

# **APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2025

11:00 a.m.

## **We Gather in God's Name**

PRELUDE      "God, the Omnipotent"      T. Chesterton

WORDS of WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS and BIRTHDAYS

PRAYER CONCERNS

### **\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

**All: let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that  
clings so closely,**

One: and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before  
us.

**All: Mindful of the gifts we receive and confident of the  
sustenance the Lord provides, let us worship God.**

**\* HYMN #846      "Fight the Good Fight"**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Carl Zukas

### **\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of hope, we confess our disregard of your care, our  
doubt of your providence, and our blindness to signs of  
your love. We are afraid to risk our comforts to find new  
life; we separate ourselves from you and from others and  
foster divisions between those you love. Help us to amend  
our lives and make us your faithful people who bear the  
good fruit of your Word in the world. Amen.

**\* DECLARATION OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI #581**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

## **We Listen to God's Word**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON      Luke 12:49-56      NT p. 75

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

PROPHETIC LESSON      Isaiah 5:1-7      OT p. 634

PREACHING OF THE WORD

## **We Respond to God's Word**

**\* HYMN #354      "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"**

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      Apostle's Creed      p. 35**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER      p. 35**  
*After hearing "God of Mercy" respond by saying "Hear Our  
Prayer."*

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory      "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"      R. Jackson

**\*Doxology #606**

**\*Prayer of Gratitude for God's Abundance (in unison)**

**We trust, O God, in your provision and loving kindness.  
Use these gifts and our lives that we might bear your fruit  
with praise and thanksgiving. We ask this in the confidence  
of your mercy and love. Amen.**

## **We Go Forth to Serve**

**\* HYMN      Congregation's Choice**

**\* CHARGE & BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

**“Song for a New Day”**

D. Paxton

\*Please stand in body or spirit

*Wrapping our community in God’s love, one person at a time.*

*We believe that we are all ministers supported by:*

Rev. Niki Atkinson – Office Hours Tues. & Wed. 9:30-4:00

Please call for appointments.

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Summer Office Hours: Monday through Thursday – 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM

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**SPAGHETTI DINNER  
FUNDRAISER**

Benefitting the Apollo-Ridge  
Volleyball Team

**SATURDAY, SEPT 6, 2025**

**12 to 5 PM**

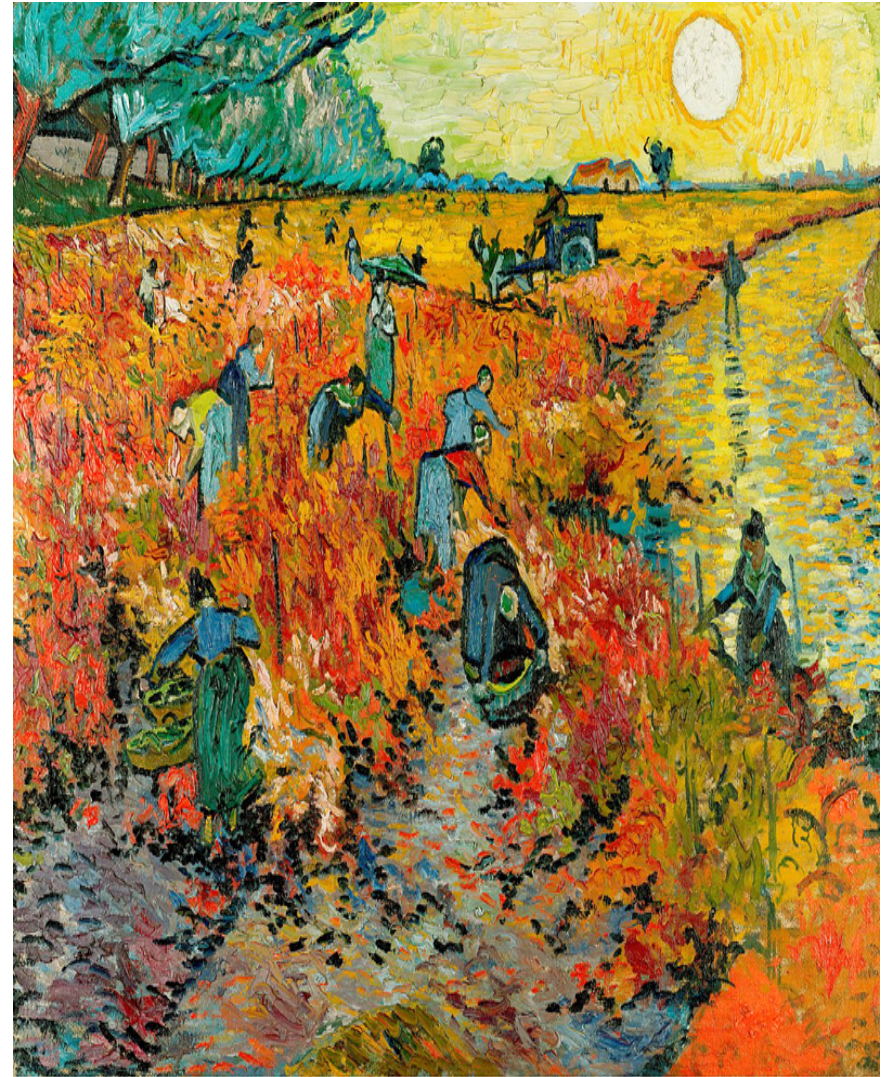
**Tickets: \$10 ~ may be  
purchased at the door or by asking any of our team  
members. Take-out is available.**

