

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

5th Sunday after Pentecost

June 23, 2024

11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE "I Love Thee, My Lord" H.S. Livingston, Jr.

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We are called to love the Lord our God

People: with all of our heart and all of our soul.

Leader: We are called to love the Lord our God

People: with all of our mind and all of our strength.

Leader: We are called to love the Lord our God

People: and we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Leader: May we exude this love in our time of worship today.

HYMN of PRAISE #203 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Linda Gould

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Holy God, you have called us to love you with our whole heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. If we are honest, though, sometimes we hurt each other and fail to keep our promises to you. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us, day by day, to turn away from what is wrong and turn to you in faith. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, hear this prayer,

and hear us as we lift our silent confessions before you now...

***DECLARATION OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 6:1-9 OT p. 163

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 12:28-34 NT p. 49

PREACHING OF THE WORD "Won't You Be My Neighbor?"

We Respond to God's Word

***HYMN**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*adapted from "The Confession of Belhar," South Africa, 1986*)

We believe that the unity of the people of God must be manifest and active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice, and pursue community with one another; that we are obliged to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we know and bear one another's burdens; and that we need one another. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory "I Love You, Lord"

L. Klein

***Doxology #606**

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

We Go Forth to Serve

HYMN

*CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE "O How Blessed are Ye"

J. Cruder



The Theology
Mister Rogers
A Four-Week
Sermon Series
beginning on June 23
June 23 - Mr. Rogers on N
June 30 - Mr. Rogers on

*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

Linda Truffa, Office Administrator

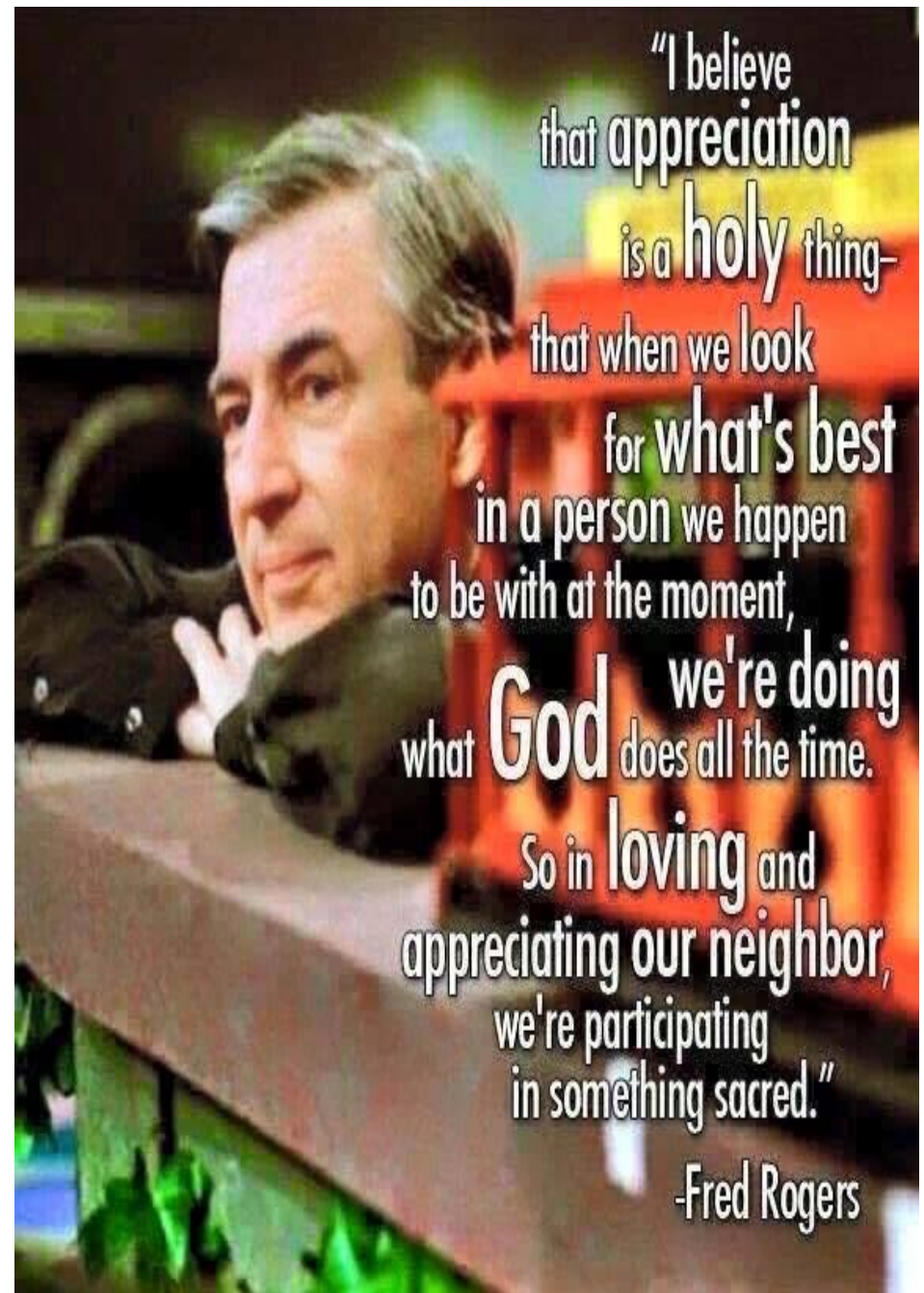
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Mr. Rogers on...
Loving Our Neighbors

