

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" arr. C. Tornquist

WORDS of WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS and BIRTHDAYS

JOYS and CONCERNS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** (*based on Psalm 67*)

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

One: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

One: The earth has yielded its increase; God has blessed us.

All: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

* HYMN #463

"How Firm A Foundation"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Carl Zukas

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*) Merciful God, your world cries out. The fruits of our disobedience are harming your creation. You tasked us to be good stewards of your creation and we have fallen short. You challenged us to love God and love our neighbor, and we have failed to show that love. You promise to bring all people joyfully together in a house of prayer on your holy mountain. We find ways to stay apart. Bring us together, O Lord.

Empower us with a spirit of love for you and love for all our neighbors. Help us live lives of service to you so that all your children will know your peace. Forgive us when we fall short and continue to transform your world, leading us to your promised kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*** DECLARATION OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON John 15:12-17 CEB NT p. 109

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 4:1-7 CEB NT p.198

PREACHING OF THE WORD "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN #465** "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*portion of Confession of 1967*)

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one

has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(please respond after "Let the peoples praise you, O God;" with "let all the peoples praise you.")*

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" E. Englert

*Doxology #606

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

Holy God, you tell us that "offerings will be accepted on your altar, for your house shall be called a house of prayer." Thank you for all that you have given us. Continue to guide us as we dedicate these offerings and our lives to you.
Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

* HYMN "Congregation's Choice!"

* CHARGE & BLESSING

*POSTLUDE "Postlude in Ancient Style" .G. Blake

*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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Amy Shupe, Organist; Joel Varga, Assistant Organist

Zach Bush, Trumpeter Sam Mullooly, Trombonist

Linda Truffa, Office Administrator

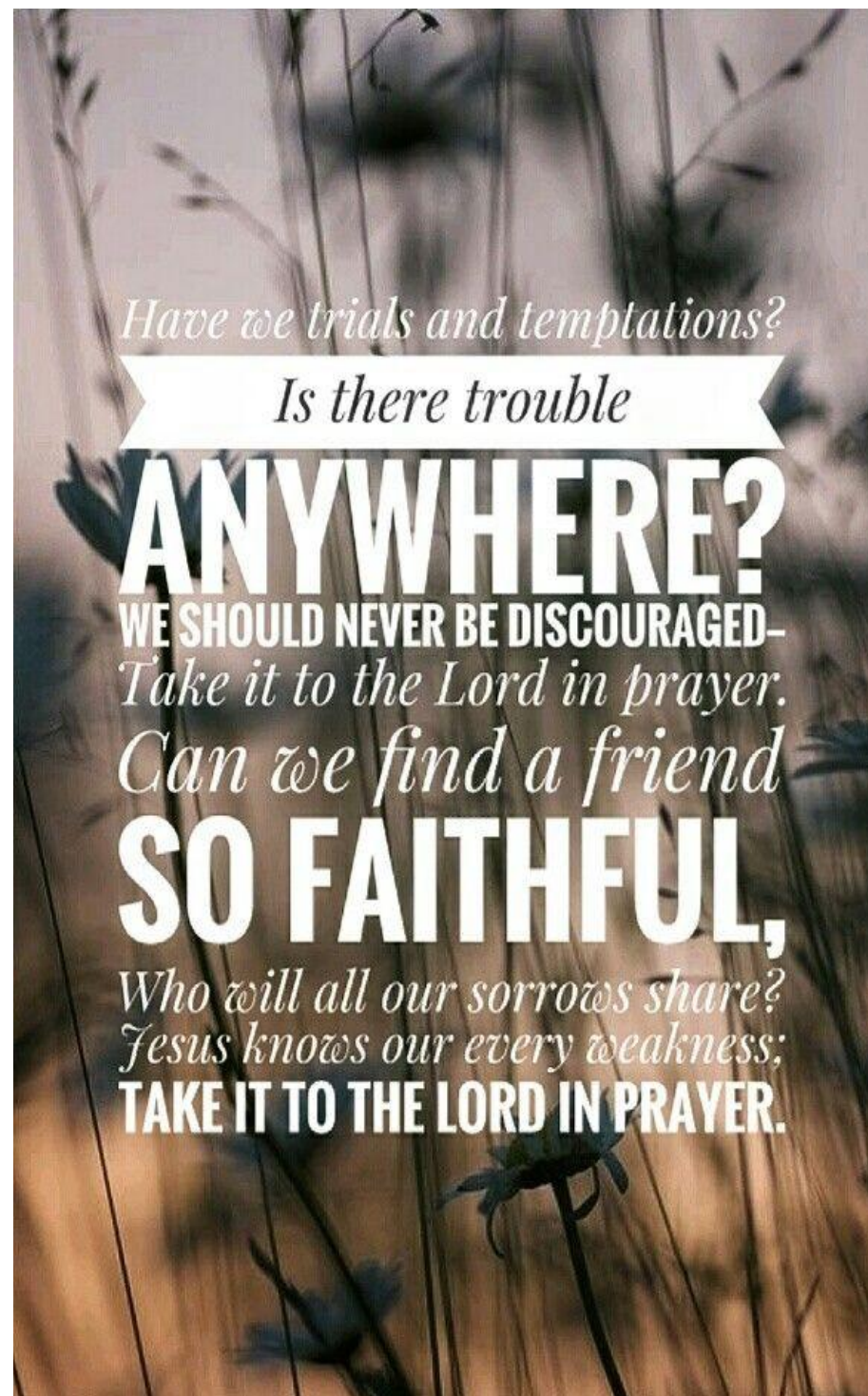
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Summer Office Hours: Monday through Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Rob and Becky Kane
 Tim, Glenna, Luke, Knox & Lennon Kanish
 Faith Friends: Pat Sharrar
 Our Church: Pastor Niki
 The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery
 Presbytery: Sierra Mission Partnership
 Denomination: Church of the Brethren
 Nation: Malaysia – Kuala Lumpur

