



Milan Christian Church

Where Faith, Friends, and Family Meet

NEWSLETTER
October 2026

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*** WELCOME HOME ***

Our Vision: The Vision of Milan Christian Church is to strive every day to take the Gospel of Christ to those who need to hear it, to bring them into relationship with Christ through the waters of Christian Baptism, to teach them to become disciples of Christ, and equip and encourage all Christians to live their lives as Christ would live.



Kathy (Dennis & Phyllis Martens' daughter) & her husband Jon's baptism of their children, L to R: Kathy, Mariam, Amina, Isaiah, & Jon - 8/16/2026

MCC GROUNDBREAKING EVENT, 9/13/2026

Message from Britton Rexroat, MCC Minister



Sunday, we stood on what looks like an empty piece of ground. But I don't think God sees empty ground. I think He sees His people.

He sees the people who will walk through these doors.
He sees families who will worship here.
He sees kids who will hear about Jesus here.
He sees teenagers who will find a place to belong.

And that's what today is really about.

We're not celebrating a building. We're celebrating what Jesus is doing in people's lives.

God has continued to bless Milan Christian Church. We've been through some hard years. We've even had to start over twice. But we've also seen many new faces, and entire families give their life to Christ.

Eventually, we had to ask: What is the next step for MCC?

We could play it safe and maintain what we have. Or we could make room for what God might want to do next.

Jesus is the mission. The building is simply a tool.

We pray God will use this building to reach more people, disciple more believers, serve more families, and point more people toward Jesus.

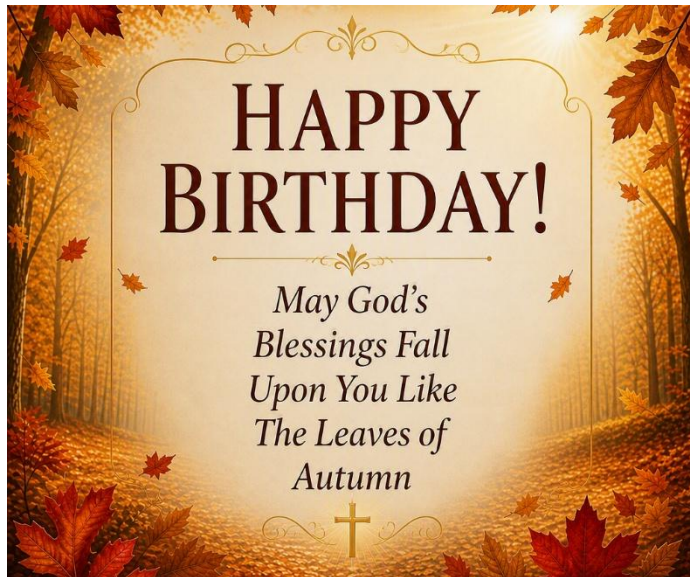
And we also remember that we didn't get here by ourselves. There are dozens of people who have gone before us—people whose names many of us will never know—who helped pave the way for this moment.

Today, we're building a place where people can encounter Jesus. So, as construction begins, our prayer is simple: May everything that happens here point people to Jesus.

Today, we didn't just break ground. We took another step of faith. And we trust God with what—and who—comes next. Thank you to everyone who came out today, who has prayed, given, served, worked, and believed in what God is doing at Milan Christian Church.

We're excited to see what God does next!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



- 1 – Sherry Powell
- 4 – Haley Kline
- 12 – Amy Mitchell
- 16 – Chris Tipton
- 21 – Jacob Werner
- 24 – Emmett LaBelle
- 31 – Carrie Roelf

A vibrant church advertisement featuring a background image of a church building at sunset. The text is bold and eye-catching. On the left is a logo with a stylized 'm' inside a circle, crossed by a red 'X'. The main text reads: "Milan Christian Church Welcomes You!" in large, bold letters. Below this, it says "Come As You Are To Our THURSDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE!!". At the bottom, there are two service options: "5:30 PM - A hot home-cooked meal." (with a fork and knife icon) and "6:00 PM - Relax with God & come to a laid-back comfortable worship service." (with a plus sign icon). Below these, it says "Also Available: CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (Preschool - 5th Grade); NURSERY". At the very bottom, the address and phone number are listed: "709 Hillcrest Rd., Milan, IL 61264 | 309-787-6879".

A graphic titled "3 WAYS TO GIVE" in large, bold, white letters on a blue background. Below the title are three numbered boxes, each with a different icon and text. Box 1 (green) has an envelope icon and says "Mail your gift" with the address "Milan Christian Church, PO Box 425, Milan, IL 61264". Box 2 (blue) has a globe icon and says "Give online" with the instruction "Please see Andy Werner". Box 3 (red) has a group of people icon and says "Give in person" with the instruction "At Worship Service". At the bottom center is a small logo with a stylized 'm' inside a circle, crossed by a red 'X'.

