

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 2024

11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE "Faith, the Victory" Scott

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

People: O Lord my God, you are very great!

Leader: You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.

People: He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters: he makes the clouds his chariot; he rides on the wings of the wind.

***HYMN #370** "This is My Father's World"

CALL TO CONFESSION Carol Kopnicky

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, forgive us for being blind to the needs of our neighbors. We forget the example you gave us so many times of helping those who were hungry or sick. Too often we will only help others if we can gain something for ourselves. Forgive us for counting the cost to our checking account or our "free" time before we agree to assist those in our community. Gracious God, we humbly ask your forgiveness for our hardened hearts.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***DECLARATION OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Job 38: 1-7 OT p. 484

A MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 10: 35 – 45 NT p. 47

SERMON "Have We Forgotten About Servanthood?"

***HYMN #697** "Take My Life"

APOSTLE'S CREED p. 35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Respond to God's Word

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory "Jesus, Draw Me Close" Founds

***Doxology #606**

***Prayer of Gratitude for God's Abundance**

We Go Forth to Serve

***HYMN #450** "Be Thou My Vision"

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

POSTLUDE "By the Blood" Machen

*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 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

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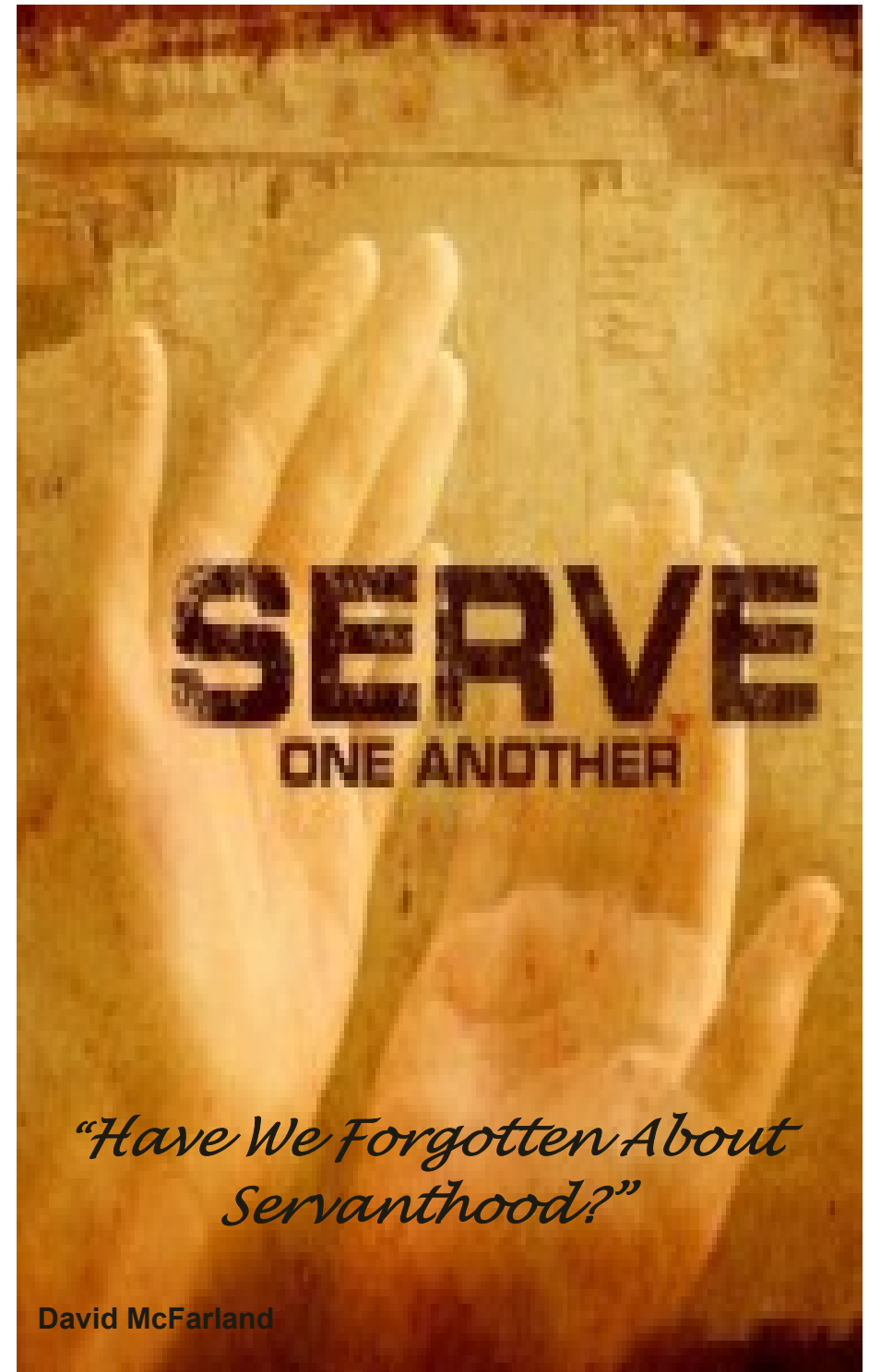
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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday – 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

