

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE "The Risen Christ" arr. C. Tornquist

UNLOCKING THE ALLELUIAS

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BIRTHDAYS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Rejoice and be glad:

All: This is the day that the Lord has made!

One: Rejoice and be glad:

All: Heaven and earth will never be the same!

One: Rejoice and be glad:

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

*** HYMN of PRAISE #232 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today!"**

CALL TO CONFESSION Joyce Wildi

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

You call us to hope, Savior God, but we despair. You call us to work for peace, but we doubt its power. You call us to community, but we judge and shun. Transform us, Holy One, by the joy of this Easter. Let us celebrate this day as a new beginning and a new life. Amen.

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 6:3-11 NT p. 156

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 28:1-6 NT p. 33

PREACHING OF THE WORD "Illuminate"

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN #242 "Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded"**

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

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory "Untitled Hymn" C. Rice

***Doxology #606**

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

God of love, thank you for this Easter celebration! Thank you for strengthening us with the Bread of Life. Thank you for forgiving us and giving us another chance to do what is right. We promise to be the living Body of Christ, nourished by this special meal. We promise to use our arms, hands, feet, eyes and ears to follow Jesus and make the world a better place for everyone. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

* HYMN #238

“Thine is the Glory!”

* CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Forever Reign”

J. Ingram and R. Morgan

*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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Amy Shupe, Organist; Joel Varga, Assistant Organist

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ACOLYTE TODAY: HUNTER HANUS

DID YOU KNOW? There is a ‘Prayer Request Box’ located in the upper parking lot of our church. Request forms are located in a container just below the box. If you know someone who needs prayer, just fill out the little form, lift the lid of the box and insert. A member of the Mission Team checks the box weekly and will include your prayer request at Worship the next Sunday.

Just remember—prayer really does work!!

‘This is the confidence we have in approaching God—that if we ask anything, according to His will, He hears us.’

1 John 5:14



“He is Risen”

*Photo taken by Rev. Niki Atkinson
Holy Land Pilgrimage, October 2015*

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Bob Reed
Nancy Reynolds
Faith Friend: Darla Tamski
Our Church: Pastor Niki
The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery
Presbytery: Mid-Kentucky (Synod of Living Waters)
Denomination: Russian Orthodox Church
Nation: Guinea - Conakry

IMMEDIATE 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 Kopnicky, **Frank Flickinger, Natalie.**

ONGOING Missy, Katie, Bob Reed, 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
April 20 ~ Pam McMunn & Laura Uncapher
April 27 ~ Amy Zukas & Bill Speer

**ONE GREAT HOUR
OF SHARING**

SESSION MEETS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30 @ 7:00 pm

April 20, 2025 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY EASTER SUNDAY w/Communion 11:00AM
MONDAY Office Closed
THURSDAY Maundy Thursday Service @ BSPC 7:00 PM
SUNDAY Worship/Sunday School 11:00AM
Welcome Rev. Liddy Gerchman Barlow and
Guest speaker from Gideon International

Beneath the Bulletin Board in the Vestibule:

*APRIL NEWSLETTERS w/CALENDAR

In the Vestibule:

CURRENT UPPER ROOM ISSUES

"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.



**“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations”... Matthew
28:19**

On Sunday, April 27, we will be welcoming a speaker from Gideons International. All loose offerings will be donated to the organization. *We hope you will be generously share with this historic Christian organization. Your donation will assist the Gideons to reach those who are lost and in need by spreading The Good News both personally and in print.*

Thank You.

Sunday, April 27, We Welcome to the Pulpit Rev. Liddy Gerchman Barlow.

The Rev. Liddy Barlow is a creative and passionate servant of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church in all its complicated diversity. She works to bring Christians of all traditions together to make visible our true unity as the Body of Christ.

In April 2014, Rev. Barlow became the first woman to be installed as Executive Minister of Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania. She reports to the Council of Bishops and Judicatory Executives, who represent 28 Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox church bodies throughout greater Pittsburgh. As Executive Minister, Rev. Barlow sets a vision for Christian Associates and manages all of the organization's projects and relationships.

