

**APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 29, 2024**

**11:00 a.m.**

**We Gather in God's Name**

**PRELUDE** "Softly and Tenderly w/Draw Me Close"arr. . .C.Tournquist

**WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Vivian Shaeffer

**BIRTHDAYS**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We are called together

**People: To worship God as the people of God.**

Leader: God calls us by name and knows what rests in our  
Minds and our hearts, and call us:

**People: To worship God as the people of God.**

Leader: We come yearning to be transformed and redirected to  
paths of justice and in ways of love so that in truth we  
can turn to God:

**People: To worship God as the people of God.**

Leader: God invites us to worship as beloved and loving  
people, together.

**People: To worship God as the people of God.**

**\*HYMN #275 "A Might Fortress Is Our God"**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Kathy Wilson

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy and loving God, we confess that we have failed to  
comfort those in pain, ignored the needs of others, and not  
sought peace or worked for justice. And we confess the  
sins of your church. We repent of our past sins and pray for

the strength to walk a new, good way with you and one  
another. Amen.

**\*DECLARATION OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI #581**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**We Listen to God's Word**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Esther 7:1-6,9-10, 9:20-22 OT p. 448

**A MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER**

**GOSPEL LESSON** Mark 9:38-50 NT p. 45

**SERMON** "Risks We Can Take"

**We Respond to God's Word**

**\*HYMN #465 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

**\*APOSTLE'S CREED** p. 35

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

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

Offertory "Arioso" B. Marcello

**\*Doxology #606**

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

**We Go Forth to Serve**

**\*HYMN #667 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"**

**\*CHARGE & BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

**“Christ the Redeemer”**

T. Birchwood

\*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](mailto:pastor@aupc.comcastbiz.net)

Amy Shupe, Organist; Joel Varga, Assistant Organist

Zach Bush, Trumpeter Sam Mullooly, Trombonist

Linda Truffa, Office Administrator

Dan Tomlinson, Custodian

Church Address: 401 First Street, Apollo, Pennsylvania 15613

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

Website: [www.apollopresby.org](http://www.apollopresby.org) E-mail [office@aupc.comcastbiz.net](mailto:office@aupc.comcastbiz.net)

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

**ACOLYTE TODAY: HUNTER HANUS**

**CLEAN-UP BUCKETS** filled by the month. **September's Items: 18 reusable, lightweight multipurpose dry cleaning towels.** (no terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels & remove from package) **20-28, 35-45 gallon heavy duty or contractor type trash bags on a roll.** (remove from pkg.) Just slip your donation in one of the white buckets in the vestibule. Questions?.... See Jerri Mollick. Thank you

**SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS**

September 29 ~ Amy Zukas & Bill Speer

October 6 ~ Derek Hilty & Laura Uncapher

October 13 ~ Amy Shupe & Carol Kopnicky

*Coming Soon . . . . .*

**October 6: Crop Walk @ Roaring Run Trail**

**World Communion Sunday**

**Peace & Global Witnessing Special Offering**

**October, Sat. 26 : Trunk or Treat AUPC parking lot, 3-5 PM**

*(Candy donations appreciated. Drop off in vestibule.)*

**November 22 & 23: Annual Christmas Tea**



VIVIAN SHAEFFER

## WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Charlie, Kaitlin, Valerie, June and “new arrival”,  
Samson Wayne Thompson.  
Dennis and Karen Travis  
Faith Friend: Bob Reed  
Our Church: Ministry Team  
Church(s): Grace Church  
Pastor John Hopkins  
Presbytery: Western Reserve (Synod of The Covenant)  
Denomination: Russian Orthodox Church  
Nation: Samoa - Apia

**IMMEDIATE** Barb Hurley, Rich & Marcie Painter’s 45<sup>th</sup> ☺, Carol’s nephew Jim, Pastor Nicki’s father Dave and her family, Kiski Band 1<sup>st</sup> Place ☺, Nick ☺, Patty, Butch Schrecengost, Jess Carwile, Robert Altmire, Dave finished chemo!, Lynn Frain, Jim, Linda, Kate, Barb, **Matt & Franklin safety during football season, Lisa Bittner knee replacement.**

**CONTINUING** Caelin, Christine ☺, Will at Pitt ☺, Mary Ann, Noreen & Kelcey home fire, Ron & Candy 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ☺. Laura, **Nancy Campitella, Pastor Niki’s Step-father Dave, Sierra Kane ☺, Aunt Jane, Grace Simpson family, Jim healing, Linda healing, 17 yr. old Josh, Cathy heart issues.**

**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.

A big shout out of thanks to those who helped at the PW Salad Bar on Friday, September 13th! There were those who contributed salads and desserts, those who contributed baked goods for the bake sale, those who coordinated and purchased the necessities for the event, those who worked the day of the event, those who set up and cleaned up, and those who attended the event. Some of you did all of these things!!!

We grossed \$768, \$160 of which was from the bake sale. We also sold a few crafts and had a small raffle basket. Quite a successful event!

Thank you to everyone!  
Amy Shupe, PW Moderator

## September 29, 2024 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY Worship – Welcome Vivian Shaeffer 11:00 AM  
WEDNESDAY Crafters 9:00 AM  
Prayer Shawl Knitters 10:00 AM  
Bells 6:00 PM  
SUNDAY Worship – World Communion Sun. 11:00 AM  
Peace & Global Witness Offering  
**Crop Walk**



**Paint & Snack Party w/Friends -**  
Join us on Wednesday, Oct. 2nd from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., for an evening of fun and fellowship as we paint together! Pre-sketched 16x20 canvas and all supplies included! All ages welcome! Light refreshments provided. BSPC \$35 pay upon arrival cash check credit. Register at [emptynestartstudio.com](http://emptynestartstudio.com)



**Annual Crop Hunger Walk~Roaring Run Trail**  
in Apollo, Sunday, October 6 ~ 1:00 p.m. registration  
\*mark “crop walk” in your check memo \*give in envelope and note  
“cropwalk” \*give online and note “cropwalk.”  
**WALK BEGINS @ 2:00 PM**