ACOLYTE TODAY: AVERY ZUKAS



The theme for the sanctuary's Christmas tree for 2024 will be **"Words for the Beginning"**. Everyone is asked to bring (on loan) a cherished ornament with a "Word for the Beginning" (i.e., an ornament with the word **"JOY"**, or the word **"JESUS"** written on it.) We will be adding these to an undecorated tree, beginning in Advent. (First Sunday of Advent is December 1)



WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Kathy Wilson
Carl, Amy, Bennett and Avery Zukas
Faith Friend: Darla Tamski
Our Church: Staff
Church(s): Calvary Church Pastor David Hanna
Rwanda Partner: Nyarubuye
Presbytery: Des Moines (Synod of Lakes & Prairies)
Denomination: African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
Nation Tuvalu – Funafuti

IMMEDIATE *Traveling mercies for Kiski Band, Lilly, Jim, Linda, Donna, Judy, Jim ☺, Nancy C. ☺, Pastor Niki and family on the death of her father, Nora, Benjamin, Ruth, Linda Gould's daughter & Son-in-law, Barb Hurley, Rich & Marcie Painter's 45th ☺, Nick ☺.*

CONTINUING *Patty, Butch Schrecengost, Jess Carwile, Robert Altmire, Lynn Frain, Jim, Linda, Kate, Barb, Matt & Franklin safety during football season, Lisa Bittner knee replacement, Caelin, Christine ☺, Will at Pitt ☺, Mary Ann, Noreen & Kelcey home fire, Ron & Candy 55th Anniversary ☺.*

ONGOING Bob Reed, Donnie Riggle, Gary Harkcom, Donna Fry, Bill & Linda Crabtree, Frank Kovak, Josh Hanus, Shannon Pruss, LaRue Mumaw, 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 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 Joe Biden, 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.

CLEAN-UP BUCKETS October Items: 1 6-9 oz bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent (Pump spray bottles must have protective covers.)Packs of 10-20 insect repellent wipes also acceptable. Just slip your donation in one of the white buckets in the vestibule. Questions?.... See Jerri Mollick. Thank you

October 20, 2024 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY Worship, Youth Sunday School 11:00AM
Welcome Back Dave McFarland and Joel Varga!
MONDAY Office Closed
WEDNESDAY Crafters 9:00 AM
Mail November Newsletter 9:30 AM
Prayer Shawl Knitters 10:00 AM
Bells 6:00 PM
FRIDAY Child Evangelism Fellowship Fall Party 6-7:30 PM
SATURDAY Volunteer Grounds Clean-Up 9:00 AM
TRUNK or TREAT 3:00- 5:00 PM
SUNDAY Worship, Youth Sunday School 11:00 AM

SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS

October 20 ~ Amy Zukas & Derek Hilty

October 27 ~ Shelly Hilty & Carol Kopnicky

November 3 ~ Bill Speer & Scott Hollabaugh

CHANGES for Newsletter delivery in 2025. In order to continue moving forward with responsible fiscal policies, some things must change. We are moving toward **not** continuing with bulk mailings as there is both a permit and monthly mailing cost. New options to receive 2025 newsletters are via your private email, our church website, picking up a copy in the vestibule, or having a single copy mailed to your home if you don't have an email or computer. Closer to this change, we will be contacting members with other information in bulletins and in the last bulk mailed 2024 newsletters. Thank You ~ Stewardship and Finance



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 at 9:00 AM

Church grounds are looking a little shabby so. . . . we're organizing a member/volunteer cleanup day. Bring your rakes, trimmers, snippers and cutters along with any yard tools you like to use. Chain saws will be helpful. Wheelbarrows to move the trimmings and cuttings will also be useful. We'll be getting down and dirty so don't forget your garden/work gloves. There will be plenty of work for everyone so the more, the merrier. And, we'll be moving fast as "Trunk or Treat" will be in the parking lot from 3 - 5 PM. We hope to have it all tidied up by the time the goblins arrive.



*APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN
2024 CHRISTMAS TEA
Friday, Nov. 22 & Saturday, Nov. 23*

"THE HOLLY AND THE IVY"



*Doors open at 10:30 a.m. for Craft Sale
Entertainment in Sanctuary - 11:30 a.m.
Luncheon immediately following
entertainment*

*Luncheon Choice:
Chicken Salad or Baked Ham Croissant
TICKETS -- \$20 -prepaid RSVPs!
Dining room seats 8 per table
Tickets will be sold at the church:
Wednesdays—9:00-12:00;
Thursdays - 10:00-12:00
For info, call (724) 478-4807
Or text -- (724) 448-7887 (cell)*

Proceeds to benefit Food 4 Kids and Apollo Area Food Bank