Phyllis Boley – Health issue
Anne Bosold – Awaiting shoulder surgery
Sue Huber – Cancer
Rebecca Kline – Health issue
Paul & Barb Lane – Health issues
David & Diana Lee – Health issues
Dennis & Phyllis Martens – Health issues
Kathie McAdams – Job issue
Amy Mitchell – Comfort (back pain)
Jim Mitchell – Torn ankle muscle
Scott Powell – Health issue
Britton Rexroat – Health issue
Gretchen Rexroat – Job issue
Levi Rexroat – Torn ACL in his knee
Carrie Roelf – Recovery from her bicycling accident injuries
Linda Thomas' Family (Passing of her brother Wayne) - Comfort
Linda Thomas – Health issue
Linda Tipton – Health issue
Chris Uribe – Cancer
Sue Wriedt – (Recovery from surgery)
Julie (Johnny Oeth's mother) – Cancer
Di (Linda Tipton's sister) – Health issue
Kim (Linda Tipton's brother-in-law who cares for her handicapped sister) – Cancer
Heather (Sherry Powell's granddaughter/Scott Powell's daughter) - Cancer
Lacey (Sherry Powell's granddaughter) – Health issue
Alyse (Don & Cathy Jo Merritt's daughter-in-law) – Cancer
Francis (Kathie McAdams' sister) – Spiritual issue
Donald (Kathie McAdams' brother-in-law) – Recovery from surgery
Nicolette (Kathie McAdams' niece) – Health issue
Wendy (Pete & Norma Leone's niece) – Health issue
Sue (Angela Northcutt's sister) – Cancer
Gary (George Smith's son) – Continued recovery from numerous surgeries
Michelle (Kirsten Litton's sister) – Continued recovery from serious injury
Mike (Brad Webster's brother) – Personal issue
Angie & Shawn (David & Diana Lee's daughters) – Health issue & Personal issue
John (David Lee's friend) – Health issue
Karen (Phyllis Boley's friend) – Health issue
Bonnie (Phyllis Boley's friend) – Injuries from a fall
Misty [NOT Misty from Coram Deo Church, Davenport] (Phyllis Boley's friend's daughter) - Cancer
Nate (Grandson of Jan Pugh's friend) – Cancer
Ryan & family (Jan Pugh's friend) – Comfort (dealing with his Mom's terminal illness)
Killian (Linda Hocker's son) – Recovery from hand surgery
Kathy (Dennis & Phyllis Martens' daughter) – Foster child concerns
Brian (Kristy Johnson's brother's father-in-law) – Health issue
Penny (Phyllis Martens' caregiver) – Health issue
Kitty (Betty Kisner's daughter) – Health issues
Jeff (Anne Bosold's 84-yr-old neighbor) – Health issue
Bob from B&M Buckle (Prints our weekly Study Guides/Connections & monthly newsletters) – Cancer
Alex (Jan Pugh's grandson) – Personal issue

All our children dealing w/school or personal issues.

All who don't know Jesus or need to come back to Him.

When We Pray Together, We're Working Together

EMBRACING THE BEAUTY OF AUTUMN: A SEASON OF REFLECTION AND RENEWAL

By Steve Patterson, courageouschristianfather.com



As the warm embrace of summer fades away, we find ourselves on the threshold of a new season—autumn.

With its vibrant colors, crisp air, and a gentle whisper of change, autumn serves as a poignant reminder of the ever-present hand of our Creator. In this season of transition, let us pause and reflect on the spiritual lessons that autumn graciously offers. Join me on this journey as we delve into the beauty of autumn and discover the ways it speaks to our faith.

Autumn invites us to slow down and reflect on the passing of time. As the leaves transform into breathtaking hues of red, orange, and gold, we are reminded of the transient nature of life itself. It serves as a gentle nudge to pause and ponder our own spiritual journey. Just as the trees shed their leaves, we are called to let go of anything that hinders our growth in Christ, embracing the opportunity for renewal.

Trusting in the Seasons of Life: The changing seasons remind us of the cyclical nature of life, with each season serving a unique purpose. Autumn teaches us to trust in the sovereignty of God and the divine order He has established. Just as trees trust that spring will come again, we can rest assured that God is working even in the midst of difficult seasons. In times of uncertainty, we can find solace in knowing that God's plans are greater than our own, and He is faithful to bring forth beauty from the ashes.

Finding Beauty in Imperfection: Autumn brings with it a certain sense of vulnerability as trees shed their leaves, revealing their bare branches. Yet, it is in this vulnerability that we witness the beauty of imperfection. In a world that often values perfection and masks, autumn reminds us that it is through our weaknesses that God's strength is made perfect. As we embrace our own vulnerabilities and allow God's grace to work through us, we become a testimony to His transformative power.