Household: WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS
 LaRue Mumaw
 Joan Orr
 Faith Friend: Lani Knox
 Our Church: Administration Team
 Church(s): Union First Church of Cowansville
 Pastor: Diane Flynn
 Presbytery: Yukon (Synod of Alaska-Northwest)
 Denomination: National Baptist Convention of USA
 Nation: Marshall Islands - Majuro

IMMEDIATE Karen & Denny 56 years, Chris George, Candy George, Carey Pfizer & Victoria Jones family, John Reed, Jane Cessna, Butch Schrecengost, Christine, Linda, Peggy Landon says Thank you , 2 yr.old Nora, Patty Pavetti's sister and Allen, Eric, Carolyn R, Family of Jim Talmadge, Family of Cathy Van der Wheel, Karen's family, Bill Mumaw family, Viginia Madison, Don Aber family, Scott and Nancy Hubbard, Apollo's Graduation ☺, Carole Kennedy test results and traveling mercies, Richard Shaeffer, **Jacob & Kloey's wedding, Grads in Pastor Niki's family, family of Darrell Kennedy.**

CONTINUING Patty Pavetti great-aunt again, Eric, Sierra Kane graduating Magna Cum Laude ☺, Barry & Glenna 56 years!, Mat Hilty Defensive Player of the Year! ☺, Family of Anna Kanish, Michael Ost family, Chris and Cassie traveling mercies, Kelcey and kids ☺, Hall's neighbor adoption ☺, Thanks from Niki for birthday celebration, **Sam.**

ONGOING Donnie Riggle, Gary Harkcom, Donna Fry, Matt Summerhill, 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 filled by the month. **June's** requested donations **1 32 to 64 oz. or 2 25 oz. bottles of liquid laundry detergent. 5 scouring pads (no stainless or pads with soap – please remove from package).** Just slip your donation in one of the white buckets in the vestibule. Questions?.... See Jerri Mollick. Thank you.



A gift has been received from Ed Bortz and family In Memory of William "Bill" Mumaw.

June 23, 2024 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY	Worship & PrayGround	11:00 AM
WEDNESDAY	Crafters	9:00 AM
	Prayer Shawl Knitters	10:00 AM
THURSDAY	Mail July/Aug Newsletter	9:30 AM
SUNDAY	Worship & PrayGround	11:00 AM

The office will be closed every Friday, June through August.

SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS

June 23 ~ Carol Kopnicky and Amy Shupe
 June 30 ~ Bill Speer and Laura Uncapher
 July 7 @ Boiling Springs ~ Derek Hilty



VBS Help Needed & Information

– Our Apollo Community VBS is July 8-11, 2024 from 5:45 pm - 8:15 pm. Closing worship and program are on July 11. VBS will be held at Boiling Springs Presbyterian Church and we are seeking help for any and all

nights! Clearances are required. Scan QR code for registration form! Additionally, we are seeking donations of cases of small water bottles, Capri Sun drinks, and applesauce pouches. Please drop off any donations in the church nursery for Pastor Niki to take to BSPC. Thank you.



We'll be taking a summer break. We hope that you've enjoyed our performances this season and we would love to have you join us in September.

From the Pastor:

****Starting the week of June 10th through the end of August,** Pastor Niki's office days will fluctuate due to lack of childcare for parts of the summer. If she's not in the office, please call/text her or send an email. Thanks kindly for understanding!

Planning Ahead! - We will have a joint worship service together on **Sunday, July 7th at 10am** with our siblings in Christ AT Boiling Springs Presbyterian Church. Communion will be celebrated, a covered dish lunch will be shared, and decorating for VBS will happen! Make sure you join us that morning for a joyous time of worship!

– **On Sunday, August 11,** the Apollo Community Worship Service will be held at New Beginnings UMC in Spring Church at 10:30am with a potluck lunch to follow. AUPC is asked to bring desserts to share. Members of the Apollo Ministerium will be leading worship, with Rev. Niki Atkinson preaching that morning. *There will be no scheduled service at AUPC that morning as we worship with our community's siblings in Christ.*

***Looking for a fun place to listen to some free live music this summer? Check out these great bands at First Lutheran Church in downtown Apollo!**

- Sunday, June 23 @ 3:00pm - Alle-Kiski Community Band
- Sunday, July 28 @ 3:00pm - Gibbons Big Band
- Sunday, August 25 @ 3:00pm - Kittanning Firemen's Band

***We would like to provide an opportunity for those of you who are interested to participate in worship leadership. Following are the opportunities available.**

Communion servers are needed for August 4. Four servers are needed for each Communion Sunday.

New lay readers are always welcomed to join the rotation. Anyone who doesn't have difficulty with reading aloud in public is welcome to sign up via email (office@aupc.comcastbiz.net) or call the church office (724.478.4807).



When the craft ladies asked for used greeting cards to be recycled, little did they know the response would be so magnificent! The donations were so plentiful that no more will be needed for quite a while. **THANK YOU ALL AGAIN!**



Thank you! We're half way to our goal of reaching a mile of pennies! After Sunday's roll of 9,050 we have a total of 43,300 pennies. Thanks to everyone who helped count and roll. Praying for more pennies from heaven.



AUPC Annual Kickball Game.
Come join the fun on **Sunday, June 30** on the field next to Spring Church Lutheran at **1:30PM.**

SESSION HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING NEW POLICY:

The office must be notified if you are planning to enter either of the buildings after hours. When the office is open, please notify when you are in the building and upon leaving.

Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank You.



Dave and I would like to thank everyone for the phone calls, texts, cards, prayers, flowers and food during my recent run-in with appendicitis. Your kindness and concern has meant so much to both of us.

Thanks again to everyone, Linda and Dave

