



PUMC

Updates....

Pennsboro United Methodist Church
601 Main Street, Pennsboro, WV 26415

October, 2025

Calendar



October 28, 12:00 noon

Food Packing at Ellenboro Municipal Center

November 1, All Saints Day

November 1, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Trunk or Treat in Pennsboro along Rail Trail

November 5, 3:00 p.m.

Charge Conference

November 16, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Thanksgiving Community Meal

November 20, 3-4:00 p.m.

Packs of Plenty Food Distribution

Happy Birthday!

December

15 Susan Ridgway	27 Rodney Ritchey
19 Nelson Hayhurst	29 Brent Harper
27 Sherri Jett	31 Floyd Jenkins

Leadership Board Highlights

Annual Review of Building Use Policy:

Members of the congregation are invited to review the church's Building Use Policy, which is provided in the back of your church directory, and you are asked to offer any suggestions for updates or revisions. Please send your input to Debbie Richards, Chair, or Rick Beck, Vice Chair, by **November 23**.

Annual Review of Cleaning Services Agreement:

At its meeting on October 19, the Leadership Board voted to terminate the Cleaning Services Agreement effective December 31, 2025. Stay tuned for more information about an organized plan for volunteers to pitch in.

2026 Budget:

The Leadership Board approved a total budget for 2026 of [REDACTED] providing for the minimum salary for licensed local pastors and anticipated increases in utility costs. The budget also incorporates an increase in property insurance premiums; however, the proposal of another insurer is presently under review. Our Annual Conference apportionment for next year decreased slightly.

New Accounting Software:

The Board approved the acquisition of updated online Quicken software to support the church's financial recordkeeping,

Greetings from Pastor Anna

Greetings Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

There is something about greeting others as Brothers and Sisters in Christ that warms my heart like a soft blanket on a cool Fall evening. It reminds me of Matthew 12:50 where Jesus expands our relationship from merely biological to something spiritual. Jesus said "... whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." Emphasizing the priority and authority we place on our relationship with the One Divine God and how that informs our relationships with each other. Thusly, I greet you to say there is something special, something transformative, that occurs when we recognize the love of the Triune in one another.

I want to say thank you to all who embody our mission statement of "growing within" by taking part in the Fall Cleaning of the Church, "reaching out" through the varied ministries which comprise our Monthly Stewardship Campaigns, to "making a difference" by doing the Kingdom work of transforming Appalachia through God's love.

May we continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus in a nation being harmed by the people we chose to make decisions for the good of the whole. As I write this message, we are discerning partnering with others to mitigate the food insecurities of the young and the elderly due to the government shutdown.

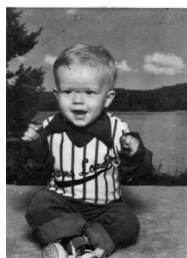
Let the transformative power of God inform how we live out our spiritual kinship in truth and knowledge of the Divine.

Sincerely, Pastor Anna

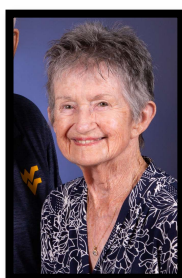
Can you guess who these church members are?
The answer will be in the November newsletter.



Answers for September Photos:



Joseph Burdette



Caron Barnard

October 18 Work Day

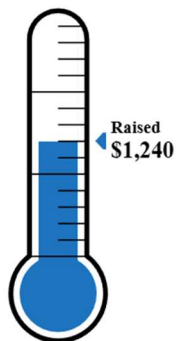
Thanks to Rick Beck, Reese Henderson, Mark Perkins, Bob Richards, Rick Ridgway, and Rodney Ritchey, the landscaped area at the back of the church building was completed with lava rock.

Shelli Beck, Tammy Harper, Mabel Henderson, Danita Hiley, Debbie Richards, and Susan Ridgway rolled up their sleeves and gave the church interior a thorough cleaning. And, thank you to Mabel Henderson for providing a delicious lunch!



Church Maintenance
Fundraising Goal

\$2,500



September 30, 2025

Financial Snapshot

PUMC has four general categories of income. Year-to-date totals (as of September 30) for each category are shared below:

- Tithes and offerings
- Rent income
- Antero royalties
- Investment income



* [redacted] of this amount has been allocated to the cemetery fund.



The church collected a total of \$466 during the month of September in support of the Pennsboro Volunteer Fire Department.



We continue to make progress toward our fundraising goal to support church maintenance projects.