

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025

11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE "Come Christians, Join to Sing" E. Englert

WORDS of WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSION Candy George

ANNOUNCEMENTS and BIRTHDAYS

PRAYER CONCERNS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

*** HYMN #435** "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

CALL TO CONFESSION

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

O God, we think we love You well on many occasions, but the truth is our love for You is diluted and weak. Our hearts are divided, and our passion for Your Kingdom half-hearted. Our trust in You seems pure only for brief moments. Our affections are drawn away too quickly, and our devotion to You dies far too easily. Forgive us. In Your deep mercy, rekindle our love for You as we see anew Jesus' love for us. In His name we pray. Amen.

*** DECLARATION OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

TORAH LESSON The Book of Exodus

Leader: This is the story of our people!

People: And what a story it is!

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

GOSPEL LESSON The Gospel of Matthew

PREACHING OF THE WORD "It's Not About the Money" *Randy Stear*

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN #39** "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER p. 35

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory "Adagio" F. Mendelssohn

***Doxology #606**

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

For the wondrous gift of life, we are thankful, O God. Your generous outpouring of grace reminds us of the fruitful life we are called to bear. May these gifts of time and labor, therefore, embody our desire to share and contribute to Your coming reign among us. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

*** HYMN #649** "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

*** CHARGE & BLESSING**

POSTLUDE "Jubilation" J. Denton

*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.

E-mail pastor@aupc.comcastbiz.net

Amy Shupe, Organist; Joel Varga, Assistant Organist

Zach Bush, Trumpeter Sam Mullooly, Trombonist

Linda Truffa, Office Administrator

Jerrilyn Mollick, Custodian

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

Today's Acolyte ~ *Gunner Hanus*

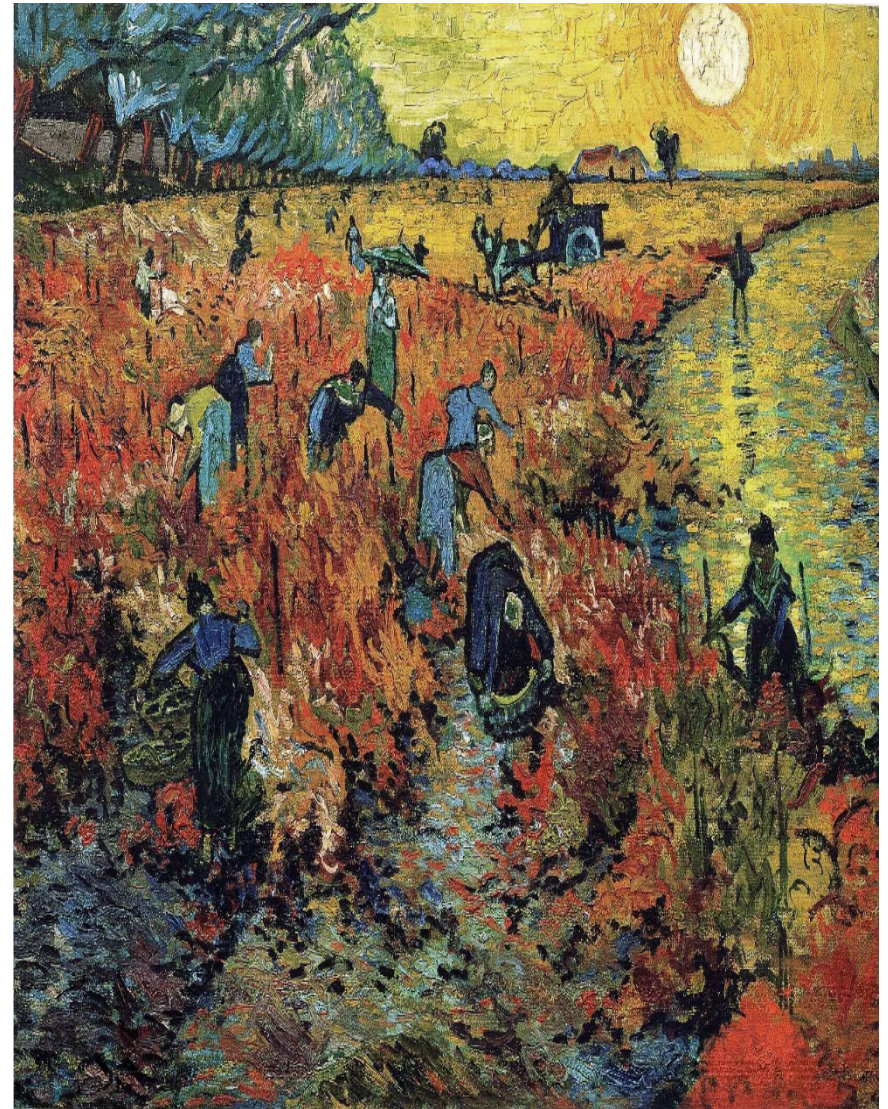
O' Christmas Tree Tea

Tickets will go on sale

Wednesday, October 8!