IMMEDIATE Mark Gizler, Flood victims, Bill home from hospital, Carol Kopnick, Cailen World Champion, family of Samantha McCutcheon, Bryan Dillick, Mariane Altmeyer, Shannan, Nancy, Scott & Cathy Hubbard, Debi Harker and family on death of her stepfather Don Funk, Luke Kanish, Carol Kopnick, Family of Ashley, Butch and Donna 56th anniversary, Ron George, family and friends of Gus Couknas, Vicki, Mary Kay, Jean, Becca, Newt, family of Nick, Amy Shupe, **Dance Clik Recital ☺**, **Ronan ☺**, **Rachel, Dave's return of cancer**, family of Linda Rollinson, **National Cancer Survivor Day ☺**.

CONTINUING Dave Kiebler, Joyce Mollick, Bethany, Anthony grad from Annapolis, Melissa, Mac McMunn, Candy George, Kim Liska, Joyce Mollick ☺, Joey 1st Holy Communion, Lois Learn, NC lung cancer victim. **Carol Kopnick and the family of Holly Austin, Scott Hubbard, Quinn, Ron George, Barry Hall, Erica & Melanie, Carol says thanks, Marlene Black & family death of brother, Traveling mercies for Jeff Bush, Kim.**

ONGOING Shannan, Nora, Eric Ribar, Missy, Katie, Eddie, Donnie Riggie, 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 16 ~ Glenna Kanish & Nancy Russo

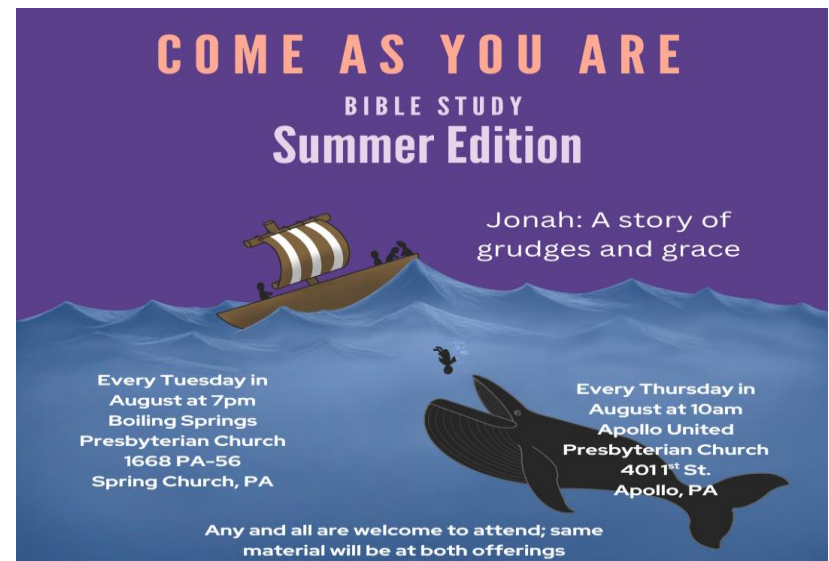
August 23 ~ Amy Shupe & Glenna Kanish

August 30 ~ Nancy Russo & Bill Speer

September 6 ~ Scott Hollabaugh & Laura Uncapher

August 16, 2026 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>SUNDAY</u>	Worship	11:00 AM
<u>MONDAY</u>	Admin Team	7:00 PM
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	Crafters	9:00 AM
	Knitters	10:00 AM
<u>THURSDAY</u>	Bible Study	10:00 AM
	Joint Session Meeting AUPC/BSPC	6:00 PM
<u>FRIDAY</u>	Office Closed	
<u>SUNDAY</u>	Worship	11:00 AM



You're Invited!

WORSHIP Service

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PRAISE TOGETHER. GROW TOGETHER.
STRONGER TOGETHER.

DATE:
AUGUST 23, 2026

TIME:
4 PM to?

LOCATION:
Scenic Drive along
the Kiski River
310 Clifford Ave.,
Apollo, PA 15613

Please
bring a
CHAIR

Join our community and extended communities
for a non-denominational, uplifting worship service
involving:



A SERMON
to encourage and inspire



PRAYERS
for our communities
and beyond



**UPLIFTING
CHRISTIAN MUSIC**
to lift our hearts in praise

*Let's come together, praising God
who blesses us every day!* ♥

ONE FAITH. ONE HOPE. ONE GOD. ♥ TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



Many thanks to Terry Reed for the beautiful addition to the lounge in the Christian Ed building. Given in memory of his father, Bob Reed, the Howard Miller clock replicates the one which hangs in the chapel that Bob gifted in memory of his beloved wife, Nellie. AUPC will be forever grateful for the time given by the Reed family.



Coming in September
Friday 25th & Saturday 26th,
8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Clean, useable items will be accepted through Sunday, Sept. 20. All items must be taken downstairs and neatly arranged behind the curtain on the stage. On Wednesdays, during the months of June and August, from 4 to 6 PM, Bill Speer will be at the church and available to assist with large items or help if you are unable to negotiate the stairs. If those dates and times aren't convenient, an appointment may be made. (no assistance will be available in July) All other donations not requiring assistance may be brought to the church Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM up to the Sept. 20 deadline.

HELP NEEDED with some Worship duties. Peggy Landon has retired from directing Bell Choir and also her long service of CHANGING PARAMENTS, PREPARING COMMUNION (which also involves cleaning up after service). Peggy has written down all the information needed to complete these tasks and has offered to help guide the person(s) who volunteer. Please see Peggy if you are interested or call the office. Providing this service is very important to Worship!

