

# **APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**

8<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 19, 2024

11:00 a.m.

**We Gather in God's Name**

PRELUDE

“God Sends Us Along”

Loree

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HONORING OUR GRADUATES

BIRTHDAYS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Our God—we, your people, stand ready and open to receive the flame of your Spirit. Give us the ability to speak your truth so that others may hear.

**People: Come, Spirit of Truth, fill our hearts.**

L: May that which was of stone be now transformed into life.

**P: Come, Spirit of Life, change our hearts.**

L: May we who receive your light dwell together in Your love.

**P: Come, Spirit of Love, soften our hearts.**

L: Bestow your compassion on those who suffer in mind, spirit, and body.

**P: Come, Spirit of Hope, heal our hearts.**

L: Make us bold to bring light to the dark places, warmth to the cold places, and love to the empty places.

**P: Come, Spirit of Faith, strengthen our hearts.**

L: Spirit of the Living God, fill our hearts, minds, and souls to overflowing.

**P: Come, Spirit of God, move in our hearts.**

L: Our God—we, your people, celebrate the mystery of your never-ending love.

P: Amen.

Hymn #488 “I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Carol Kopnicky

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** It is easy to see pride and prejudice in other people. And it is tempting to think we're better and smarter than they are. But God, we are no different. We too are foolishly proud. We too are afraid of people who are different from ourselves. Forgive us, O God. Help us to see and celebrate your life-giving Spirit within the whole creation within all people, at all times, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI #581**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**We Listen to God's Word**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON

Acts 2:1021

NT p. 119

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 8:22-30

NT p. 158

PREACHING OF THE WORD

“Game Changer”

**We Respond to God's Word**

**\*HYMN #289**

“On Pentecost They Gathered”

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (*adapted from The Confession of 1967*)  
**God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become**

representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

### OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory "The Spirit and The Bride" Muller

\*Doxology #606

\*Prayer of Gratitude for God's Abundance

### We Go Forth to Serve

HYMN #539 "We Will Go Out With Joy"

### \*CHARGE & BLESSING

L: In our moments of chaos...

P: God is with us.

L: In our moments of calm...

P: God is with us.

L: In our moments of life.

P: God is with us. Alleluia! We go as a Pentecost people, touched by fire, stirred by wind, to mend the world. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE "All Hail King Jesus" Moody

\*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.

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Zach Bush, Trumpeter Sam Mullooly, Trombonist

Linda Truffa, Office Administrator

Dan Tomlinson, Custodian

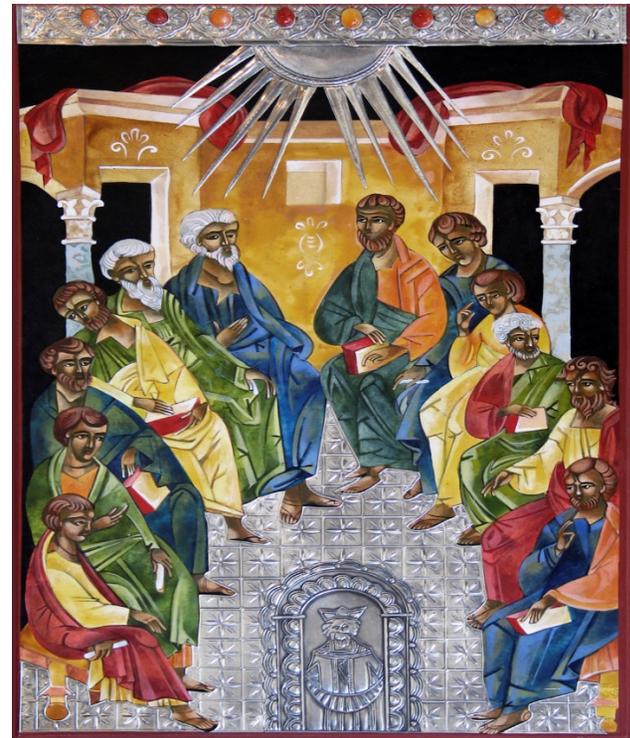
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TODAY'S ACOLYTE: HUNTER HANUS



### Pentecost

Mary Jane Miller, 2008

### **San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, Mexico**

Mary Jane Miller is a self-taught Byzantine style iconographer with over 28 years of experience, born in New York and living in Mexico full time. Her work is extraordinarily rich in style and has been exhibited in museums and churches in both the United States and Mexico. As an author, Miller blends historical content and personal insights to arrive at contemporary conclusions about faith.