**Price includes: Pasta, roll, salad and dessert,  
lemonade or iced tea.**

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401 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET, APOLLO, PA

*(entrance in the parking lot in rear)*



*“Red Vineyards near Arles”*

*Painting, Vincent van Gogh, 1888*

*Moscow, Russia*

*Gogh, Vincent van, 1853-1890. Red Vineyards near Arles, from*

*Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt*

*Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.*

*<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57026>*

*[retrieved August 5, 2025].*

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Kim and Rose Bush  
 Jeff, Nicole, Zach and Vivian Bush

Faith Friend: Darla Tamski

Our Church: Mission Team  
 The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery

Presbytery: Southern Kansas (Synod of Mid-America)

Denomination: National Baptist Convention of America, Inc.

Nation: Nigeria - Abuja

**IMMEDIATE** Butch Schrecengost, Victims and families of Clairton US Steel accident, Shirley Dick, Paula Petrulak, Family of Tom Hoffer, Family of Kim McCain, Lenny Shellhammer, Eric, Missy, Lenny, Pastor Phil, Mat Hilty, Michelle, Buddy Riggle Sr., Jim, Carol Kopnick, **Chrissy Jacobson, Nora, family of Alice Cook.**

**CONTINUING** Remembering those who have passed, Texas flood victims, Cindy, Ronan, Dan Peppler, Julie, Isaiah, Ann, Mandy. Georgette Connor and family of Art Connor, Darlene Stocum, Tom Sipes, Family of Bob Reed, Anniversaries: Butch & Donna 55<sup>th</sup>, Denny & Karen 57<sup>th</sup>, Carole Kennedy ☺, coach with cancer, **Israel & Iran, Missy, Kenny Bash, Howard, Thank you all from Joyce Mollick, Thanks Joyce W for new banner, Kathy's brother Tom ☺.**

#### **ONGOING**

Missy, Katie, Donnie Riggle, Gary Harkcom, Bill & Linda Crabtree, Frank Kovak, Josh Hanus, Shannon Pruss, Chris Hilker, Carol Gallagher, Linda Gould, Snedecor family, Alan Shockey, Bonnie Machak, Lani Knox, Nick Arnoldy, Benjamin Mumaw, Sean George.

**MINISTRY** All those affected by the Coronavirus, flu, and RSV and those working in the health care field, first responders, research, and government. Food 4 Kids, AUPC Deacon's Emergency Fund, Support for our church, EPR Mugombwa; Victims of violence and natural disasters; President Donald Trump, our country, other world leaders, our church and its leaders, the war & military personnel, wounded military at home and in hospitals, terrorist victims, Kiskiminetas' Rwanda Partnership

#### **SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS**

**August 17 ~ Scott Hollabaugh & Amy Shupe**

**August 24 ~ Laura Uncapher & \_\_\_\_\_**

**August 31 ~ \_\_\_\_\_ & Laura Uncapher**

Gifts have been received **In Memory of Bob Reed** from The Kanish Family, Don and Shirley Dick, and an anonymous donor. Don and Shirley Dick have also given a gift **In Memory of Cindy Vigo.**

#### **August 17, 2025 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<u>SUNDAY</u>	Worship	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<b>SESSION</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<u>SUNDAY</u>	Worship	<b>11:00 AM</b>

(The office continues to be closed Fridays through Labor Day)

**On Sunday, September 7 at 10:00 AM, at Owens Grove, AUPC and BSPC will have a joint worship service followed by a picnic luncheon. AUPC will provide hot dogs, buns, condiments, paper products and drinks.**

**Those attending will be asked to provide:**

**Names A-L: side dishes**

**Names M-Z: desserts**

Thank you so much to everyone from my church family who sent "Get Well" and "Thinking of you" cards, prayers, kindness offerings and a nice call from Pastor Niki.

I truly appreciated it all.

Sincerely...  
 Shirley Dick



We are now accepting items for our October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Rummage Sale.  
**We ask that donated items be in stackable boxes or bins as our storage is limited prior to the sale.** Our Rummage Sale Chairperson, Bill Speer, will be at the church on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 6:00 PM to accept items and help to get them downstairs. You may also donate your items, Mon.~Thurs. between 9 AM to 2 PM. Just call the office when you arrive.