Rev. Barlow is ordained in the United Church of Christ, and is a member of the national Manual on Church working group and the state-wide Keystone Working Group.

Rev. Barlow grew up in Keene, New Hampshire and attended Mount Holyoke College. After teaching sixth grade in Rocky Mount, North Carolina with the Teach for America program, she earned a Master of Divinity degree from Andover Newton Theological School. Prior to her ministry at Christian Associates, Rev. Barlow served congregations in downtown Pittsburgh and North Huntingdon. She lives in Pittsburgh with her husband Gregory, a robotics entrepreneur, and their two children.

**ATTENTION CRAFTERS:
We will begin meeting again on April 23.**

AUPC FINANCIAL UPDATE—

I would like to keep you all apprised on the financial status at AUPC. Last Wednesday, the Session approved the following critical building maintenance updates: \$39,600 for the purchase of two new boilers for the Education Building, \$5,774 for ceiling replacements in two rooms in the sanctuary building, and \$3,200 for painting in those two rooms (later lowered to \$3,000). Because our Building Fund balance was approximately \$27,000, we voted to close two \$11,000 c.d.'s (at penalty) to come up with the difference. This leaves our Building Fund at a near \$0 balance. Another much-needed project for the near future is repairing the steps to the upper parking lot. The Building and Grounds Team is currently getting bids for that project.

PW voted on Sunday, March 23, to donate \$3,000 to the Building Fund, and our spaghetti dinner grossed \$1,371.25 towards that fund as well. Many thanks to those who organized and worked at the dinner, and to the very active women's organization for stepping up to the plate! We ARE blessed that we had savings to complete these projects. God is good!

I also have to let you know that we are showing a shortage each month with income vs. expenses. That shortage at the end of February was \$3,222.10, year-to-date. Of course, our utility bills are killing us during the winter months, and we should see some relief with the Spring weather.

We would like you to consider making a donation to our Building Fund to shore up that Fund, and to consider a small increase in your regular giving as you are able.

♥ **Malachi 3:10: "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."**

We are so blessed to have a wonderful, compassionate congregation and a beautiful sanctuary and education building, and to continue to reach out into the community and the world to support our mission statement-- "Wrapping our community in God's love, one person at a time." Thank you, dear friends!

Amy Shupe,

Treasurer

Lent Opportunities

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Apollo United Presbyterian Church

401 First St., Apollo



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WEDNESDAY*

March 5

Joint worship
w/Boiling
Springs PC

7:00 pm
Worship

*Communion will be
served
ALL are welcome



EASTER EGG
HUNT

April 5
2:00pm -
4:00pm

All ages are
welcome to
attend



PALM
SUNDAY

April 13
11:00 am

Service will be
streamed
youtube.com/
@apollopresby



MAUNDY
THURSDAY*

April 17
7:00pm

Joint Worship
AT Boiling
Springs PC

*Communion will be
served
ALL are welcome



EASTER
SUNDAY*

April 20
11:00 am

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Lenten Worship & Luncheons

brought to you by the members of the Apollo Ministerium



March 12
12:00pm

First Lutheran
Church
214 N.
Pennsylvania
Ave.
w/Rev. T.J.
Lucas of
Quality Life
Services



March 19
12:00pm

Spring Church
Lutheran
3623
Lutheran
Church Road
w/Rev. Niki
Atkinson of
Apollo &
Boiling Springs
Presbyterian
Churches



March 26
12:00pm

New
Beginnings
UMC
210 Rainbow
Lake Road
w/Rev. Phil
Ramstad of
First Lutheran
Church



April 2
12:00pm

Apollo United
Presbyterian
401 First St.
w/Rev. June
Jeffries of New
Life Baptist
Church



April 9
12:00pm

Quality Life
Services
153 Goodview
Drive
w/Pastor
Erika
Rabickow of
Apollo Free
Methodist
Church





