

“Growing Within, Reaching Out, Making a Difference”

ANNOUNCEMENTS		
Please Stay Today for Fellowship After Worship		
Today	7/26	Leadership Board Meeting 6 pm
Wed	7/29	Nominations & Leadership Committee Meeting 5 PM Bible Study—Ruth—6 pm
SAT	8/15	Next Pancake Breakfast, 8-10:30 am
SUN	8/23	Next Leadership Board Meeting 6 pm
SUN	10/4	Charge Conference 2 pm

	PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
	Reasons to Rejoice: The United Methodist Connection
	For God’s Guidance with these concerns: Beanie & Evelyn Hayhurst, Jeanette Tingler, Joe Morris & family, Brock Collins, Matt Harper, Firefighters & First Responders, Our Nation, Our Leaders, Our Call to Faithful Stewardship & our Willingness to Act, Discerning Leadership, Grandma Grace, Victims of Resent Storms, VOAD & other groups helping with cleanup

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PENNSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

601 Main Street Pennsboro, WV

July 26, 2026

Instrumental Prelude	Kathy McCullough
Altar Candle Lighting	Margie Tallman
Announcements:	Shelli Beck
Anniversaries & Birthday	
Joys & Concerns	

Opening Prayer: God of extravagant love, You knew and chose us long before we knew You. We come with praise and thanksgiving, offering You the worship of our hearts and lives, and opening ourselves to the prompting and leading of Your Holy Spirit. Receive our worship—*our praise, our prayers, our offerings*—through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. May our time in Your presence bring honor and glory to Your name. Amen.

Hymn	"Stand By Me"	No. 512
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Call To Worship

L: God's never-ending love surrounds and calls us, assuring us that all things work together for the good of all.

P: Thanks be to God, the Father, who formed us and called us good.

L: God's never-breaking love empowers us against temptation, distress, division, and scarcity, uniting us to hold fast to our faith and work for the flourishing of all creation.

P: Thanks be to God, the Son, for holding us accountable to being in right relationship with the Triune.

L: Come, let us worship God who is Love, trusting that through every season of joy, sorrow, happiness, despair, and pain, God's Love will carry us through.

P: Thanks be to God, the Spirit, who guides us through Love.

ALL: Thanks be to the Triune God who forms, connects, and guides us as we take part in transforming Appalachia through God's love—*growing disciples, healing communities, and casting a future of hope rooted in Christ.* Amen.

Invitation to the Word: Lord, grant us the wisdom of Solomon. The one who received Your Word and from that day forward grew into the likeness of You by allowing Your Spirit to grow him as a disciple transformed by Your Love. Amen.

Reading of Scripture	Shelli Beck
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Romans 8:26-39 *God's Love in Christ Jesus*

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 *Parables of the Reign of Heaven*

Sermon	"The Wesleyan Way"	Pastor Anna
	Core Faith	

Hymn of Response	"Through It All"	No. 507
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Mail-in, Tithes & Offerings	Passing of the Plate
	Offertory, Doxology, Prayer

Closing Hymn	"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"	No. 514
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Benediction: Go now in the blessing and assurance that nothing can separate us from the love of God. May this good news inspire us all to take up the hard work of building community and acting for the flourishing of all our neighbors, because we do not act on our own—we act on the power of God's never-ending Love. Amen.

Postlude/Cares Chorus

What does transforming Appalachia through the love of God look like to you?

SCRIPTURE TELLS US GOD LOVES DIVERSITY!

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (CEB): "There are different spiritual gifts ...and there are different ministries ...and there are different activities, but the same God produces all of them in everyone. A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good."

What has God inspired you to share for the common good?

Before we start to share, we must give thanks to God for the Word. We must strive to live a life consistent with biblical principles, to engage with the Bible consistently, and demonstrate continued growth and spiritual development.