Harvest and Gratitude: Autumn is a season of harvest, a time to gather the fruits of our labor and offer gratitude for God's provision. It prompts us to reflect on the blessings we have received and express our thankfulness to the Giver of all good gifts. Let us cultivate a heart of gratitude, not only for the abundant harvest in our lives but also for the spiritual growth and lessons learned along the way.

Conclusion: As we immerse ourselves in the enchanting embrace of autumn, let us open our hearts to the profound messages this season carries. Autumn invites us to reflect on the transient nature of life, trust in God's perfect timing, embrace our vulnerabilities, and cultivate a heart of gratitude. May this season be a time of spiritual renewal and a reminder of God's unending love and faithfulness. Let us rejoice in the beauty of autumn and carry its lessons with us throughout the year, continually growing in our relationship with our Heavenly Father.



WANT MORE JESUS?

WELCOME TO OUR
SMALL GROUPS!

ANNE BOSOLD
Tuesdays @ 10am
In the church basement
Anne: 309-749-9776

JAY & MARY JO OLIVER'S HOME
Wednesdays @ 5:30pm
Jay: 309-738-0890
Mary Jo: 309-738-1237

BRITTON & GRETCHEN REXROAT'S HOME
Wednesdays Dinner @ 5:30pm
Bible Study at 6:00pm
Britton: 309-912-8767

Small Groups are where we *grow* together in faith, encourage one another, and experience God's *love*.

NEED HELP FINDING A GROUP? WE'D LOVE TO HELP! 309-787-6879



Welcome To Our
October ELDERBERRIES LUNCHEON !!

October 13th, 11:30 AM, MCC Basement.

Bring Your Favorite **BEEF** Meal, Side Dish, Or Dessert To Share

Everyone Welcome!

See Anne Bosold or Sherry Powell



DARTS WITH DAD !!

Join Us For Fun & Fellowship
In A Christian Environment

Oct 18th at 11:30 AM

See Britton Rexroat



Milan Christian Church
Welcomes You To
TRUNK OR TREAT
WITH JESUS !!

Faith & Family Friendly
Free Event

ON **OCTOBER 31ST**
5:30 PM

Includes: 🍕 PIZZA ⚡ ENERGY DRINKS ☕ HOT CHOCOLATE 🎈 BALLOON ANIMALS

Volunteers Needed: Please See Aaron or Kristy Johnson



ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS OF OUR MCC FAMILY!

Sign up to be included in the MCC DIRECTORY!!

- Receive direct invitations or MCC info from our leadership.
- Receive personal event acknowledgements from our Caring Hearts Ministry.
- Have your birthday acknowledged in our monthly newsletter.

Contact: Jan Pugh, transamram@msn.com



HELPING HEARTS MINISTRY

Compassionate assistance for our MCC Family when needed: Greeting cards, Flowers, Meals during recovery from debilitating health issues, & After funeral lunches at MCC.

See Sherry Powell

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WEEKLY CALENDAR:

TUESDAY (Not on Elderberries Tues.)—Small Group,
MCC basement, 10 AM

WEDNESDAY—Small Group, Oliver home, 5:30 PM
—Small Group, Rexroat home –
Dinner – 5:30 PM, Bible Study – 6 PM
—Worship Rehearsal, MCC, 6 PM

THURSDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE—Dinner 5:30 PM, Service 6:00 PM (Downstairs)

SUNDAY—In-Building Worship: 9:30 to 10:30 AM (Gluten Free Communion is available in the Coffee Room or ask a server, for assistance. Also, if anyone is in need of prayer & would like to pray w/someone, there will be individuals available at the front of the sanctuary after service.)
Church services are available to view on our website at www.MilanChristianChurch.com.

—Nursery: 9:30 AM (Main floor)

—Kids Church (Preschool-5th Grade): 9:30 AM (Downstairs)

—Student Ministry (6th-12th Grade): 9:30 AM, In the BOB (Building Out Back)

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10 – **LADIES' BRUNCH** (NOTE: **CHANGE TO 2ND SATURDAY THIS MONTH ONLY**), MCC basement, 10–11:30 AM, See Amy Mitchell

12 – **COLUMBUS DAY**

12 – **ELDERBERRIES LUNCHEON**, MCC basement, 11:30 AM; See Anne Bosold or Sherry Powell

12 – **ELDER'S MEETING** (closed), 5:30 PM

17 – **MEN'S BREAKFAST**, Adventure Christian Church, Davenport, 7:30-9:30 AM

18 – **DARTS WITH DAD**, 11:30 AM, See Britton Rexroat

31 – **TRUNK OR TREAT**, 5:30 PM, See Aaron or Kristy Johnson

31 – **HALLOWEEN**