# APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

8th Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025

11:00 a.m.

### We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" J.J. Rousseau

WORDS of WELCOME

**ANNOUNCEMENTS and BIRTHDAYS** 

PRAYER CONCERNS

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, All: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those God redeemed

from trouble;

All: They cried to the Lord in their trouble, and God delivered them from their distress.

One: Let us thank the Lord for God's steadfast love.

All: For God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

\* HYMN #712 "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

**CALL TO CONFESSION** 

Linda Gould

### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the risen Christ, you broke the power of sin and evil. Yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety and fear. We have failed to love you as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. In fact, we have even failed to love ourselves. Release us from the tombs that terrify us so we can see your image in one another and in your good

creation. Truly, free us from the graves of self hatred so we can see ourselves as your children. Amen.

\* DECLARATION OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI #581

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PROPHETIC LESSON Hosea 11:1-11 OT p. 842

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 12:13-21 NT p. 74

PREACHING OF THE WORD "Where is Your Treasure?"

## We Respond to God's Word

\* HYMN #711

"Lord of All Good"

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith)
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In
sovereign love God created the world good and makes
everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every
race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel
against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's
commandments, we violate the image of God in others and
ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We
deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and
mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of
Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all
families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the
children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us
still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a

mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER p. 35
After hearing "Lord in Your Mercy" respond by saying "Hear
Our Prayer."

#### **OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

Offertory "Holy Spirit, Now Outpoured" J. W. Peterson \*Doxology #606

\*Prayer of Gratitude for God's Abundance (in unison)
O God, may these gifts serve as a witness to your love,
peace and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of
the earth. Amen.

## We Go Forth to Serve

\* HYMN Congregation's Choice

\* CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Rejoice, The Lord is King" L. Smith

\*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 Tues. & Wed. 9:30-4:00

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"Miser"

Margret Hofheinz-Döring, 1910Hofheinz-Döring, Margret, 1910-. Miser, from Art in the
Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity
Library, Nashville, TN.

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Christine Brooks, Eric Ribar, Hayden, Claire,

Emery, Preston

Connie Bowser and Jim Smith

Faith Friend: Pat Sharrar Our Church: Ministry Team

The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery

Presbytery: Northern Kansas (Synod of Mid-America)

Denomination: Moravian Church in America

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IMMEDIATE Lenny, Pastor Phil, Mat Hilty, Michelle, Buddy Riggle Sr., Jim, Carol Kopnicky, Chrissy Jacobson, Nora, family of Alice Cook, Kim McCain, Remembering those who have passed, Texas flood victims, Cindy, Ronan, Dan Peppler, Julie, Isaiah, Ann, Mandy.

**CONTINUING** Georgette Connor and family of Art Connor, Darlene Stocum, Tom Sipes, Family of Bob Reed, Anniversaries: Butch & Donna 55th, Denny & Karen 57th, Carole Kennedy ©, coach with cancer, Israel & Iran, Missy, Kenny Bash, Howard, Thank you all from Joyce Mollick, Thanks Joyce W for new banner, Kathy's brother Tom ©, Family of Martha Jane Wilkinson, Congratulation Graduates, Jess Carwile, Antonelli adult children, Jean.

#### **ONGOING**

Missy, Katie, 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 3 ~ \_\_\_\_\_ & Laura Uncapher
August 10 ~ AT NEW BEGINNINGS UNITED METHODIST
August 17 ~ Scott Hollabaugh & Amy Shupe

## **August 3, 2025 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

SUNDAY Worship 11:00 AM

**Welcome Back Dave McFarland!** 

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## The office will be closed Monday, August 11.

(The office continues to be closed Fridays through Labor Day)

# Beneath the Bulletin Board in the Vestibule:

\*JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTERS w/CALENDAR

\* Hand-outs for upcoming events

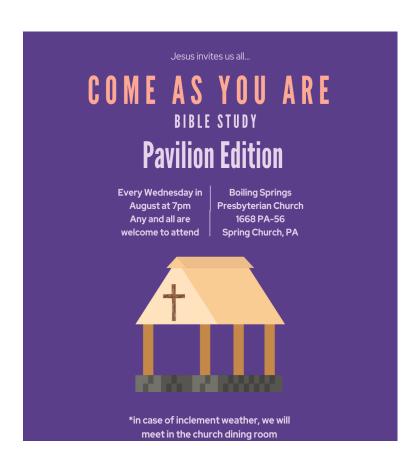
In the Vestibule: CURRENT UPPER ROOM ISSUE

Pastor Niki will be away July 28 through August 3



We are now accepting items for our October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Rummage Sale.

We ask that donated items be in stackable boxes or bins as our storage is limited prior to the sale. Our Rummage Sale Chairperson, Bill Speer, will be at the church on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 6:00 PM to accept items and help to get them downstairs. You may also donate your items, Mon.~Thurs. between 9 AM to 2 PM. Just call the office when you arrive.



APOLLO AREA CHURCHES WILL HOLD A COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE AT NEW BEGINNINGS METHODIST CHURCH, SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

AT 10:30 AM.

SIGNUPS FOR THE COVERED DISH DINNER are in the vestibule.

On Sunday, September 7 at 10:00 AM, at Owens Grove,
AUPC and BSPC will have a
joint worship service followed
by a picnic luncheon. AUPC
will provide hot dogs, buns,
condiments, paper products
and drinks. Those attending
will be asked to provide:
Names A-L: side dishes

Names M-Z: desserts



# Blood Drive Apollo Community Boiling Springs Presbyterian Church

Fellowship Hall 1668 PA-56 Spring Church

#### Monday, August 4 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.
If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation.
Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: BSPC to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Come give Aug 1 to 28 for a \$15 e gift card to choice of merchant!



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