

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

4th Sunday of Easter  
April 26, 2026 11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE "Hear Me As I Pray" Peterson

WORDS of WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS and BIRTHDAYS

JOYS and CONCERNS

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!

**All: Behold! The Savior of the world is risen!**

One: Fling wide the portals of your hearts:

**All: Let us feel the presence of the God's grace and love!**

One: O Holy spirit, lead us on in worship;

**All: Call us each by name, that we may give God glory!**

\* HYMN #321 "The Church's One Foundation" vs 1-3

CALL TO CONFESSION Jerri Mollick

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Gracious God, from before the foundation of the world, you called us by name and pledged your steadfast love. But like ornery sheep, we stray from the fold. You offer to lead us, but we prefer to lead ourselves. Forgive us, O God. Call us back to the open gate of Christ's redeeming love that we may enter your Beloved Community and find rest for our souls, reconciliation with our enemies and the glory of being with you forever. Amen.

\* DECLARATION OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI #581

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 2:42-47 CEB NT p. 120

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Peter 2:19-25 CEB NT p.233

PREACHING OF THE WORD "Liberation"

We Respond to God's Word

\* HYMN #213 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from the Second Helvetic Confession*) In all crises and trials of our life we call upon God alone, and do so by the mediation of our only mediator and intercessor, Jesus Christ. For we have been explicitly commanded: "Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me" (Psalm 1:15). Moreover, we have a most generous promise from the Lord who said: "If you ask anything of the Father, he will give it to you" (John 16:23), and: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). And since it is written: "How are men to call upon him in whom they have not believed?" (Romans 10:14), and since we do believe in God alone, we assuredly call upon God alone, and we do so through Christ alone. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory "When I Look Into Your Holiness" Perrin

\*Doxology #606

\*Prayer of Gratitude for God's Abundance (*unison*)  
Shepherding God, you lead us, guard us, prepare us and preserve us. We have responded by giving back to you

what has come from your hand. Bless these gifts, and multiply them in the life of your church, so that the gates of salvation may be flung wide, and all your Beloved Community may know the love and the peace that is ours in Christ Jesus.

We Go Forth to Serve

\* HYMN #187 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

\* CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Thou, O Lord, Art Exalted" Oliver  
*\*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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Today's Acolyte ~ *Adelynn Carwile*



## "Cornered"

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*"Though you were like straying sheep, you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your lives."*

*1 Peter 2:25*

## WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Kathy Wilson & John Fouse  
Carl, Amy, Bennett & Avery Zukas  
Faith Friends: Cathy McCain  
Our Church: Pastor Niki  
The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery  
Presbytery: Southern New England (Synod of Northeast)  
Denomination: Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.  
Nation: Indonesia - Jakarta

**IMMEDIATE** Grant & Garrett Gizler recipients of hockey scholarships, Sam Mullooly in National Honor Society, Carol Kopnick, Christine, Holly, Diane Bradshaw family, Chris, Cindy McDermott, Ronan, Butch, Mary Kaufmann, Lydia, Steve ☺, Shelly ☺, Pat, Butch, Viviana's birth Derek & Shelly's new granddaughter, Missy & Buddy traveling mercies, Eric, sympathy to Kathleen Fouse on loss of her son, Jeff, Jeff R., **Chris, Jess & family, Ann, Kayley, Laura's nieces, our behind-the-scene church workers, Kelly's 40<sup>th</sup>!!.**

**CONTINUING** Carole Kennedy, Pastor Niki's mom, Joey at Pinewood Derby, Michelle, Loretta ☺, Chris' car accident, Shirley Jackson, Yough students, Anne Cloonan, Scott Hubbard, The family of Carl Zukas, Sr., Jeff Kirkman home, Cathy, Chris Martin, Adam, Cate & baby Rosalind ☺, Mel Sylvis, Doris Ann 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Nancy Campitella, Rodger, **Shirley Coy, Cate Liska, SueEllen.**

### **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



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!**

## April 26, 2026 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>SUNDAY</u>	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship	11:00 AM
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HELP THE NEXT FAMILY ENJOY OUR  
PRAYGROUND! PLEASE TIDY-UP AFTER  
YOUR CHILDREN ATTEND THAT AREA.  
*THANK YOU!*

*In the vestibule you will find:  
APRIL Newsletter  
Places to go & things to do on the  
bulletin board!*

SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS  
April 26 ~ TBD

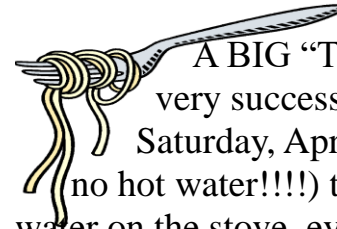


*PW Sandwich & Salad Bar  
Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>  
11AM - 1:30 PM  
Salads, Desserts, Beverages  
\$9.00 ~ Best Deal in Town!*

**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!**



# THANK YOU ALL!



A BIG "Thank You!" to all who helped with our very successful and enjoyable Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>! After a minor setback (we had no hot water!!!!) that was resolved before we had to boil water on the stove, everything went smoothly and everybody worked together like a well-oiled machine. A special thanks goes out to John Fouse, who chaired the event. Prior to the dinner, he solicited local businesses for donations, and thanks to their generosity, we had NO COSTS incurred for fundraising expenses! And he also made all the wonderful spaghetti sauce!

Thanks to all who worked, all who attended, and all who donated desserts and other necessities for the dinner. **We raised over \$1,400 for our General Fund!** What a blessing for AUPC!

*Amy Shupe & the Stewardship & Finance Team*



## BAKE SALE BONANZA!



Many thanks to all the bakers and all the buyers!

The Kids' Bake Sale raised more than \$300!

The money will be used to bolster the fund that assists kids wanting to go to Summer Church Camp.

Don't forget to check out the CAMP information located on the kids' table in the vestibule. If you have questions concerning Summer Church Camps, see Miss Amy (Zukas).

We're glad your "sweet tooth" was satisfied while helping such a worthwhile cause. Thanks again!

### 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!



**We Need Your Help!** It has been brought to the attention of the Administration Team that pew etiquette needs some revival. Before you leave your pew and our beautiful sanctuary, please make sure you survey your area and leave it just as you found it! Particularly be aware of food crumbs, wrappers, bulletins, etc. Our staff will take care of the rest: sweeping, polishing, etc. Together we'll be a **CLEAN TEAM! Thank You!**



