, Butter, Onion, Broccoli

Free Will Offering: Donations Gratefully Accepted. All Donations will go to helping Trustees replace flooring in the entry, narthex and halls.

Sponsored by Your Presbyterian Women



RAKES & PANCAKES
FALL CLEAN-UP

Saturday, November 7th
9:00 AM
at Milliken Presbyterian Church





Join us for a morning of fellowship!

Please bring your own rakes, gloves, and yard tools if you can.

Fuel up first! A **free pancake** breakfast will be served starting at 9:00 AM before we head outside to clean the church grounds.

All help is welcome! Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex so we can plan enough pancakes!

MPC Giving Options

Remember back in the good old days: When Fall came around you could count on a few sermon based on stewardship and shortly thereafter a pledge letter encouraging you to make an annual pledge and you would receive a box of weekly or monthly pledge envelopes to put a check in.

Those envelopes served as a nice reminder if you were keeping up with your pledge as well as giving the church a better understanding of expected cash flow.

Well, those days are gone but the underlying need is still there to help us remember our personal commitments.

For many of us we have moved on from checks to paying for our recurring utility bills with "auto-pay". Set up a recurring payment (weekly, monthly or yearly) and know your commitment will be taken care of and not forgotten.

This is quite easy to do with your commitment to MPC as well. You can easily set up a recurring financial gift to the church (or if you like, a one time gift).

Whether you access the page from the MPC mobile app. or from the MPC website homepage, both will take you to the same "Giving Page" where you can set up a recurring payment from a charge card or bank account. If you don't have the phone app or want to navigate the website you can always scan the QR code on the offering box or tap your phone there and it will take you directly to the MPC Giving page.

A new option now available is to use "Text to Give". You can now send a text to 970-585-7676 followed by the dollar amount (ex. Text 970-585-7676 $$.00). By default it will go to the general fund. If you want to give to a specific fund, simply follow the $$.00 with a space and fund name (i.e. Deacons or VBS or Youth etc.)

In all cases, first time givers will be prompted for their payment method via a secured web page.

Be assured, your financial information is encrypted and stored by the same secure banking transaction partners as is used by the banking and credit card industry rather than on Breeze's own platform.



ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER
Sunday, November 15th after Worship

Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, greenbean casarole and drinks will be provided.

We will set up tables on Thursday, November 12th at 1:00 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

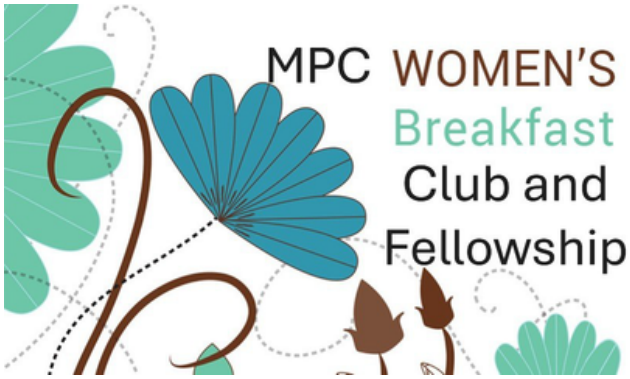
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A-I please bring a salad

J-Q bring a vegetable

R-Z bring a dessert

We need 3 people to cook a turkey. If you are able to please contact Karen at 970-405-8602



November 14, 2026 9:00 am
Panera Loveland
1550 Fall River Drive
Loveland, 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

MPC App

Scan this QR code to download the MPC Church App

MPC Give

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Shoeboxes will be in the Narthex by **October 25th** and need to be returned no later than **November 22nd.**

Boy/Girl labels will be included when you pick up your shoeboxes

Operation Christmas Child Items-

Toys-Small cars, dolls, stuffed animals, Kazoos, yo-yos, harmonicas, small Etch-a Sketch, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries).

School Supplies-(pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pads, writing pads or paper.) Also, solar calculators, coloring or picture books, etc.

Hygiene items- Toothbrush, **NO TOOTHPASTE**, comb, washcloths, forks and spoon are also a great idea.

Other- T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), Band-aids

Do Not Include: Toothpaste, Soap, Candy, War related items, Liquids, Lotions, Medications, Vitamins, Breakable items such as glass or snowglobes etc.

If you are unable to shop for a box, please consider donating postage for one or more.

Please make ALL check donations for **postage ($10)** to MPC. The donations are greatly appreciated!



Our annual Hanging of the Greens will take place after worship on Sunday, November 22nd

We will have a soup lunch to power us up before we decorate the church for Advent and Christmas.

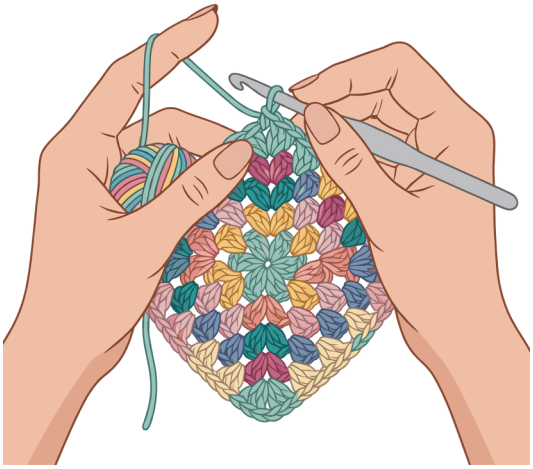


Advent begins on Sunday, November 29th. This year's theme is Words for the Beginning: Advent Reminders for New Seasons. This theme and series come from A Sanctified Art. This is what they say about Words for the Beginning.

