

THE LISTENING POST

OCTOBER
2026

This and That

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 tells us that everything has its time. A beginning, an end. Sadness and happiness. Love and hate, to name 3 of the eight.

We are now going through a season of change. Migration from summer to fall warns us that winter is near. Some may feel that changes in their church represent a cold winter.

Many relate this to a season of death when fall and winter are actually the forecasters of a season of renewal. What looks like dying is rebirth. It happens in nature as the trees lose their leaves and then sleep to save their energy for the next season.

We too must save our energy for the next season in which God will work His plan for us just as He does for nature. Fall and winter is not death. It allows for a well-deserved, calm respite. The snow will melt and new leaves will sprout.

The church may take on a different appearance come spring; maybe more members, maybe fewer. All united though

through their resolve, their vision forward and their faith in Matthew 5:17, just as it's written, no revisions, no twisting of words, no assumptive interpretations.

More seasons will come and go. Snow and ice, rough seas and calm will be in our path. Remaining steadfast in the teachings of the Bible will help us navigate through any detours we may face.

Happy New Birth and safe travels,
Linda

(the opinions offered above are not necessarily those of AUPC)



- 14 .Gabby Beard
- 15. Annette Lopovsik
- 20. Jon Smoyer
- 22. Drew Hreha
- 23. Carole Kennedy
- 25. Robert Altmire
- 28. Chris Hannigan
- 30. Zachary Hreha

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Every Sunday at 10 AM
join us for the wonders of
the Bible delivered in an
age-appropriate
curriculum, with
supporting activities.
EVERY DAY OF SUNDAY
SCHOOL IS BRING A
FRIEND DAY!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

11 AM-1 PM EVERYONE WELCOME





MISSION

✓ Remember to pass along the message while you DO the mission. Meals-on-Wheels (412-400-0975) – drivers, cooks, prep people daily on M – W – F. St. Vincent de Paul (724-478-1113) M-Sat

Food bank opportunities:

- Oct. 2 (Fri) Westmoreland County Food Bank – 7:45 AM – St. James Catholic Church Activity Center (behind the Church)
- Oct. 12. (Mon), Apollo-Ridge Food Bank (packaging) – 8:00 AM – Glenn Bush Ford, right side, around back
- Oct. 14 (Wed), Apollo-Ridge Food Bank (distribution) volunteers at 7:30 – 8:00 AM - public at 8:00 AM – Glenn Bush Ford (see above)

COMMUNITY COMPASSION



AUPC Emergency Fund

Year-to-Date totals through August 2026

Assistance Totals:

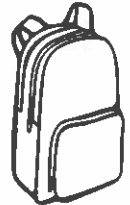
20 Families helped with food. 13 helped with utilities, rent, and/or Gasoline certificates, total \$3,718



Have a new neighbor or new baby in the neighborhood

The Mission Ministry Team would like to extend its community outreach by offering "Welcome" to

residents new to the area and to those with an addition to their family. Although still in the early stages, we are asking for your help in identifying families that might fit these categories. Please message/contact Pam McMunn at 724-664-8303



THIS IS OUR 10TH YEAR. It seems like just yesterday proposals went to the school, letters went to churches requesting their partnership, and Candy and Ron George began the investigative work to get Food 4 Kids up and running. Still housed in the Apollo United Presbyterian Church, our volunteer staff has changed in name and numbers. Except for packing days, Ron and Candy have retired, although they are often seen quite a lot in the F4K room. Retired, really? Thanks to Rev. T.J. Lucas for taking on the F4K leadership! Please call 724-478-4807 if you have food or monetary donations for this organization or are interested in volunteering. THANKS for your 10 years of support! Just beginning the 2026-27 school year, there are 43 kids registered for the program. As long as there's a need F4K will provide.

Many thanks to Carol Kopnicky and friends who donated food to our Emergency Food Panty "In Memory of Carol's Daughter, Holly".

MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH





ALL KIDS WELCOME TO
KIDS KRAFTS
A FREE COMMUNITY
PROGRAM
SEE YOU THE SECOND
FRIDAY IN OCTOBER!!

Supporting our Locals!



The Kiski Township
Volunteer Fire Hall
is having a Spaghetti
lunch/dinner on Sunday,
Oct. 11 at the fire hall
from 11AM - 4 PM.

Cost: \$12 Adults,

Kids 4-8 \$6, kids under 4 free. Meal includes
MEATBALLS, PASTA, SALAD, BREAD,
DESSERT and COFFEE or TEA.

