

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2008

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE "One God" E. Drake/J. Shirl
"Wondrous Love" S. Landon

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Ed Knight

Leader: We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses;

People: Let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,

Leader: Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

People: Looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,

Leader: Who for the sake of the joy that was set before him

People: Endured the cross, disregarding its shame.

Leader: The Lord disciplines those whom he loves;

People: Discipline yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

***HYMN #314** "Reach Out and Touch" Charles Brown

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison) Merciful Lord, our God and Maker, it is easier to cling to our brokenness than to accept your correction; it is easier to live for ourselves than for you and our neighbor; it is easier to disobey your word than it is to follow. Forgive us for choosing the easy path; forgive us for the brokenness we have inflicted and for the peace we have failed to grasp. Restore us; rend our hearts that we may be turned to you always.

(Silent confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI #623**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE LESSON - Jonah 1:1-2 p. 859 OT

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Gift of Love" Hopson Joyce Mollick

SCRIPTURE LESSON - Matthew 9:35 - 10:1 p. 9 NT

SERMON "The Power of One" Charlene Hill-Ellison

SILENT REFLECTION

We Respond to God's Word

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Apostles Creed** p. 716

***HYMN #315** "Let Your Heart Be Broken" Leech/Mountain

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "Deep River" Old American Spiritual

***Doxology #625**

***Prayer of Dedication**

We Go Forth to Serve

***HYMN #304** "Lift High the Cross" Kitchin/Neubolt/Nicholson

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** "Irish Blessing" Joyce Mollick

POSTLUDE "Old French Melody" C Franck

*All that are able, please stand.

A special welcome to our visitors. *If you are seeking Christ, we trust you will find Him; if you are sorrowing, we pray you will receive comfort; if you are troubled in spirit, we pray you will gain the blessings of peace; if you are discouraged, we pray you will find hope in our Lord. If you are seeking a spiritual home, we invite you to consider uniting with us.*

NURSERY ATTENDANT – During worship you will find Heather Heller and Brandee Bush tending our nursery. Please feel free to use this service at any time during the morning worship.

FRIENDSHIP PADS are at the end of each pew. Please sign the pad and send it on down the pew. When it gets to the end, pass it back so you can greet others in your pew.

GREETERS TODAY are Rose Bush at the Ramp door and Kim Bush at the Annex door.

Pastor Lea will be on vacation this week. Please contact the church office with any pastoral needs, or contact Norma Jean at home – 724-727-3685.

Ministers: members of the congregation supported by
Rev. Lea Austin, Pastor
Ed Knight, Music Director
Amy Shupe, Organist; Joel Varga, Assistant Organist
Laura Uncapher, Treasurer; Norma Jean Hill, Secretary
Corey Crawford, Custodian

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NOTICE – Two bronze flower vases are missing. If you took them home with your flowers and forgot to bring them back, we would appreciate your returning them.

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH KEEPSAKES – The AUPC Session, in conjunction with the Stewardship and Finance Ministry Team and the Centennial Committee, will be offering for sale Apollo United Presbyterian Church keepsake ornaments, which will be available for this Christmas season. There are two different ornaments, and samples of these ornaments will be available in the lobby this morning after Church and during the week in the Church office. We must have a minimum order of 200 ornaments, so we are asking that you pre-order on forms that will also be available. The price for the traditional 3-D ornament is \$12 and for the sun-catcher, \$13.25. Payment is not required at the time of ordering, as we just want to get an estimate of how many to order. If we order more than 200 ornaments, the price decreases.

The ornaments make ideal gifts for members and past members of the Church, for children away from home, or for those that have been married in the church. They may be used as tree ornaments, year-round desk decorations or window suncatchers. You can check them out at www.theornamentcompay.com. If you have any questions, please see Amy Shupe. We hope you will take the time to look at the ornaments in the vestibule after worship.

GET READY FOR A PICNIC – Church picnic – September 14 – Kunkle Park – Pavilion No. 2.

10:00 – Sunday School Promotion; Entertainment by
Courtney Riffer, Magician

11:00 – Worship

12:00 – Lunch followed by games and races

Plan your covered dish; bring a chair to get close to the game action. More information will follow in the weeks ahead.

