

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026 11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE "Here In This Place " M. Haugen

WORDS of WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS and BIRTHDAYS

JOYS and CONCERNS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

(based on Psalm 119)

One: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,

All: and I will observe it to the end.

One: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law

All: and observe it with my whole heart.

One: Lead me in the path of your commandments,

All: for I delight in it.

One: Turn my heart to your decrees;

All: in your righteousness be gracious to me.

*** HYMN #744 "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"**

CALL TO CONFESSION Joyce Wildi

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God, we want to follow You, to walk in the way that You have shown us; to know Your commandments, and to practice them with our whole hearts. But we confess that we are easily distracted, pulled away by what we want, distracted by the attitudes and practices of the world around us. We ask You to forgive us. Turn our eyes away from the things that distract us from Your way— from the attitudes and behaviors that sidetrack us from our desire to know You better and follow You more closely. Show us

where true life and joy are found—in knowing and doing Your will. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 13:8-14 CEB NT p. 162

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 18:15-20 CEB NT p.20

PREACHING OF THE WORD "Who Said What?"

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN #445 "God, How Can We Forgive?"**

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from The Confession of 1967)*
To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as a reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from one another. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to God's call.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory "Safely Through Another Week" L. Mason

***Doxology #606**

We Go Forth to Serve

Holy Communion

Invitation

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer following Communion (unison)

Holy, gracious, God, here at this table your promise of life is made tangible. We have rested in the depth of your love; we have tasted your nourishing, nurturing presence. We are filled. Together, at this table, you have offered us life. Together, by your grace, we accept the life you offer and we give you thanks. Amen.

* HYMN "Congregation's Choice!"

* CHARGE & BLESSING

*POSTLUDE "Postlude on a Theme by Haydn" J. Carrier

***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.

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Amy Shupe, Organist; Joel Varga, Assistant Organist

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Summer Office Hours: Monday through Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

(September 4 will be the last Friday the Church Office will be closed.)



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WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Lani, Emma and Brenna Knox
Carol Kopnicky
Faith Friends: Ed Bortz
Our Church: Admin Team
The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery
Presbytery: Southwest (Synod Boriquen Puerto Rico)
Denomination: Holy Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East
Nation: Myanmar (Burma) - Yangon

IMMEDIATE Sandy, new baby, Bill, Debbie, Mary, family of Donna Graham, Candy's 60th class reunion ☺, Ray's son (stroke), Tim and Glenna, Ron & Candy's 57th ☺, **family of LaRue, family who lost baby.**

CONTINUING Mark Gizler, Flood victims, Bill home from hospital, Carol Kopnicky, Cailen World Champion, family of Samantha McCutcheon, Bryan Dillick, Mariane Altmeyer, Shannan. Nancy, Scott & Cathy Hubbard, Debi Harker and family on death of her stepfather Don Funk, Luke Kanish, Carol Kopnicky, Family of Ashley, Butch and Donna 56th anniversary, 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 ☺.**

ONGOING Shannan, Nora, Eric Ribar, Missy, Katie, Eddie, 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
September 6 ~ Scott Hollabaugh & Laura Uncapher
September 13 ~ CHURCH PICNIC

September 6, 2026 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>SUNDAY</u>	Worship-Communion	11:00 AM
<u>MONDAY</u>	Labor Day – Office Closed	
<u>TUESDAY</u>	Ministry Team	10:00 AM
	Mission Team	6:00 PM
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	Crafters	9:00 AM
	Knitters	10:00 AM
	Food 4 Kids Planning & Cleaning	
<u>SATURDAY</u>	A-R Girls Volleyball Spaghetti Dinner	12-5:00 PM
<u>SUNDAY</u>	Worship & Picnic @ Owens Grove	10:00 AM

HELP NEEDED with **PREPARING COMMUNION** (which also involves cleaning up after service). There are written instructions for this task and Peggy Landon has offered to help guide the person(s) who volunteer. Please see Peggy if you are interested or call the office.



NEXT WEEK
ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPT. 13
at OWENS GROVE!
hot dogs, buns, condiments, paper products and drinks will be provided. A through M requested to bring desserts. N through Z please bring side-dishes. 10 AM joint service w/BSPC, picnic follows.

For your comfort, bring a camp or lawn chair!

Here comes



2026!

Join us on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 for a
special event to begin

AUPC's 2026-27 Sunday School Year!

Bring a friend ~ ~ Everyone Welcome!



Coming in September
Friday 25th & Saturday 26th,
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. 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.



The Apollo-Ridge Girls Volleyball Team will be having an eat-in or take-out Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser.

Saturday, Sept. 12, 12:00 – 5:00 PM at
AUPC. Cost: \$10

Dinner includes: Spaghetti, Salad, Bread,
Beverage & Dessert.

*The ministry team is requesting donations of Halloween candy (regular and allergy friendly) and small "treat" items (stickers, fidgets, etc.) for its upcoming "Trunk or Treat" on Saturday October 31 from 11am-1pm. We are also seeking people to decorate their trunks for the event itself. Please see Glenna, Amy Z., or Pastor Niki for more info or ideas.

