

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

5th Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026 11:00 a.m.

*We Gather in God's Name*

PRELUDE

WORDS of WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS and BIRTHDAYS

JOYS and CONCERNS

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our God refuses to shame us. God's justice delivers us.

**All: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!**

One: Our God listens to us. God rescues us from danger. **All:**

**All: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!**

One: Our God renews our spirits. God is always faithful.

**All: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!**

One: We trust our God. Let us worship God, whom we call  
ours.

**All: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!**

\* HYMN #301 "Let Us Build A House" vs. 1, 3, 5

CALL TO CONFESSION

Linda Gould

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Hear the brokenness of our lives, Precious God. We cover our ears so we cannot hear the cries of those in need, or you urging us to respond. We rush together to defend every issue that matters to us, but quickly disperse when you would call us to be your holy people. Forgive us, our Eternal Guide, and do not hold our sins against us. Clothe us in grace and hope. We would feed on the spiritual food which flows from your heart so we might be strong enough to follow Jesus as he leads us in the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.

\* DECLARATION OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI #581

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*We Listen to God's Word*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON John 14:1-14 CEB NT p. 108

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Peter 2:2-10 CEB NT p.233

PREACHING OF THE WORD "Living Stones"

*We Respond to God's Word*

\* HYMN #361 "O Christ, the Great Foundation"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Second Helvetic Confession*)  
This holy Church of God is called the temple of the living God, built of living and spiritual stones and founded upon a firm rock, upon a foundation which no other can lay, and therefore it is called "the pillar and bulwark of the truth" (I Tim. 3:15). The church does not err as long as it rests upon the rock Christ, and upon the foundation of the prophets and apostles.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

\*Doxology #606

## Holy Communion

Invitation

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

### PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION (unison)

O Jesus, our beloved, we give you thanks for inviting us to your table and sharing your feast. May we know that we have been fed with love and grace, and may we follow you out in the world, ambassadors of your hope and peace. Amen.

### We Go Forth to Serve

\* HYMN #242 "Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded"

\* CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*\*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, typically Wed. & Fri. 9:30-4:00

Please call for appointments.

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Today's Acolyte~Natalie Uncapher



## "Stones"

by Rev. Niki Atkinson

taken in April 2012

*"You yourselves are being built like living stones into a spiritual temple..." 1 Peter 2*

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Kim & Robert Altmire  
Nick and Sue Arnoldy  
Faith Friends: Shirley Mumaw  
Our Church: Ministry Team  
The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery  
Presbytery: Susquehanna Valley  
Denomination: Reformed Church in America  
Nation: Iran - Tehran

**IMMEDIATE** Mary Lou Kowalski, Sean engaged ☺, Aubrey, Zach Bush congrats ☺, Safe travels for Mike & Jerri on Mission Trip, Laura Antonelli & family, Grant & Garrett Gizler recipients of hockey scholarships, Sam Mullooly in National Honor Society, Carol Kopnick, Christine, Holly, Diane Bradshaw family, Chris, Cindy McDermott, Ronan, Butch, Mary Kaufmann, Lydia, Steve ☺, Shelly ☺, Pat, Butch, Viviana's birth Derek & Shelly's new granddaughter, Missy & Buddy traveling mercies, Eric, sympathy to Kathleen Fouse on loss of her son, Jeff, Jeff R..

**CONTINUING** Chris, Jess & family, Ann, Kayley, Laura's nieces, our behind-the-scene church workers, Kelly's 40<sup>th</sup>!!, Carole Kennedy, Pastor Niki's mom, Joey at Pinewood Derby, Michelle, Loretta ☺, Chris' car accident, Shirley Jackson, Yough students, Anne Cloonan, Scott Hubbard, The family of Carl Zukas, Sr., Jeff Kirkman home, Cathy, Chris Martin, Adam, Cate & baby Rosalind ☺, Mel Sylvis, Doris Ann 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Nancy Campitella, Rodger.

