

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

6th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

May 10, 2026 11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE "Little Prelude in G Minor" P. Taylor

WORDS of WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS and BIRTHDAYS

JOYS and CONCERNS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: As we gather together, we remember that we are not alone in our faith:

All: God is our Companion.

One: Though the Way is not easy, and we may suffer in righteousness,

All: God is our Comfort.

One: When anger fills our hearts, and grief crushes our spirits,

All: God is our Counselor.

One: And through it all, we are together:

All: For we are all children of God, our Companion, our Comfort, and our Counselor. Amen.

*** HYMN #731 "Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm"**

CALL TO CONFESSION Kathy Wilson

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

Holy One, we love you imperfectly: we do not always keep your commandments. We love each other imperfectly: we hurt those you call us to love through our actions and our inaction. We love ourselves imperfectly: we struggle to believe that we are truly your children, made in your image. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit, make us more

faithful that we might live as Christ has shown us, reflecting your love and grace. Amen.

*** DECLARATION OF PARDON**

One: Because Christ lives, we also live. Not because of anything we have done, not because of our belief or faithfulness: we live because Christ lives.

All: This is the Christ who forgives us. This is the God who is in us. This is the Spirit who is with us. Alleluia! Praise be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON John 14:15-21 CEB NT p. 109

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Peter 3:13-22 CEB NT p.236

PREACHING OF THE WORD "What's Your Reason?"

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN #353 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from the Confession of 1967*)
New life in Christ 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (based on Psalm 66)
Please respond with "your mercy endures forever" when prompted.

Invitation to Offer Ourselves in Ministry

Offertory "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" arr. C. Tornquist

***Doxology #606**

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

Great God, to you we give our thanks; your steadfast love endures forever. With gratitude we bring our gifts to you. Bless us and our gifts, that our lives and our resources may be a source of healing and hope, of joy and justice in our world. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

*** HYMN #462 "I Love to Tell the Story"**

*** CHARGE & BLESSING**

POSTLUDE "Postlude in A Flat Major" C. H. Rinck
**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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"Hope"

"Whenever anyone asks you to speak of your hope, be ready to defend it."

1 Peter 3

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Today's Acolyte~Hunter Hanus

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Linda Ault
Gary Bier and family

Faith Friends: Judy Ormsby

Our Church: Mission Team
The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery

Presbytery: Utica

Denomination: Religious Society of Friends

Nation: Iraq - Baghdad

IMMEDIATE Carol Kopnicky 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, Mary Lou Kowalski, Sean engaged ☺, Aubrey, Zach Bush congrats ☺, Safe travels for Mike & Jerri on Mission Trip, Laura Antonelli & family, **Grant & Garrett Gizler recipients of hockey scholarships, Sam Mullooly in National Honor Society, Carol Kopnicky, Christine, Diane Bradshaw family, Chris, Cindy McDermott, Ronan, Butch.**

CONTINUING 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 40th!!, **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.**

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

MAY 10, 2026 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>SUNDAY</u>	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship Happy Mother's Day	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>	Crafters	9:00 AM
	Bell Practice	6:00 PM
<u>SUNDAY</u>	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship- Congregational Meeting	11:00 AM

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

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

SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS

May 10 ~ Bill Speer & Laura Uncapher
May 17 ~ Laura Uncapher & Nancy Russo
May 24 ~ Glenna Kanish & Scott Hollabaugh

PLEASE NOTE – IMPORTANT MEETING

There will be a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** for the purpose of approving those being nominated to serve on the **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**. **The meeting will be held on SUNDAY, MAY 17, immediately following worship.**

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!



The Bible offers numerous verses that celebrate the role of mothers, highlighting their love, strength, and guidance.



Proverbs 31:25: "She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the day to come." This verse emphasizes the resilience and grace of mothers, portraying them as strong figures who face challenges with confidence.

Proverbs 31:26: "She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue." This highlights the wisdom and nurturing nature of mothers, showcasing their role as educators and guides in their children's lives.

Exodus 20:12: "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you." This commandment underscores the importance of respecting and honoring mothers for their sacrifices and contributions.

Isaiah 66:13: "As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you." This verse draws a parallel between a mother's comforting nature and God's love, illustrating the deep emotional bond and care that mothers provide.

John 16:21: "A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world." This reflects the profound joy and fulfillment that comes with motherhood, despite the challenges faced.

Mothers are depicted as central figures in the family and community, embodying unconditional love, guidance, and nurturing. They are often the first teachers, instilling values and wisdom in their children. The Bible encourages us to appreciate and honor mothers for their invaluable contributions and sacrifices.

Happy Mother's Day

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!**





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.

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

“DINNER AND A BAND”

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15
401 1ST ST, APOLLO
DINNER anytime between
5PM & 7PM

Sandwiches, Salads, Chips & Snacks,
Desserts & Beverages
Sold Separately or Save With Our
“FULL-MEAL-DEAL”

THE KISKI VALLEY COMMUNITY BAND at 7:00 PM



Free-will Offering for the BAND!
Dinner Proceeds Will Support
AUPC's General Fund.