WELCOME to Rev. Charlene Hill-Ellison, an associate minister at Mt. Ararat Baptist Church in Pittsburgh, PA. She has been called to spread the good news of Jesus Christ through the preaching of the word and service. Charlene is a mother of two young ladies and has been a foster parent to many children over the years. She teaches youth, new member classes and a class entitled, “What I Do To Be in the Body of Christ,” at Mt. Ararat. She also holds a female youth ministry session weekly at Shuman Center. What she feels is most important is that she is a child of the King, and she loves the Lord with all her heart, mind and soul.

CONDOLENCES are offered from their Church family to Shirley and Bill Mumaw and family on the passing of Shirley’s sister, Marion Joan Hastie, of Ford City. Joan went to be with the Lord on Saturday, August 9, 2008.

NEW FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS have been donated for the glory of God and for the love of this Church by Boots and Vern Harkcom and daughter Linda.

HOSPITAL – Nellie Kirkman has been transferred to Concordia Lutheran Ministries, Lund Building, Room 2412, Marwood Road, Cabot, PA 16023. Ray Patterson is in Forbes Regional Hospital, 2570 Haymaker Road, Monroeville, PA 15146.

A GIFT has been received in memory of **Alfreda Johnson** from Vivian and Kenny Shaeffer.

GIFTS have been received in memory of **Josephine Dunmire** from Eleanor Stewart and Glenna and Barry Hall.

A GIFT has been received in memory of the **Bussard and McLaughlin families** from Mary Bussard.

August 17, 2008 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM
Worship 10:00 AM
Youth Sunday School during Worship

MONDAY Crafters 9:00 AM
Pastor Lea on vacation through August 25.

TUES. New Beginnings Lunch at A J's 11:30 AM

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Worship 10:00 AM
Youth Sunday School during Worship

MOOO, MOOO – The cow in the vestibule is still hungry just as the people we will be helping with our Heifer Project collection. Your contributions can be put in the blue milk can in the vestibule until August 31.

HANDMADE GREETING CARDS made by the PW Crafters are for sale in the vestibule. Each card is fifty cents. Place your payment in the basket on the honor system. Please stop to look at the cards as you look at the ornaments displayed for ordering.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUNDAY	Proverbs	3:13-18
MONDAY	James	4:1-3
TUESDAY	James	4:4-7
WEDNESDAY	James	4:8-10
THURSDAY	James	4:11-14
FRIDAY	James	4:15-17
SATURDAY	Ephesians	5:8-11

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Mary Jo, Steve, Stephanie & Matthew Riddle
Visitee: Regina Grady
Church: Beechwoods and Sugar Hill Churches
Presbytery: Middle Tennessee, Synod of Living Waters
Denomination: St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, Oreland
Nation: Argentina
Missionary: Alice Winters

FIRST WORDS

You wake up in the middle of the night with pain shooting through your body... You're rushing to work and a tire on your car goes flat... It's only the third week of the month and your bank account is empty... What will be the first words out of your mouth?

It's those first words that set the course for your day—as well as the rest of your life.

It's those first words that lift you up into all the goodness of heaven, or drag you down into the destruction of hell.

It's those first words that expose what's in your heart in abundance—the Word of God, or the words of the world; Words of faith, hope and love, or words of fear, doubt and anger.

If it's the goodness of God you want—all day, every day—then try this:

1. Start praying the simple prayer David prayed in Psalm 141:3: "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips."
2. Ask the Holy Spirit to train you by opening your ears to the kinds of words that come out of your mouth.
3. Flood your spirit with God's Word by giving quality time to the Word...meditating on it...speaking it out loud in all kind of situations.
4. Train yourself to speak to God the very first thing each morning, or any time you wake up from sleeping.

Make your first words words of praise, words of thanksgiving, words of faith. Start your day declaring the Word of God. As you do, soon you'll find your first words becoming your all-day-long words.

And that's how you get the Word into your heart in abundance. That's how you lay a foundation of faith. That's how you set your life on a course headed into the goodness of God.