> **This series feels like a blanket wrapped around you, providing warmth and comfort as you begin again. Like a quilt formed by scraps of old fabrics and meaningful family items, this worship series stitches together the ancient scriptures and reminders we need to hear again and again. The medium of quilting is an ancient craft (dated as far back as 3400 BCE), but it is seeing a modern-day resurgence. Quilts have been used for physical protection, comfort, ceremonies, abolition, family heirlooms, advocacy, and more. Quilting is a medium that transcends countless cultures, regions, and time periods, but is a craft rooted in community and storytelling.**

Plan now to be a part of this fresh beginning as we wrap ourselves in the story of God's plan in and through the birth of Jesus.





Are you able to knit or crochet? Are you interested in learning how? Over the past several months, there have been ongoing conversations about reestablishing the MPC Prayer Shawl Ministry with the purpose of making hand-knitted or crocheted shawls to be given as comforting gifts to those in need.

- **Tangible Comfort and Support:** These shawls are gifted to people going through challenging life events, such as undergoing medical procedures, recovering from illness, mourning a loss, or celebrating milestones like a marriage or birth.
- **Infused with Intention:** The makers of these shawls pray for the recipient before, during, and after crafting the garment. The shawl acts as a literal, wearable blanket of collective prayer and communal care.
- **Connection to Scriptural Healing:** Many Christian believers trace the symbolic meaning back to the Gospel stories where people were instantly healed simply by reaching out to touch the "hem of Jesus' garment".

The goal will be to meet every other month to start a project that participants can then continue from home, working on the project over the time in between the in-person gatherings. Many supplies have been donated, but your own supplies can be used as well. If this is something you are interested in and want more information about, please speak with Becky Selby or Heather Farquhar.



Youth Group Fund-Raiser

Our youth are participating in a fund-raiser to help raise money for their mission trip to **Puerto Rico** next summer. The youth are selling Christmas wreaths and center pieces.

Orders are due by Sunday, November 15th and may be made on the order form in the entry way.

Please pay when you place your order.

Since we have a joint Youth Group with our sister church, Johnstown United Methodist Church, and they are handling the money, **please make checks out to Johnstown United Methodist Church** with "youth fund-raiser" in the memo. Cash is also accepted.



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.



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 second 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. We do have one kiddo who needs a gluten free option. 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.

Kids Club will meet Sunday, November 8th at 11:45 am

The Youth Group will meet Sunday, November 1st at JUMC from 3-5 pm for activities. A snack will be provided. Friends are invited and welcome to join us!

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CHURCH DOORS

We are finding the front doors of the Church are being left unlocked. Please make sure the door is locked and latched when you leave. The door does not always latch so please push on it to engage the lock.

Thank you



Ruby Brown	31
Connie Dilka	31



Lois Ann Onorato	1
Sophia Smith	1
Matt Wortman	1
Martha Newcomb	3
Jim Betts	4
Mike Hodson	5
Melva Hessler	6
Dave Hook	6
Bill Selby	8
Becky Hook	11
Craig Eidson	17
Joe Selby	18
Colton Fields	21
Jacob Mayfield	21
Pat Woods	23
Colson Parker	26
Aliyah Hernandez	27
Addy Hutton	28



at MPC - 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 10 - 11 am

November 12th and December 9th

We will be studying 1st Timothy

Co-Led by Donna Herman and Sharon Morgan

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Church Calendar

October 30	10:00 am	Presbyterian Women Food prep for Potato Bar
October 31	12 - 2:00 pm	Trunk or Treat Street
November 1	9:15 am	Sunday School
November 1	10:30 am	Worship Service
November 1	11:45 am	Presbyterian Women Potato Bar
November 1	3:00 pm	Youth Group at JUMC
November 2	11:30 - 3 pm	Food Pantry
November 2	6:30 pm	P.E.O.
November 4	3 - 5:30 pm	Food Pantry
November 5	9:00 am	Mission and Outreach Ministry Team
November 5	6:30 pm	Praise Team
November 6	5:00 pm	Girl Scout Meeting
November 7	9:00 am	Easy Worship
November 8	9:15 am	Sunday School
November 8	10:30 am	Worship Service
November 8	11:45 am	Kid's Club
November 8	3:00 pm	Youth Group at MPC
November 9	6:00 pm	Worship Ministry Team
November 10	6:00 pm	Spiritual Growth 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.



Costume Store

Word Scramble

The costume store is a mess and Halloween is only a few days away! Can you help to unscramble the costume names so that all of the kids have something to wear on October 31st?

TWCIH	_____	OWLCN	_____
OMEZIB	_____	PEHRSERUO	_____
WRZDAI	_____	OCASCWERR	_____
TOROB	_____	TOHSG	_____
KOTESLEN	_____	EISNRPSC	_____
BOCOYW	_____	RMNEAIF	_____
IESRDP	_____	IDELV	_____
UKMNIPP	_____	EMIRPVA	_____
ARYFI	_____	ANIJN	_____
EALGN	_____	ARPEIT	_____
MYMUM	_____	EMMIRDA	_____



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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

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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