

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

4th Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026 11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE "Gethsemane Meditation" M. Jordan

WORDS of WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS and BIRTHDAYS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on appearance...for the Lord looks on the heart."

All: God sees what others overlook.

One: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

All: Even in the valley of deepest shadow, we are not alone.

One: From the cross, Jesus said, "I thirst."

All: God knows our distress. God enters our suffering.

One: Let us worship the Shepherd who sees us, who anoints us, who walks with us through every dry and weary land.

*** HYMN #53 "O God, Who Gives Us Life"**

CALL TO CONFESSION Linda Gould

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Shepherding God, you see our hearts and know our distress. We confess that we often hide our distress—pretending we are strong, ignoring our needs and the needs of others, judging by what we see on the surface. When the valley feels long, we lose trust. When others cry out, we turn away. Forgive us. Restore our souls. Lead us again beside still waters, and teach us to follow you faithfully. Amen.

*** DECLARATION OF PARDON**

One: The Shepherd does not abandon the flock. God walks beside us. Christ who thirsted on the cross now gives us living water. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: We are restored and made new. Thanks be to God.

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PROPHETIC LESSON 1 Samuel 16:1-13 CEB OT p. 259

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

GOSPEL LESSON John 19:28-29 CEB NT p.114

PREACHING OF THE WORD "Distress"

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN #210 "Lord, Why Have You Forsaken Me"**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – APOSTLE'S CREED p. 35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory "Concerto in A Minor" A. Vivaldi

***Doxology #606**

***Prayer of Gratitude for God's Abundance Generous God, when we thirst, you provide; you fill our cup until it overflows. You poured your love out into this world. Receive these gifts and use them to refresh weary hearts and make your abundance known. Amen.**

We Go Forth to Serve

*** HYMN #793 "O Christ, the Healer"**

*** CHARGE & BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

“Postlude III”
• *Please stand in body or spirit*

J. S. Bach

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

Jerrilyn Mollick, Custodian

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Today’s Acolyte ~ *Caelin Kaminski*



“Distress”

“I thirst.”

John 19:28-29

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Linda Slicker
 Snedecor Family
 Faith Friends: Pat Sharrar
 Our Church: Ministry Team
 The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery
 Presbytery: New York City (Synod of Northeast)
 Denomination: Moravian Church in America
 Nation: Brunei – Bandar Seri Begawan

IMMEDIATE Anne Cloonan, Scott Hubbard, The family of Carl Zukas, Sr., Jeff Kirkman home, Cathy, Chris Martin, Adam, Cate & baby Rosalind ☺, Mel Sylvis, Doris Ann 90th Birthday, Nancy Campitella, Rodger, **Shirley Coy, Cate Liska, SueEllen,**

CONTINUING Joanie, Laurie, family of Larry W., Liam, Kathy Wilson ☺, Grant, Thanks Kaminski, Gizzler & Hollabaugh's for shoveling, David Rose, Mary K., Amanda C, Dreana, Diane Chavara, Nancy Reynolds 99 years young!, Dorothy, Carol, Dave, Sue Ellen & Nick, , Shannan, **Sara Burke, Jim, Carol, Niki's Dave, Ben & Ashley, Dommy, Missy ☺, Joyce Wildi's Marshall ☺.**

ONGOING

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



Food Pantry Needs

Currently, in the vestibule near the ramp door, there is a box just waiting for donations for our Emergency Food Pantry. You may donate as you wish or see Nancy Russo for a list of "most needed" items. She can also provide you with a list of what is normally stocked. **Thanks for your donations!**

March 15, 2026 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>SUNDAY</u>	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship	11:00 AM
<u>MONDAY</u>	Admin Team	7:00 PM
<u>TUESDAY</u>	Ministry Team	10:00 AM
	Mission Team	6:00 PM
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	Lenten Luncheon @ Apollo Free Methodist	12:00 PM
	SESSION (Special Time!)	6:00 PM
<u>SATURDAY</u>	Hilty Baby Shower	
<u>SUNDAY</u>	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship	11:00 AM



**NEXT SCHEDULED PRACTICE
 WILL BE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25
 AT 6:00 PM**

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

*In the vestibule you will find:
 MARCH Newsletter
 Lenten Luncheon Schedules
 Lenten Opportunities*

SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS
 March 15 ~ Amy Shupe & Laura Uncapher
 March 22 ~ Glenna Kanish & Jessica Carwile
 March 29 ~ Scott Hollabaugh & _____

Holy Week Meditation Stations

REFLECT UPON THE EVENTS OF
JESUS' LAST WEEK THROUGH A
SERIES OF PRAYERFUL
EXPERIENCES, ALL AT YOUR
OWN PACE.

**APOLLO UNITED
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
401 FIRST ST., APOLLO

SUN. 3/29 - 1PM-4PM
MON. 3/30 - 9:30AM-4PM
TUES. 3/31 - 9:30AM-7PM
WED. 4/1 - 9:30AM-9PM
THUR. 4/2 - 12PM-9PM

**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**
easter
egg
hunt



On Palm Sunday, March 29 at
10 AM, our Sunday School classes
will have an Easter Egg Hunt and
Party during the Sunday School
hour. *(different than the Apollo
Community Spring Fling event)*

Christian Ed is requesting "Egg Fillers" for this event.
There will be a box in the vestibule for your donations of
wrapped candy, small novelty items, etc. that the bunny
can use to fill those eggs!

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**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!**



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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!



Lent Opportunities

apollopresby.org

Apollo United Presbyterian Church

401 First St., Apollo



ASH
WEDNESDAY*
February 18
7:00 pm

Joint worship
w/Boiling
Springs PC at
BSPC

*Communion will be
served
ALL are welcome



APOLLO
COMMUNITY
SPRING
FLING
Saturday,
April 25
TBD

held at Owen's
Grove Park

All are
welcome to
attend



PALM
SUNDAY
March 29
11:00 am

Service will be
streamed
youtube.com/
@apollopresby



MAUNDY
THURSDAY*
April 2
7:00 pm

Joint Worship
with Boiling
Springs PC

*Communion will be
served
ALL are welcome



EASTER
SUNDAY*
April 5
11:00 am

Service will be
streamed
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