APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025 11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE "Prelude in C Major" J. S. Bach

WORDS of WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS and BIRTHDAYS

PRAYER CONCERNS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is our rock and our fortress, our refuge and strength.

All: God is our hope and our trust. Praise the Lord!

* HYMN #19 "God of Great and God of Small"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Kathy Wilson

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Life, you come to us as a consuming fire, and the one who has consecrated us before time. You promise us a kingdom that cannot be shaken and call us to serve you with praise and thanksgiving. But we forget, and yield to fear. We trust in the tangible rewards of this world, and neglect your promises. We confess that we are a divided people; we foster separations and widen rifts in our families, our communities, and in the world. Open us to your healing. Free us from all that distances us from your presence. Give us your grace and inspire us to serve you with courage; through Jesus Christ who comes to save. Amen.

* DECLARATION OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI #581

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 13:10-17 NT p. 76

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

PROPHETIC LESSON Jeremiah 1:4-10 OT p. 698

PREACHING OF THE WORD "Back In Order"

We Respond to God's Word

* HYMN #691 "Lord, When I Came Into This Life"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostle's Creed p. 35

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory "How Firm a Foundation" arr. J. W. Kerr *Doxology #606

*Prayer of Gratitude for God's Abundance (in unison)
Loving God, we rejoice that our lives already belong to you.
Inspired by the knowledge of your love, giving thanks for
the gifts you offer us each day, we pray that these offerings

and our lives may further your kingdom on earth.

We Go Forth to Serve

* HYMN Congregation's Choice

* CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE "In Faith and Hope My Peace Abides" J.S. Bach

*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

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
Jerrilyn Mollick, Custodian

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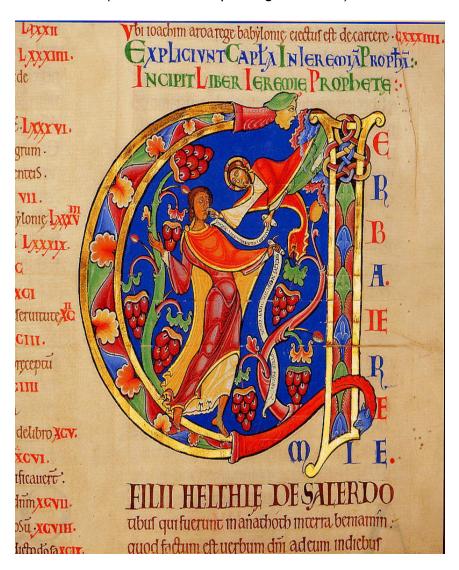
SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

Volleyball Team
SATURDAY, SEPT 6, 2025
12 to 5 PM

Tickets: \$10 ~ may be purchased at the door or by asking any of our team members. Take-out is available.

Price includes: Pasta, roll, salad and dessert, lemonade or iced tea.

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 401 1ST STREET, APOLLO, PA (entrance in the parking lot in rear)



God Touches Jeremiah's Mouth"
The Winchester Bible, ca. 1160-1175
Winchester Cathedral Library, United Kingdom

"The Winchester Bible is a Romanesque illuminated manuscript produced in Winchester between 1160 and 1175. With folios measuring 583 x 396 mm., it is the largest surviving 12th-century English Bible. It may still be seen at the Winchester Cathedral Library, its home for more than eight hundred years.

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Nancy Campitella

Lindsay, Jon, Carson & Taylor Coulter

Faith Friend: Nick and Sue Arnoldy Our Church: Administration Team

The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery

Presbytery: Abingdon (Synod of Mid-Atlantic)
Denomination: National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.

Nation Rwanda - Kigali

IMMEDIATE Ron & Candy 56th Anniversary, Pat, Jim, Missy, Carol, Back-to-School kids, Butch Schrecengost, Victims and families of Clairton US Steel accident, Shirley Dick, Paula Petrulak, Family of Tom Hoffer, Family of Kim McCain, Lenny Shellhammer, Eric, Lenny, Pastor Phil, Mat Hilty, Michelle, Buddy Riggle Sr., Jim, Carol Kopnicky.

<u>CONTINUING</u> Chrissy Jacobson, Nora, family of Alice Cook, Remembering those who have passed, Texas flood victims, Cindy, Ronan, Dan Peppler, Julie, Isaiah, Ann, Mandy. 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. 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 24 ~ Laura Uncapher &	
August 31 ~	& Laura Uncapher

August 24, 2025 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY	Worship	11:00 AM
	Acolyte training	
	Sunday School Teacher Training	12 – 2 PM
	Sunday School Teacher Training	5 – 7 PM
THURSDAY	Sunday School Teacher Training	6 – 8 PM
SUNDAY	Worship	11:00 AM

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

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

Sunday, Sept. 14
10:00 AM. Meet your
teachers and classmates
for the beginning of the
new Sunday School Year!
Third grade students will
receive their Bibles in worship



Speaking of "RALLY DAY" and a new Sunday School year, whether you're planning to teach, curious about our new curriculum, or just want to know more, you're welcome to join us! Just RSVP with Amy Zukas, Shelly Hilty, or Pastor Niki after you choose a date and time from the church family calendar above. We'd like to know so we've got enough materials and food for all attending.

After August 18th"s little mishap in the church basement (the light/fan in the small bathroom in the old choir room caught fire) help is needed to clean some areas of soot, etc. Mainly affected is the old choir room and things stored there, the large dining room walls, tables, chairs, floor. After assessing this project, it was determined to be too large for our custodian. We are calling for volunteers to bring gloves, buckets and rags and wear work clothing. Contact the office or Jerri Mollick to state your We will make a availability. decision about when the clean-up will begin after learning when the majority is able to come.

Please note, all clean-up must be done before Sept.6 for the A-R Volleyball Spaghetti dinner fundfaiser.

TODAY it's time for Backpack Blessings! Whether you're an educator, a person being educated, public school or private school, Sunday School or cafeteria employee, volunteer or paid, we want you to know you're a blessing! Bring your backpack, tote bag, lunch bag, whatever you use. We'll pray for you and the coming year, as well as give you a tag for your bag!

COMING SOON

PW FALL SOUP

&
SALAD BAR
FRIDAY, SEPT. 12
11:00 AM – 1:30 PM
"Best in the Valley"

BUSY OCTOBER

Peace & Global Witness
Offering
World Communion Sunday
Annual Crop Walk
Trunk N Treat

Sneak Peek at November: All Saints Sunday (2nd) Christmas Tea (21st & 22nd)