"Acts 2:17, 18 "God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy... Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy." According to the book of Acts, the disciples are gathered in one place. Biblical accounts describe the Holy Spirit as rushing wind and individual tongues of fire descending upon the disciples' heads. In this icon, the rays of silver are the Holy Spirit descending from a heavenly mandorla. The half-circle shaped mandorla is the source of divine wisdom that radiates toward the disciples' heads. Six individual rays on each side penetrate the six seated disciples on each side. Notice there is a double dose of the silver ray heading toward Mary, the chalice that bore the Christ."

## WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Carol Kopnicky  
Peggy Landon  
Faith Friend: Pat Sharrar  
Our Church: Session  
Church(s): Falls Creek Church Moderator: Dave Koehler  
Faith Church Mod. Diane Flynn Rwanda Partner: Munazi  
Presbytery: North Puget Sound (Synod of Alaska-Northwest)  
Denomination: International Evangelical Churches  
Nation Vanuatu – Port Vila

**IMMEDIATE** *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, **Bill Mumaw family.***

**CONTINUING** *Sam, family of Diane Magnes, Lisa, Joy! New leadership, TJ Lucas helping Ron & Candy F4K. Christine's spinal problems, Sarah, Family of Jim Crawford, Israelis, family dance joy!, Eric, Jodi Smoyer, Heather, **Mary Harbison family, Debbie, Curt Cyberling, Joe, Kim Liska, Joe Suain,***

**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.

Attention All Acolytes: If you have an interest in being an acolyte throughout the summer months, please see Miss Shelly or sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.

**CLEAN-UP BUCKETS** filled by the month. **May's** requested donations **1 pkg of 36-50 clothespins** and **1 50-100 ft. clothesline**, cotton or plastic. Just slip your donation in one of the white buckets in the vestibule. Questions?.... See Jerri Mollick. Thank you.

## May 19, 2024 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUNDAY** Worship & Youth Sunday School **11:00 AM**  
Pentecost, Graduation Sunday, Special  
Recognition, Cake and Cookie Reception.

**TUESDAY** **SESSION** **7:00PM**  
**WEDNESDAY** Crafters **9:00 AM**  
Prayer Shawl Knitters **10:00 AM**  
Bells **6:00 PM**

**SUNDAY** Worship & Youth Sunday School **11:00 AM**  
*The office will be closed every Friday, June through August.*

### SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS

May 26 ~ Scott Hollabaugh and Laura Uncapher

June 2 ~ Shelly Hilty and Carol Kopnicky



**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!

Many thanks to 390 Auction for graciously donating the Beautiful geraniums in our sanctuary this morning.

## *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 7<sup>th</sup> 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!

**\*OUR NEW CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!  
PLEASE SEE SHELLY HILTY FOR YOUR COPY!**

**\*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

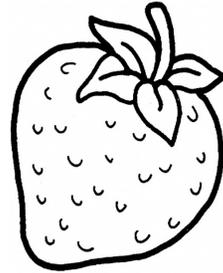
**\*We would like to provide an opportunity for those of you who are interested to participate in worship leadership. Following are the opportunities available.**

**Communion servers** are needed for June 2, July 7 (only 1 for joint service with BSPC) and August 4. With the exception of 7/7, 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](mailto: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!**



**BSPC is hosting its Annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 8, from 4 to 7 PM. The menu is Sloppy Joe of Ham BBQ sandwich with macaroni salad and baked beans, strawberry shortcake, and ice cream for \$11.00.**



**Don't forget! The church Rummage Sale will be Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM each day. Lunch and snack items, baked goods, and beverages will be available to purchase while you're looking for your special "something". Last day for donated items is CORRECTION: Sunday, June 2 Set up-date is Tuesday, June 4 and tear-down will be June 10<sup>th</sup>, both at 9 AM. Clean, donated items are still needed. Sign-up list for kitchen donations will be in the vestibule.**



**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.**

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN  
QUARTERLY MEETING and  
PROGRAM ~ 9:00 AM  
SATURDAY, JUNE 1**







