

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2025

11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE "Praise the Lord" (from Olivet) L. Mason

WORDS of WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS and BIRTHDAYS

PRAYER CONCERNS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Turn us, O God,

All: away from the world's temptations and distractions

One: Return us, O God,

All: to the quiet calm of your presence

One: Restore us, O God,

All: to the path you call us to follow

One: Orient us, O God,

All: to the hope of all that is possible through you.

* HYMN #333 "How Our Hearts With Joy Abound"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Carol Kopnick

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

God, our refuge, you lift up the lowly and hold out hope to the hopeless. Yet we who receive your grace so freely do not follow your example. We are quick to judge, eager to criticize, slow to show mercy. We gather and keep for ourselves what was meant to be shared. We diminish and dehumanize those around us. God of us all, hear this confession. Receive it. We ask for your forgiveness. Amen.

*** DECLARATION OF PARDON**

*GLORIA PATRI #581

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PROPHETIC LESSON Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 CEB OT 709

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 5:21-43 CEB NT p. 39

PREACHING OF THE WORD "Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread"

We Respond to God's Word

* HYMN #178 "The Woman Hiding in the Crowd"

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

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Today's Acolyte ~Hunter Hanus

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" B. Logan

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Gratitude for God's Abundance *(in unison)*

Generous God, what we place before you is but a fraction of all you have entrusted to us. Receive these gifts, we ask, and multiply them for your purpose. Let our offerings become a source of blessing for the most vulnerable, for those in greatest need. May the act of giving, rooted in generosity, loosen our grip on what we possess, and kindle in us a deeper desire to share.

We Go Forth to Serve

* HYMN #797 "We Cannot Measure How You Heal"

* CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" T. Birchwood

*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.

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Amy Shupe, Organist; Joel Varga, Assistant Organist

Zach Bush, Trumpeter Sam Mullooly, Trombonist

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"...Because she had heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his clothes. She was thinking, If I can just touch his clothes, I'll be healed. Her bleeding stopped immediately, and she sensed in her body that her illness had been healed..."

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WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS
Household: Ruth and Gil Filer
Mike, Mandy, Alex & Caleb Flickinger
Faith Friend: Shirley Mumaw
Our Church: Session
The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery
Presbytery: Baltimore (Synod of Mid-Atlantic)
Denomination: Polish National Catholic Church
Nation: Senegal - Dakar

IMMEDIATE *The John Kanish family, Jim Gallagher, Jim, Becky, family of John Ault, thanks from Jerri for the cleaning help, David Churchill, Traveling mercies for Chris & Cassie, Family of Colton, Family of Buddy Riggle, Sr., fire at AUPC, Ron & Candy 56th Anniversary, Pat, Jim, Missy, Carol, Back-to-School kids.*

CONTINUING *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, Jim, Carol Kopnick, Chrissy Jacobson, Nora, family of Alice Cook.*

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

REMINDER: Please make sure
**ALL lights are turned off when
leaving the building.**

**Numerous mornings, staff has found that
lights have been left on all night.**

A gift has been given
In Memory of John Ault
from Amy Shupe

September 21, 2025 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>SUNDAY</u>	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship	11:00 AM
<u>THURSDAY</u>	Bell Practice in the Chapel	6:00 PM
<u>SUNDAY</u>	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship- Welcome Randy Stear	11:00 AM
	Penny count after worship! Let's get rolling!	



We are now accepting items
for our October 10th & 11th
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.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH IS THE FINAL DAY FOR RUMMAGE SALE
DONATIONS. ~ THANK YOU!**

SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS
September 28 ~ Glenna Kanish & Scott Hollabaugh
October 5 ~ Laura Uncapher & Joyce Mollick
October 13 ~ Derek Hilty & Amy Zukas

And GREETERS

This past spring, some concerns were brought to church leadership about having our ushers distribute bulletins by the staircase to the dining room and balcony. Some attendees had difficulty passing through the space and there have been near misses by the stairwell. At our June 18 meeting, the Session discussed and made the decision to have our ushers "distribute bulletins in the hall leading to the vestibule in the Sanctuary, for safety." We started this practice during the summer to allow for a "test run." This decision has allowed for better traffic flow into the sanctuary and fewer safety concerns by the stairwell, and the Session decided to continue this practice at our September 17 meeting.

If you're looking for your bulletin, make sure you say hi to one of our greeters in the vestibule.

Thank you!
Pastor Niki

****Diane Detman has moved. Her new address is: 404 Greendale Drive, Apollo, PA 15613. Labels for your directory, with this change, are in the chapel.****

****Pat Sharrar has moved. Her new address is: 1908 Lund Bldg. 134 Marwood Road, Cabot, PA 16023 Labels for your directory are in the chapel****

COMING SOON BUSY OCTOBER

**Peace & Global Witness Offering, World
Communion Sunday, Trunk N Treat**

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

2025
CROP HUNGER WALKS

ENDING HUNGER
ONE STEP AT A TIME

This year's Crop Walk will be virtual. Set your goal, get sponsors and walk when it is convenient for you! Please have your pledges turned in by Sunday, October 12 so they can be sent in. Or . . . you can simply donate! After collecting your pledged amounts, **Clearly Marked** donations may be turned in to the office and they will be forwarded to the appropriate party. You may begin anytime getting pledges, walking, or donating since there is no scheduled walk. *(If you choose to walk, you'll be helping YOU also!)*

