

**APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**

5th Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2026 11:00 a.m.

**We Gather in God's Name**

PRELUDE "Blessed Assurance" arr. C. Tournquist

WORDS of WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS and BIRTHDAYS

JOYS and CONCERNS

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 89)

One: Let us sing of God's steadfast love forever;

**All: With my mouth I will proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations.**

One: Let us declare that God's steadfast love is established forever;

**All: God's faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

\* **HYMN #459** "O Word of God Incarnate"

CALL TO CONFESSION Carol Kopnicky

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

God of the risen Christ, you broke the power of sin and evil. And yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety and fear. We have failed to love you as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. Indeed, we have even failed to love ourselves. Release us from the tombs that terrify us, so that we can see your image in one another and in your good creation. Help us to see ourselves as your children. Amen.

\* **DECLARATION OF PARDON**

\***GLORIA PATRI #581**

\***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**We Listen to God's Word**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 6:12-23 CEB NT p. 156

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

PROPHETIC LESSON Jeremiah 28:5-9 CEB OT p. 730

PREACHING OF THE WORD "What Does God Want: The Truth"

**We Respond to God's Word**

\* **HYMN #722** "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Apostles' Creed*) p. 35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory "Jesus Brings Light and Life" R. Koury

\***Doxology #606**

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

O God, may these gifts be used as a witness to your love, peace and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of the earth. Amen.

**We Go Forth to Serve**

\* **HYMN** "Congregation's Choice!"

\* **CHARGE & BLESSING**

\***POSTLUDE** "Postlude in G Major" J. Blied/C. Ett

\*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, typically Wed. & Fri. 9:30-4:00  
Please call for appointments.  
E-mail [pastor@aupc.comcastbiz.net](mailto:pastor@aupc.comcastbiz.net)  
Amy Shupe, Organist; Joel Varga, Assistant Organist  
Zach Bush, Trumpeter Sam Mullooly, Trombonist  
Linda Truffa, Office Administrator  
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Summer Office Hours: Monday through Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



*Drawing at Lingnan University  
Hong Kong, China. 2010.*

*Because of Your Love I Am Free!*, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of  
the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=55231>

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WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS  
 Household: Glenna and Barry Hall  
 Josh, Amber, Hunter, Gunner, Harper & Pyper Hanus  
 Faith Friends: Lani Knox  
 Our Church: Mission Team  
 The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery  
 Presbytery: Nevada (Synod of the Pacific)  
 Denomination: African Methodist Episcopal Church  
 Nation: Kazakhstan - Astana

**IMMEDIATE** Ron George, family and friends of Gus Couknas, Vicki, Mary Kay, Jean, Becca, Newt, family of Nick, Amy Shupe, Dance Clik Recital ☺, Ronan ☺, Rachel, Dave's return of cancer, family of Linda Rollinson, National Cancer Survivor Day ☺, **Dave Kiebler, Joyce Mollick, Bethany, Anthony grad from Annapolis, Melissa, Mac McMunn.**

**CONTINUING** Candy George, Kim Liska, Joyce Mollick ☺, Joey 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion, Lois Learn, NC lung cancer victim. Carol Kopnick and the family of Holly Austin, Scott Hubbard, Quinn, Ron George, Barry Hall, Erica & Melanie, Carol says thanks, Marlene Black & family death of brother, Traveling mercies for Jeff Bush, Kim, **Mary Lou Kowalski, Sean engaged ☺, Aubrey, Zach Bush congrats ☺, Laura Antonelli & family.**

**ONGOING** Shannan, Nora, Eric Ribar, Missy, Katie, Eddie, 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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS HAVE CHANGED  
 SINCE MEMORIAL DAY! PLEASE NOTE:  
 SUMMER OFFICE HOURS - MONDAY THRU THURSDAY  
 8:30 AM TO 2:00 PM

**June 28, 2026 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
SUNDAY Worship 11:00 AM  
WEDNESDAY Crafters 9:00 AM  
THURSDAY & FRIDAY Office Closed  
SUNDAY Worship @ BSPC 10:00 AM

*In the vestibule you will find:  
 Places to go & things to do on the bulletin board!*

WE'RE IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING  
 FOR "ANIMALS AROUND" VBS:  
 8 OZ. BOTTLES OF WATER  
 CAPRI SUNS  
 APPLESAUCE POUCHES  
**Thank You!**



**SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS**  
 June 28 ~ Bill Speer & Glenna Kanish  
 July 5 ~ Service at Boiling Springs  
 July 12 ~ Amy Shupe & Carl Zukas

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY, JULY 2  
 THROUGH SUNDAY, JULY 5.  
 HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY!!!

**APOLLO UNITED  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PRESENTS**

**“DINNER AND A BAND”**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15  
401 1<sup>ST</sup> ST, APOLLO  
DINNER anytime between  
5PM & 7PM**

**Sandwiches, Salads, Chips & Snacks,  
Desserts & Beverages  
Sold Separately or Save With Our  
“FULL-MEAL-DEAL”**

**THE KISKI VALLEY  
COMMUNITY BAND  
at 7:00 PM**



*Free-will Offering for the BAND!  
Dinner Proceeds Will Support AUPC's General Fund.*



**Coming in September  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>,  
8:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

**Clean, useable items will be accepted through  
Sunday, Sept. 20.**

**All items must be taken downstairs and neatly  
arranged behind the curtain on the stage.  
On Wednesdays, during the months of June and  
August, from 4 to 6 PM, Bill Speer will be at the  
church and available to  
assist with large items or help if you are unable to  
negotiate the stairs. If those dates and times  
aren't convenient, an appointment may be made.  
(no assistance will be available in July)**

**All other donations not requiring assistance may  
be brought to the church  
Monday thru Thursday,  
9:00 AM – 1:30 PM  
up to the Sept. 20 deadline.**

Apollo Community VBS

# Animals Abound!

## Wild Stories about God's Love

Held at Boiling Springs Church; 1668 Pa-56 Spring Church

**MON. JULY 13 – THUR. JULY 16**  
**5:45 PM – 8:15 PM**

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Interactive Bible Stories
- Exciting Games & Activities
- Creative Crafts
- Music & Singing
- Friendship & Fun



### CONTACT US

(724) 478-1523  
boilingspringschurch@  
yahoo.com

All kids welcome!

# WHAT DOES *God* WANT?

**JUNE 7: HOSEA 5:15-6:6**

For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

**JUNE 14: EXODUS 19:2-8A**

...if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples.

**JUNE 21: JEREMIAH 20:7-13**

For whenever I speak, I must cry out...

**JUNE 28: JEREMIAH 28:5-9**

As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.

# COME AS YOU ARE

## BIBLE STUDY Summer Edition

Jonah: A story of  
grudges and grace

Every Tuesday in  
August at 7pm  
Boiling Springs  
Presbyterian Church  
1668 PA-56  
Spring Church, PA

Every Thursday in  
August at 10am  
Apollo United  
Presbyterian Church  
4011<sup>th</sup> St.  
Apollo, PA

Any and all are welcome to attend; same  
material will be at both offerings

