

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

2nd Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE “” Smith

WORDS of WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BIRTHDAYS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

All: Praise God in God's sanctuary!

One: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

**All: Praise God for God's mighty deeds! Praise God
according to God's surpassing greatness!**

One: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

**All: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!
Hallelujah!**

One: Let us worship God!

*** HYMN #233** “The Day of Resurrection”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Carol Kopnický

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a

holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PROPHETIC LESSON Revelation 1:4-8 NT p. 245

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

GOSPEL LESSON John 20:19-31 NT p. 115

PREACHING OF THE WORD “A God Who Gets It”

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN #817** “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** APOSTLE'S CREED p. 35

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory “” Smith

***Doxology #606**

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

God of abundance, take these gifts, which were already yours, and use them to knit us closer to each other and closer to the world you so love. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

* HYMN #462

"I Love to Tell the Story"

* CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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Gaither

*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

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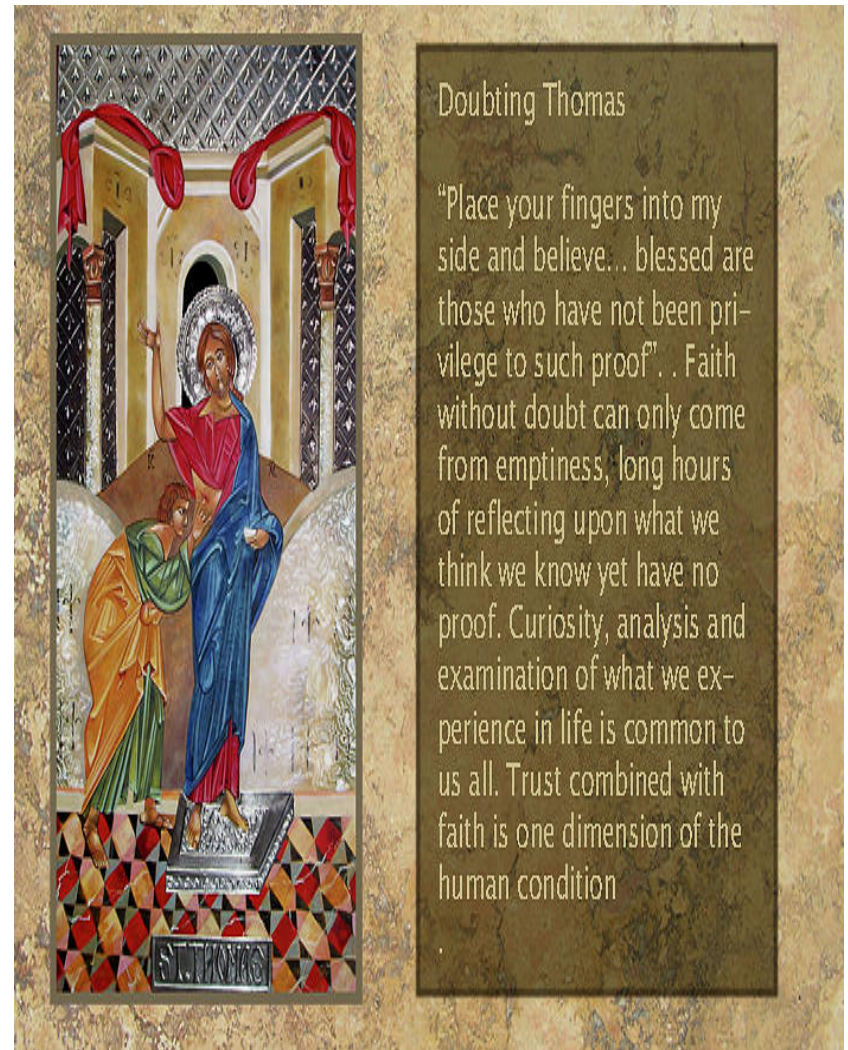
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ACOLYTE TODAY: MARIANA SHURINA