Address: 1037 State Rt 56E, Apollo, PA

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Quarterly Meeting –
Saturday, December 12 @ 9:30 AM

"Christmas at the Inn"



2026 Christmas Tea
tickets for Friday, Nov.
20 and Saturday, Nov. 21
will go on sale beginning
Wednesday, October 7
from 9-12:00 and every
Wednesday thereafter.
Tickets are \$25 each.

Meal choices are Baked Ham or Chicken Salad
Croissants. Menu selections will be necessary at
the time of ticket purchase.



If you're looking for unique cards for any
occasion, please check out the variety
available in the vestibule made by our own
Craft Ladies. Cost is 3 for \$2 or \$.75 each

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

WHERE WE STAND at the END of AUGUST 2026



August Income: \$7,988.95

August Expenses: \$8,339.61

August Income to Expenses: -\$350.66

YTD Income: \$80,698.67

YTD Expenses: \$95,878.87

YTD Income to Expenses: -\$15,180.20

RUMMAGE SALE FOLLOW-UP

Thanks to ALL who made our 2026 Rummage Sale a
successful event! As of Sunday, September 27th, we netted
\$2,220.15, with proceeds going to the church's General
Fund!

The sale entails A LOT of work, before, during and
afterward. But all of us who worked (tirelessly, I must say),
would agree that most of the time, it was actually fun! A big
shout out goes to those who donated items for the sale,
those who unpacked and displayed those items, those who
worked in the kitchen and on the sales floor, those who
made the food and the baked goods for sale, who purchased
items that were for sale, and those who helped pack up the
items for donations to other organizations who could use
them. The event has become a blessing for our community,
and many folks show up year after year for the sale (and the
hot dogs!).

A special shout out goes to the chairperson of the sale, who
worked tirelessly for MONTHS before the sale and all the
hours during the event.

THANK YOU, BILL SPEER!

God bless your generous spirit!

WORSHIP AND MUSIC



SUNDAYS 11:00 AM

Join us in person or
live stream on YouTube

Communion
Sunday, October



WELCOME, VIVIAN SHAEFFER, to lead us during World Communion Sunday on October 4. We will welcome her to our pulpit as many Sundays as her busy schedule allows. Additional Sundays will welcome guest preachers and lay speakers.

This pulpit variety should be stimulating and refreshing until the permanent pastor, who will feed this congregation's needs, is sent.



THE AUPC BELL CHOIR WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED ON SEVERAL SPECIAL OCCASIONS THROUGHOUT THE COMING YEAR. PRACTICES WILL BE SCHEDULED IN RELATION TO

PERFORMANCES. NEW RINGERS ALWAYS WELCOME. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, CALL THE OFFICE OR CONTACT MIKE MOLICK.

AUPC Acolytes

A schedule for the upcoming year has been sent to all previous year's acolytes. If you would like to participate, you may join anytime throughout the year.

A Prayer for AUPC

Lord, keep our congregation devoted to biblical teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer. Strengthen our commitment to worship and community. Lord, be our refuge and strength. Uphold our congregation during seasons of testing—financial strain, conflict, or spiritual dryness.

Renew our hope and courage.

We pray your continued Blessings for AUPC.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayer List! How it works: Please list prayer concerns on the back of the attendance card found in your bulletin. We will place these names on our "Immediate" prayer list for three weeks. The *newest names will appear in italics*. On the third week we will **'bold'** the name. The prayers of concern will then move to the "Continuing" list and will remain there three more weeks and then rotate off, unless otherwise requested. If you don't see a name that had previously been there and that person still requires prayer, please list the name again. Also, please list spelling corrections, if needed.

IMMEDIATE *Homer Ament, Scott, Nancy & Cathy Hubbard, Christine Martin, Kim, Dom & family, Butch & Donna, Luke, Jess, Butch, Sandy, new baby, Bill, Debbie, Mary, family of Donna Graham.*

CONTINUING *Candy's 60th class reunion ☺, Ray's son (stroke), Tim and Glenna, Ron & Candy's 57th ☺, family of LaRue, family who lost baby, Mark Gizler, Flood victims, Bill home from hospital, Carol Kopnick, Cailen World Champion, family of Samantha McCutcheon, Bryan Dillick, Mariane Altmeyer, Shannan*

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



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Goal of the month:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4 Sunday School 10 AM Worship 11 AM World Communion Sun. Crop Walk P&GW Offering	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Sunday School 10 AM Worship 11 AM Reception	12 Admin Team 7 PM	13 Ministry Team 10 AM Mission Team 6 PM	14	15	16	17
18 Sunday School 10 AM Worship 11 AM	19	20	21 SESSION 7:00 PM	22	23	24 Uncapher party downstairs
25 Sunday School 10 AM Worship 11 AM	26	27	28	29	30	31 Trunk N Treat 11 AM – 1 PM Everyone Welcome 