



PUMC

Updates....

Pennsboro United Methodist Church
JANUARY, 2025

February

- 1 Karen Jenkins
- 6 Debbie White
- 21 Randy Ridgway
- 26 Bill Wilson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March

- 2 Ashley Efaw
- 5 Don McCullough
- 6 Sandy Lamp
- 12 Eliza Amos
- 13 Anna Efaw
- 16 Connie Doll
- 27 Christine Merrill
- 29 Caron Barnard
- 29 Kathy McCullough

GROWING WITHIN

Adult Sunday School. Please join us in the parlor after the worship service each Sunday, except on the fourth Sunday when we gather for fellowship.

Weekly Bible Study. Meetings have been suspended during the winter months. Stay tuned!

The Upper Room. Copies of this devotional and others are available in the narthex.

Greetings from Pastor Anna

I come with a message of renewed hope and faith as PUMC begins a new quadrennial. I began this new year with a sermon series focusing the church on the core beliefs that make us uniquely United Methodists, with sermons based on John Wesley's early teachings. Under the new leadership of Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett, the church is encouraged to grow in God's grace through deeper prayer, commitment to Scripture, and acts of service. I look forward to sharing more of her vision and joining you on this transformative faith journey. Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett is the resident bishop of Holston & West Virginia Conferences of the United Methodist Church.

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen." 2 Peter 3:18 (NRSVUE)

Blessings,
Pastor Anna



New Christmas Tree

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At the January meeting of the Leadership Board, it was decided to replace the Christmas tree that has adorned our sanctuary for many Christmas seasons. It is extremely heavy and difficult to assemble and disassemble. Thank you to Shelli Beck for locating a lovely pre-lit, 9-foot Balsam Hill tree for half price at \$700. It weighs only 29 pounds and is easy to assemble and store. If you would like to contribute to the purchase of the new tree, now while prices are reduced, please drop your gift in the designated container at the back of the sanctuary by **February 9**. The old tree has been promised to another organization.

Church Directory Updates

- P. 17 Kenny Griffith, ADD home: 304-659-2933
- P. 18 Danita Hiley, CORRECT mobile: 304-844-0076
Ronnie Mason, ADD mobile: 304-916-2113
Don & Kathy McCullough, CORRECT home: 304-659-2361
- P. 19 Susan Ridgway, CORRECT mobile: 304-659-2158
Debbie White. ADD 4281 Mountain Drive

REACHING OUT and MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Church to Child

This mission of PUMC was initiated three years ago by Church Council to provide assistance for the basic needs of local children. Thank you to Debbie White and Rodney Ritchey who provide our connections with Creed Collins Elementary and Ritchie County Middle School. And thank you to individuals who contribute to this mission of reaching out and making a difference to local children!

In 2024 PUMC was able to provide assistance to children in the way of shoes, coats and groceries totaling \$3,934.78. The balance in the fund as of December 31, 2024 was \$6,683.28.

Outreach Calendar

January ❄️❄️❄️

- 2** Packs of Plenty food distribution, PUMC Kitchen
- 14** Packs of Plenty food packing, Ellenboro Municipal Center
- 21** Unload food truck, Ellenboro
- 23** Packs of Plenty food distribution, PUMC Kitchen
- 28** Packs of Plenty food packing, Ellenboro Municipal Center

February **\$upport Pennsboro Emergency Medical Services**

- 4** Pineview Nursing Home Outreach
- 6** Packs of Plenty food distribution, PUMC Kitchen
- 18** Unload food truck, Ellenboro
- 20** Packs of Plenty food distribution, PUMC Kitchen
- 25** Packs of Plenty food packing, Ellenboro Municipal Center

March **\$upport Pennsboro Volunteer Fire Department**

- 4** Pineview Nursing Home Outreach
- 6** Packs of Plenty food distribution, PUMC Kitchen
- 18** Unload food truck, Ellenboro
- 20** Packs of Plenty food distribution, PUMC Kitchen
- 25** Packs of Plenty food packing, Ellenboro Municipal Center

April

- 1** Pineview Nursing Home Outreach
- 3** Packs of Plenty food distribution, PUMC Kitchen
- 15** Unload food truck, Ellenboro
- 17** Packs of Plenty food distribution, PUMC Kitchen
- TBA** Community Easter Egg Hunt
- 22** Packs of Plenty food packing, Ellenboro Municipal Center

May **\$upport TLC Pregnancy Center**

- June** **\$upport Packs of Plenty**
- \$upport Humane Society / Blessing of the Animals**

Church Finances

Please continue to pray for the financial stability of our church. In 2025 we will have financial obligations estimated at approximately [REDACTED] for basic operational expenses. In 2024, we received [REDACTED] in tithes, offerings and unrestricted gifts. Last year we also received over [REDACTED] designated for specific outreach projects and missions. For the past few years, the church has had to tap investment funds to meet expenses.

Your tithes and offerings are vital to the church's existence, supporting the daily operations and ministries of our church. You can guarantee the church keeps making a difference in the world, locally and globally, through your generosity and dedication to God's will and the mission of PUMC.

The Leadership Board is working hard to be good stewards of our existing resources, and we recognize that steps are needed to address another budget shortfall. Watch for details about upcoming opportunities to raise funds for our treasury, starting with a donation meal to be scheduled in March. Your ideas are always welcome! I have faith that our prayers for God's continued blessings on our church will be fruitful.

Peace and grace,
Debbie Richards
Chair, Leadership Board

Who to Call

If you have a question, suggestion, need or concern that pertains to one of the areas listed below, here are the volunteers who have agreed to coordinate them for 2025. They are not individually responsible for DOING all the work; rather, they will coordinate with others and may call upon you for your help. Refer to your church directory for contact information:

- Altar Flowers** – Margie Tallman
- Building Maintenance** – Rick Beck
- Communion Preparation** – Debbie Richards
- Kitchen/ Food** – Sandy Lamp
- Leadership Board** – Chair, Debbie Richards
- Packs of Plenty Liaison** – Kathy McCullough
- Pineview Nursing Home Liaison** – Joseph Burdette
- PUMC Webpage** – Joseph Burdette
- Special Music** – Choir Director, Shelli Beck
- Worship Leaders** – Lay Leader, Mabel Henderson

2025 Leadership Board Meeting Schedule

6:00 p.m.

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| January 26 | July 20 |
| March 16 | September 21 |
| May 18 | November 16 |