**ONGOING**

Shannan, Nora, Eric Ribar, Missy, Katie, Eddie, 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

**PLEASE NOTE – IMPORTANT MEETING**

There will be a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** for the purpose of approving those being nominated to serve on the **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**. The meeting will be held on **SUNDAY, MAY 17, immediately following worship.**

**MAY 3, 2026 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<u>SUNDAY</u>	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship-Communion	11:00 AM
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	Crafters	9:00 AM
	Bell Practice	6:00 PM
<u>FRIDAY</u>	Sandwich & Salad Bar	11 AM – 1:30 PM
	Kids Krafts	6:30 PM
<u>SUNDAY</u>	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship-Happy Mother's Day	11:00 AM

HELP THE NEXT FAMILY ENJOY OUR PRAYGROUND! PLEASE TIDY-UP AFTER YOUR CHILDREN ATTEND THAT AREA.  
*THANK YOU!*

*In the vestibule you will find:*

*MAY Newsletter*

*Places to go & things to do on the bulletin board!*

**SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS**

May 3 ~ Glenna Kanish & Bill Speer  
May 10 ~ Bill Speer & Laura Uncapher  
May 17 ~ Laura Uncapher & Nancy Russo

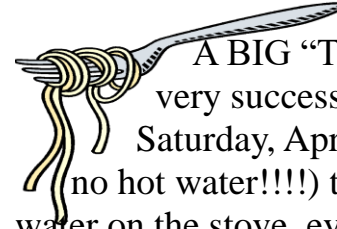


*PW Sandwich & Salad Bar  
Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>  
11AM - 1:30 PM  
Salads, Desserts, Beverages  
\$9.00 ~ Best Deal in Town!*

2026 GRADUATION DAY IS ALMOST HERE! IT IS AN AUPC TRADITION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ALL GRADUATES WHO HAVE ANY CONNECTION WITH OUR CHURCH. WE ARE ASKING YOUR ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING THOSE GRADUATING FROM COLLEGE, TRADE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL, ETC. SO THEY MAY BE INCLUDED IN "GRADUATION SUNDAY" ON JUNE 14, DURING WORSHIP. A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE WITH THE GRADUATES INFO. *THANKS!*



# THANK YOU ALL!



A BIG "Thank You!" to all who helped with our very successful and enjoyable Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>! After a minor setback (we had no hot water!!!!) that was resolved before we had to boil water on the stove, everything went smoothly and everybody worked together like a well-oiled machine. A special thanks goes out to John Fouse, who chaired the event. Prior to the dinner, he solicited local businesses for donations, and thanks to their generosity, we had NO COSTS incurred for fundraising expenses! And he also made all the wonderful spaghetti sauce!

Thanks to all who worked, all who attended, and all who donated desserts and other necessities for the dinner. **We raised over \$1,400 for our General Fund!** What a blessing for AUPC!

*Amy Shupe & the Stewardship & Finance Team*



## BAKE SALE BONANZA!



Many thanks to all the bakers and all the buyers!

The Kids' Bake Sale raised more than \$300!

The money will be used to bolster the fund that assists kids wanting to go to Summer Church Camp.

Don't forget to check out the CAMP information located on the kids' table in the vestibule. If you have questions concerning Summer Church Camps, see Miss Amy (Zukas).

We're glad your "sweet tooth" was satisfied while helping such a worthwhile cause. Thanks again!

### SUMMER CHURCH CAMPS ARE REGISTERING CAMPERS!

Pine Springs Camp information is available online. Camps Lutherlyn and Lambec have information in our vestibule. If you have any questions or need more information, contact Amy Zukas @ 724-681-4044. If you're a perspective camper and have questions, speak with Miss Amy or to one of our kids who have already enjoyed church camp. Parents: There are several sources of funding available to get your kids to camp! See Miss Amy. **HAPPY CAMPING!**



**We Need Your Help!** It has been brought to the attention of the Administration Team that pew etiquette needs some revival. Before you leave your pew and our beautiful sanctuary, please make sure you survey your area and leave it just as you found it! Particularly be aware of food crumbs, wrappers, bulletins, etc. Our staff will take care of the rest: sweeping, polishing, etc. Together we'll be a **CLEAN TEAM!** *Thank You!*



