

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025

11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE "Amazing Love" arr. C. Tornquist

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

BIRTHDAYS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation;

All: Whom shall I fear?

One: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

All: Of whom shall I be afraid?

One: Come, seek God in this time of worship.

*** HYMN #440** "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

CALL TO CONFESSION Carol Kopnicky

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God, as enemies circle and fear grows large, the distance between us feels like absence and we come to believe you are hidden and concealed. Forgive our doubt. Forgive our lack of spiritual seeking. Forgive us when we make our faith all about what you might do for us rather than how we might serve you and work at right relationship with you. Amen.

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

TORAH LESSON Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 OT p. 12

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 13:31-35 NT p. 77

PREACHING OF THE WORD "Lament"

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN #795** "Healer of Our Every Ill"

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(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

Our Gifts to God

Offertory

“Lenten Meditation”

R. Blake

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Gratitude for God’s Abundance (*unison*)

God of grace, you provide for us in amazing ways. May our offerings provide for others and be used to further Christ’s ministry and mission. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

* HYMN #343 “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” vs. 1,2,5,6

* CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE “The Banner of the Cross”

J. McGranahan

*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

Linda Truffa, Office Administrator

Dan Tomlinson, Custodian

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Office Hours: Monday through Friday – 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

ACOLYTE TODAY: HUNTER HANUS

We are pleased to announce that Food 4 Kids has received another blessing from the SW PA Lutheran Synod, via the Ethyl Verney Grant program. The grant is for \$9,950 and will be distributed quarterly to Food 4 Kids. This is the second time the SW PA Lutheran Synod has so generously responded to the needs of this “back pack” program which provides food for elementary students on weekends during the school year. (This volunteer program has no administrative costs. All donations are used for program supplies.)



“Mother Hen”

Lauren Wright Pittman, 2018

“The image of Christ as a mother hen is revolutionary. Instead of using a hypermasculine, militaristic, menacing image in response to Herod’s death threats, Jesus upends the expected posture of violence and chooses to identify with the nurturing, protective, feminine image of a mother hen. He explains his love for Jerusalem as a mother hen who desperately desires to lovingly shelter her young. This image drips of rejection, however, because the chicks are unwilling to be protected. In Jesus’ attempt to love the world he meets unwillingness, distrust, mockery, and violence. Jesus wants that fox (Herod) to know that death threats will not keep him from fiercely bringing healing and restoration to the world.”

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS
 Household: Peggy Marangoni
 Pam & Ron McMunn
 Faith Friend: Shirley Mumaw
 Our Church: Administration Team
 The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery
 Presbytery: Southeastern Illinois (Synod of Lincoln Trails)
 Denomination: Religious Society of Friends; Friends Gen. Conf.
 Nation: Eritrea – Asmara

IMMEDIATE Alan Shockey, Carole Kennedy (home), Niki's brother & sister-in-laws wedding, Pize, Carol Kopnick, Craig Flickinger, Natilie, The family of Donna Fry, Families of health care workers at UPMC York, Eri.

CONTINUING Glenna Hall, Dan P., Betty, Mindy, Sally, Cathy Hubbard,, domestic violence victim, LaRue Householder family, Howard, Jordan Perona's surgery, Nancy Joyce's surgery, Maria Bearer, Zukas family, Ann Cloonan's friend, Kim Stankus, Don Peffer, Presbytery of Kiskiminetas (General Presbyter Search Committee) search for 2 Presbyters, family of Clarence, Eric, Kim Liska surgery, family of Bea Blystone.

ONGOING Missy, Katie, Bob Reed, 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
 March 16 ~ Amy Shupe & Glenna Kanish
 March 23 ~ Amy Zukas & Laura Uncapher
 March 30 ~ Glenna Kanish & Bill Speer

Graduate Sunday is just around the corner. If you are associated with anyone graduating this year and would like to have them recognized on Graduate Sunday, please call the office with their name and from where they are graduating. We'd love to honor them!

March 16, 2025 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>SUNDAY</u>	Worship, Youth Sunday School	11:00AM
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	SESSION	7:00 PM
<u>SATURDAY</u>	Spaghetti Dinner	4-7:00 PM
<u>SUNDAY</u>	Worship, Youth Sunday School	11:00AM

**Saturday, March 22 –
 SPAGHETTI DINNER – 4-7 PM**

**SATURDAY, MAR. 29 – 4:00-
 7:00 pm SWISS STEAK DINNER**

**@ BSPC – (or until the food runs out)
 Reservations or Take-out: 724-478-1523 \$14**

**Wednesday, April 2 – 12:00 PM - AUPC hosting
 LENTEN LUNCHEON following Lenten Service.**

The Christian Ed Team is welcoming donations for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt/Easter Party. There will be a donation box next to the Kid's table in the vestibule. ?? see Shelly Hilty! Thank you bunny much!

"Save the Date!" — The 2025 Secret Sisters Luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 17th at Falsetti's Villa Restaurant in Cadogan, PA at 11:30 AM. All women of the church, member or non-member, are invited to become a Secret Sister for a one-year term. Those that are currently "Sisters", and

those who wish to become a "Sister" for the coming year, are encouraged to attend the luncheon.

The purpose of a Secret Sister is to communicate, support and encourage the chosen Sister throughout the year by sending cards, and occasionally, if desired, giving a small gift for special occasions. In addition, the most important job is to keep that Sister in your daily prayers. We also exchange small gifts at the end-of-the-year luncheon.

More info to come in May about the annual luncheon.

Lent Opportunities

apollopresby.org

Apollo United Presbyterian Church

401 First St., Apollo



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WEDNESDAY*

March 5

Joint worship
w/Boiling
Springs PC

7:00 pm
Worship

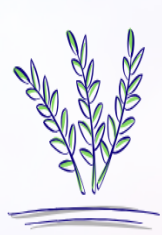
*Communion will be
served
ALL are welcome



EASTER EGG
HUNT

April 5
2:00pm -
4:00pm

All ages are
welcome to
attend



PALM
SUNDAY

April 13
11:00 am

Service will be
streamed
youtube.com/
@apollopresby

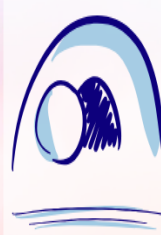


MAUNDY
THURSDAY*

April 17
7:00pm

Joint Worship
AT Boiling
Springs PC

*Communion will be
served
ALL are welcome



EASTER
SUNDAY*

April 20
11:00 am

Service will be
streamed
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Lenten Worship & Luncheons

brought to you by the members of the Apollo Ministerium



March 12
12:00pm

First Lutheran
Church
214 N.
Pennsylvania
Ave.
w/Rev. T.J.
Lucas of
Quality Life
Services



March 19
12:00pm

Spring Church
Lutheran
3623
Lutheran
Church Road
w/Rev. Niki
Atkinson of
Apollo &
Boiling Springs
Presbyterian
Churches



March 26
12:00pm

New
Beginnings
UMC
210 Rainbow
Lake Road
w/Rev. Phil
Ramstad of
First Lutheran
Church



April 2
12:00pm

Apollo United
Presbyterian
401 First St.
w/Rev. June
Jeffries of New
Life Baptist
Church



April 9
12:00pm

Quality Life
Services
153 Goodview
Drive
w/Pastor
Erika
Rabickow of
Apollo Free
Methodist
Church





