

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026

11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE

"Solemn March"

C.M. Widor

WORDS of WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS and BIRTHDAYS

JOYS and CONCERNS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Seek the Lord! Seek God in the wilderness.

All: Seek God in the sanctuary.

One: Seek God in the burning bush.

All: Seek God in the burning heart.

One: The Lord is here! This place is holy!

All: We are standing on holy ground.

*** HYMN #438**

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jerrilyn Mollick

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of wonders, we confess that we do not understand why you call us when we are scared, clumsy, busy or flawed. We confess that we think we know better than you do who is qualified to do your work. Forgive our fears and excuses and self-doubts. Lend us your fire and your strength, as we go about the work of serving our neighbors, building up your church, loving your children, and tending to the scorched places of our world. Help us to burn for you, without burning up or burning out. Give us a purpose and the courage to pursue it. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF PARDON**

One: Hear the good news! New life rises from the ashes. In Christ, your sins are dead and you are alive to all that is good.

All: In Christ, we are made whole; in Christ, we are forgiven.

Alleluia! Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PROPHETIC LESSON

Isaiah 53:3-12 CEB

OT p. 683

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 2:21-25 CEB

NT p.233

PREACHING OF THE WORD "Old Rugged Cross"

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN**

"The Old Rugged Cross"

Insert

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

p. 3

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

"Rock of Ages"

arr. C. Tornquist

***Doxology #606**

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

Generous God, we offer our gifts to you, grateful for all you have given us, and grateful for the chance to give to others. Build up your church through these offerings, that we might be a place where your goodness is seen, practiced, and shared. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

* HYMN “Congregation’s Choice!”

* CHARGE & BLESSING

*POSTLUDE “Higher Ground” C. H. Gabriel

***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

Amy Shupe, Organist; Joel Varga, Assistant Organist

Zach Bush, Trumpeter Sam Mullooly, Trombonist

Linda Truffa, Office Administrator

Jerrilyn Mollick, Custodian

Church Address: 401 First Street, Apollo, Pennsylvania 15613

Church Phone: 724-478-4807 Fax: 724-478-2708

Website: www.apollopresby.org E-mail office@aupc.comcastbiz.net

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.)



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.



“On a hill far away, stood an old rugged cross...”

**photo taken by Rev. Niki Atkinson, October 2012, Abbey of the Genesee, Piffard, NY.*

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Sara Kerr
Dennis and Elaine Kinter
Faith Friends: Nick and Sue Arnoldy
Our Church: Missiony Team
The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery
Presbytery: San Juan (Synod Boriquen Puerto Rico)
Denomination: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Nation: Mongolia - Ulaanbaatar

IMMEDIATE Candy's 60th class reunion ☺, Ray's son (stroke), Tim and Glenna, Ron & Candy's 57th ☺, family of LaRue, family who lost baby, **Mark Gizler, Flood victims, Bill home from hospital, Carol Kopnick, Cailen World Champion**, family of **Samantha McCutcheon, Bryan Dillick, Mariane Altmeyer, Shannan.**

CONTINUING Nancy, Scott & Cathy Hubbard, Debi Harker and family on death of her stepfather Don Funk, Luke Kanish, Carol Kopnick, 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 ☺. **Dave Kiebler, Joyce Mollick, Bethany, Anthony grad from Annapolis, Melissa, Mac McMunn,**

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

SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS

August 30 ~ Nancy Russo & Bill Speer

September 6 ~ Scott Hollabaugh & Laura Uncapher

September 13 ~ CHURCH PICNIC

August 30, 2026 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>SUNDAY</u>	Worship	11:00 AM
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	Crafters	9:00 AM
	Knitters	10:00 AM
<u>FRIDAY</u>	Office Closed	
<u>SUNDAY</u>	Worship-Communion	11:00 AM

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



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!