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
YEAR-END
CELEBRATION**

CELEBRATING A GREAT YEAR



Doubting Thomas

"Place your fingers into my side and believe... blessed are those who have not been privileged to such proof". . Faith without doubt can only come from emptiness, long hours of reflecting upon what we think we know yet have no proof. Curiosity, analysis and examination of what we experience in life is common to us all. Trust combined with faith is one dimension of the human condition

"Doubting Thomas"

Mary Jane Miller, 2008 San Miguel de Allende
Guanajuato, Mexico

"Thomas proclaims, "My Lord and My God!" To look upon the face of Christ, is to look upon God incarnate. Christ has always been present in my life, everywhere and sometimes just beneath a thin garment waiting for me to reach out and touch him. Sacred space, spiritual awe, divine understanding, mystical awareness, cannot be limited to any one place or only the men. If we believe with our whole heart, mind, and soul that God is everywhere, the question becomes where can there be no God?"

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Butch & Donna Schrecengost
Vivian Shaeffer

Faith Friend: Lani Knox

Our Church: Mission Team
The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery

Presbytery: Middle Tennessee (Synod of Living Waters)

Denomination: African Methodist Episcopal Church

Nation: Kenya - Nairobi

IMMEDIATE Vacationers, Visitors & families separated, Traveling mercies for Jerrilyn & Mission Trip to NC, Chloe, Gary Harkcom, Barb Hurley & Missy, Peggy's sister, Butch's surgery April 22, Dale Piffer family, Todd, Dave, Martha Jane Wilkinson, Pat Jackson, Curt, Denny, Pat's friend is grandfather, SE Asia earthquake victims, Christine's knee replacement, **Karen's brother Gary, Sara Kerr, Pastor Niki's step-dad in remission ☺.**

CONTINUING Butch, Butch & Donna's son Dwayne, Bruce for healing, welcome back Ron ☺, Krystle's safe travels ☺, Pastor Niki's deer encounter. Alan Shockey, Carole Kennedy (home), Niki's brother & sister-in-laws wedding ☺, Pize, Carol Kopnick, **Frank Flickinger, Natalie.**

ONGOING Missy, Katie, Bob Reed, Donnie Riggie, 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
April 27 ~ Amy Zukas & Bill Speer

Beneath the Bulletin Board in the Vestibule:
*MAY NEWSLETTERS w/CALENDAR
* Hand-outs for upcoming events
In the Vestibule:
CURRENT UPPER ROOM ISSUES

May 4, 2025 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>SUNDAY</u>	Worship & Youth Sunday School	11:00 AM
<u>TUESDAY</u>	Ministry Team	1:00 PM
<u>FRIDAY</u>	PW Sandwich & Salad Bar	11 AM – 1:30 PM
<u>SUNDAY</u>	Worship & Youth Sunday School	11:00AM

"Save the Date!" — The 2025 Secret Sisters Luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 17th at Falsetti's Villa Restaurant in Cadogan, PA at 11:30 AM. All women of the church, member or non-member, are invited to become a Secret Sister for a one-year term. Those that are currently "Sisters", and those who wish to become a "Sister" for the coming year, are encouraged to attend the luncheon. The purpose of a Secret Sister is to communicate, support and encourage the chosen Sister throughout the year by sending cards, and occasionally, if desired, giving a small gift for special occasions. In addition, the most important job is to keep that Sister in your daily prayers. We also exchange small gifts at the end-of-the-year luncheon. More info to come in May about the annual luncheon.



Heritage Sunday

LET US JOIN TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP
AS SIBLINGS IN CHRIST TO
CELEBRATE OUR SHARED
PRESBYTERIAN HERITAGE.

SUNDAY, MAY 18
10:00 AM

JOINT WORSHIP WILL BE HELD AT
APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



Apollo Community VBS
Holy Holidays!
July 7-10
5:45pm-8:15pm
Boiling Springs Presbyterian Church
stay tuned for more info!





