

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 29, 2025**

**11:00 a.m.**

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

**PRELUDE "Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet"** M.W. Smith/A. Grant

**WORDS of WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS and BIRTHDAYS**

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people."

**All: Lord, help us follow where you lead.**

One: Jesus said, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

**All: Lord, help us put you first and follow you.**

One: Jesus said, "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also."

**All: Lord, help us follow you that we may serve you.**

One: The peace of Christ be with all of you.

**All: Let us worship God.**

**\* HYMN #311 "Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather"**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Joyce Wildi

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, you love us and chose us to be your special people. You made us to be like you, but sometimes we don't act that way. Jesus says, "Come follow me," but we make excuses. He wants us to live in a new way, but we

keep doing the same old things. Please forgive us. Help us listen to Jesus and say "yes" when He calls.

Give us the love and strength to follow Him every day. In Jesus's name we pray, Amen.

**\* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*GLORIA PATRI #581**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**EPISTLE LESSON Galatians 5:1, 13-25 NT p. 189**

**MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14OT p. 326**

**PREACHING OF THE WORD "Passing the Torch"**

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

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

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER**

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**OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**Offertory**

"Grave"

J. S. Bach

**\*Doxology #606**

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

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the undeserved blessings you give us. Most of all, we thank and praise you for your indescribable gift of your Son Jesus Christ. Give us grateful hearts and willing lives so we may follow our

Lord where he leads us and serve our Lord as he calls us.  
Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

\* HYMN            Congregation's Choice

\* CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE        "Solemn March in C. Minor"        W. Russell  
Moody

\*Please stand in body or spirit

**SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS**

June 29 ~ Glenna Kanish & Laura Uncapher

July 13 ~ Amy Shupe & Bill Speer

July 27 ~ Laura Uncapher & Glenna Kanish

Through the summer months, as per Session action, Session persons who open/close, etc. will also be greeting at the "ramp entrance" vestibule area. Thank You.

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

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

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



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## WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Deana Waters  
Joyce Wildi  
Faith Friend: Lani Knox  
Our Church: Administration Team  
The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery  
Presbytery: Giddings-Lovejoy (Synod of Mid-America)  
Denomination: Holy Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East  
Nation: Mauritis – Port Louis

**IMMEDIATE** 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, **Family of Martha Jane Wilkinson, Congratulation Graduates, Jess Carwile, Antonelli adult children, Jean.**

**CONTINUING** Grace Assembly of God supporting F4K, Eric employment, Mrs. Riley, Shane, Thanks from Shelly, Geoff sang National Anthem at Thunderbirds game ☺, Lani Knox, Mollick family, 12 year old drowning victim, Caelin & Alex ☺ ☺, Dillon ☺, Prayer Sister Luncheon, Judy, Nora, **Traveling mercies for Ben Smoyer, Joyce, Mike & Jerri Mollick, Carole Kennedy, Vacationers, Visitors & families separated, ,Chloe, Gary Harkcom, Barb Hurley & Missy, Peggy's sister, Butch's surgery April 22, Dale Piffer family.**

## 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

*Today's bulletin has been given  
In Loving Memory of my  
mother, Elizabeth Kiebler, from  
Joyce Wildi.*

## June 29, 2025 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<u>FRIDAY</u>	This Friday and all Fridays thru Labor Day	<b>Office Closed</b>
<u>SATURDAY</u>	Apollo 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade (on the 5 <sup>th</sup> )	
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>

Apollo evening fireworks!

**Especially since Sunday School will be on summer hiatus, we invite you to take advantage of the PrayGround in the sanctuary for your little ones during worship.**

Yes, caregivers can still enjoy worship during summer months, but just sitting in a different pew! While your children are enjoying the PrayGround, we ask that an adult (caregiver) remain with them. Also, we kindly ask that adults and children leave the PrayGround as sparkling as you found it.  
Enjoy and Thank You!



Get ready for some parade and fireworks fun! Join our church family and our partners in ministry at AUPC to march in the July 5 Apollo Independence Day weekend parade. Wear your red, white, and blue, decorate your "little red wagon" or bicycles, and

let's share some community joy! Parade begins at 1pm on Saturday, July 5, in downtown Apollo; line up is by 12pm.

Fireworks are at dusk on Sunday, July 6, in downtown Apollo.  
(Stay tuned for further details!)

**SUNDAY, JULY 6 will be a Joint Worship Service with BSPC  
at BSPC's Pavilion at 10:00 AM.**

Immediately following worship, there will be a  
covered-dish luncheon.

**Beneath the Bulletin Board in the Vestibule:**

**\*JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTERS w/CALENDAR**

\* Hand-outs for upcoming events

**In the Vestibule: CURRENT UPPER ROOM ISSUE**

Pastor Niki will be working out of the office  
**June 30-July 3.**

Please feel free to call/email/text to connect!

**KISKI VALLEY COMMUNITY BAND  
CONCERT AT AUPC**

**Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00 p.m.**

**Free Will Offering**

**Food Items for Sale ~ Come for  
dinner!**

**Hot dogs, snacks, baked goods & beverages.**

*Sale of food items will benefit AUPC General Fund.*



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### WISH LIST:

Our church has been asked to provide the following items:

**CAPRI SUNS**

**MINI BOTTLED WATER(S)**

**APPLESAUCE CUPS or POUCHES**

AUPC will also be helping with dinner one evening. We  
have been asked to donate:

**PENNE PASTA**

***Thank You for your donations!***

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His lordship is hidden.

The world appears to be dominated by people and  
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that do not acknowledge his rule.

But his lordship is real.

It demands our loyalty and sets us free  
from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us.

We maintain that ultimate sovereignty  
now belongs to Jesus Christ  
in every sphere of life.

Jesus is Lord'

He has been Lord from the beginning.

He will be Lord at the end.

Even now he is Lord.

## HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

The Apollo United Presbyterian Church is once again going to have a **Rummage Sale**, with proceeds to benefit the General Fund!

**Save the Date—Friday and Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm**

You may begin bringing in good, clean, quality donations to be sold at the sale, effective immediately. Please put these items behind the curtain on the stage in the large dining room. We have set a “drop dead” date of Sunday, October 5th for arrival of these donations. It would be most helpful if the donations, if at all possible, arrive in stackable boxes as we have space constraints for storage.

More information and sign-up sheets will be available closer to the date of the sale!

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Speer.