And, sales will continue, until sold out,
Wednesdays 9 AM – 12 PM
and **Thursdays 9 AM – 12 PM** at
the church.

Tickets ~ \$25



The Red Vineyard / Red Vineyard at Arles (Montmajour),

Painted by Vincent Van Gogh (1853–1890),

Painted in Arles on 4 November 1888,

Oil on canvas

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WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: John Fouse
 Josh, Amber, Miranda & Riley Gartley

Faith Friend: Judy Ormsby

Our Church: Pastor Niki
 The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery

Presbytery: Charlotte (Synod of Mid-Atlantic)

Denomination: Presbyterian Church (USA)

Nation: Seychelles – Victoria, Seychelles

IMMEDIATE Sue Ellen and Nick Arnoldy, Traveling mercies for the Kiski Band, Charlie Kirk family, Ed Brown family, Peace on Earth, Emily, Anne Cloonan, The John Kanish family, Jim Gallagher, Jim, Becky, family of John Ault, thanks from Jerri for the cleaning help, David Churchill, **Traveling mercies for Chris & Cassie, Family of Colton, Family of Buddy Riggle, Sr., fire at AUPC.**

CONTINUING Ron & Candy 56th Anniversary, Pat, Jim, Missy, Carol, Back-to-School kids. 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. **Lenny, Pastor Phil, Mat Hilty, Michelle, Jim, Carol Kopnick.**

ONGOING

Eric Ribar, 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

REMINDER: Please make sure
ALL lights are turned off when
leaving the building.
Numerous mornings, staff has
found that lights have been left

on all night. Last Mon. office unlocked & back lights on.

A gift has been given
In Memory of John Kanish
 from an anonymous donor.

September 28, 2025 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>SUNDAY</u>	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship- Welcome Randy Stear	11:00 AM
	Penny count after worship! Let's get rolling!	
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	Bells ~ In the Chapel	6:00 PM
<u>SUNDAY</u>	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship	11:00 AM



We are now accepting items for our October 10th & 11th 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.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH IS THE FINAL DAY FOR RUMMAGE SALE DONATIONS. ~ THANK YOU!

SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS

September 28 ~ Glenna Kanish & Scott Hollabaugh

October 5 ~ Laura Uncapher & Joyce Mollick

October 13 ~ Derek Hilty & Amy Zukas

And GREETERS

This past spring, some concerns were brought to church leadership about having our ushers distribute bulletins by the staircase to the dining room and balcony. Some attendees had difficulty passing through the space and there have been near misses by the stairwell. At our June 18 meeting, the Session discussed and made the decision to have our ushers "distribute bulletins in the hall leading to the vestibule in the Sanctuary, for safety." We started this practice during the summer to allow for a "test run." This decision has allowed for better traffic flow into the sanctuary and fewer safety concerns by the stairwell, and the Session decided to continue this practice at our September 17 meeting.

If you're looking for your bulletin, make sure you say hi to one of our greeters in the vestibule.

Thank you!

Pastor Niki

****Diane Detman has moved. Her new address is: 404 Greendale Drive, Apollo, PA 15613. Labels for your directory, with this change, are in the chapel.****

****Pat Sharrar has moved. Her new address is: 1908 Lund Bldg. 134 Marwood Road, Cabot, PA 16023 Labels for your directory are in the chapel****

COMING SOON BUSY OCTOBER

**Peace & Global Witness Offering, World
Communion Sunday, Trunk N Treat**

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

2025
CROP HUNGER WALKS

ENDING HUNGER
ONE STEP AT A TIME

This year's Crop Walk will be virtual. Set your goal, get sponsors and walk when it is convenient for you! Please have your pledges turned in by Sunday, October 12 so they can be sent in. Or . . . you can simply donate! After collecting your pledged amounts, Clearly Marked donations may be turned in to the office and they will be forwarded to the appropriate party. You may begin anytime getting pledges, walking, or donating since there is no scheduled walk. *(If you choose to walk, you'll be helping YOU also!)*

