

“Growing Within, Reaching Out, Making a Difference”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAT	8/15	Next Pancake Breakfast, 8-10:30 am
Tue	8/18	Budget Meeting 6 pm
SUN	8/30	Next Leadership Board Meeting 6 pm

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Reasons to Rejoice: Surprise Visits, time spent at the fair and in nature

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, & Fires, David Efaw, Christine Wilkinson, Jimmy McCullough, Steve & Rhett Pickens, Unspoken

The family of Mike Hogetvedt, Gary Banfield, and Larry Snodgrass, Paul Douglas Carman



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PENNSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
601 Main Street Pennsboro, WV
August 9, 2026

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

Opening Prayer: Liberating God, as we stand on the threshold of new classrooms, fresh schedules, and unfamiliar hallways—whether stepping into a new school year, beginning a new job, or entering into Your presence—we seek Your guidance for the journey ahead. When the anxiety of the unknown tries to overwhelm us, set us free with the reminder that we never walk alone. When we feel like we are wandering through untested paths, guide us with Your steady cloud by day and fire by night. When we feel dry, weary, or depleted by big transitions, quench our thirst with Your grace. When we wonder if we have enough strength or knowledge for what's next, feed us with Your daily bread of courage and hope. Draw us out of our fears with joy and singing, that we might know Your ways and trust Your faithful hand in every new beginning. Amen.

Hymn “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” vs. 1-3 No. 139

Call to Worship

L: Welcome to the classroom of grace! Today, our foundational text is Psalm 105, our syllabus for remembering.

P: We come ready to learn the lessons of God's enduring faithfulness.

L: Our core subject today is history—not just dates and facts, but the living story of how God brought Joseph from the pit to the palace, and how God carries us.

P: Open our minds to understand and let our voices sing out in praise!

Reading of Scripture Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b Joseph Burdette

Sermon “Remember” Pastor Anna

The Reflection “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” No. 140

Mail-in, Tithes & Offerings *Passing of the Plate*
Offertory, Doxology, Prayer

BLESSING OF SCHOOL YEAR

God of wisdom and new beginnings,

We thank you for the gift of a new school year—for the opening of books, the filling of classrooms, and the fresh possibilities that lie ahead. Today, we lift every person who makes our school community a place of growth, safety, and care.

- **Bless the students**, whether they are taking their very first steps into a kindergarten classroom or preparing for their final year. Give them curious minds, courageous hearts, and the joy of discovery.
- **Bless the teachers and assistants**, who pour their patience, creativity, and knowledge into every lesson. Grant them strength on difficult days and deep joy in seeing their students succeed.
- **Bless the cooks and kitchen staff**, who nourish bodies as well as spirits, preparing meals with care and serving every child with a welcoming smile.
- **Bless the janitors, bus drivers, and custodians**, whose hard work behind the scenes keeps our schools clean, safe, and running smoothly day after day.
- Bless the principals, office staff, and administrators, who

As we hand out the pens, pencils, and tools for learning, remind us that every desk, hallway, and cafeteria is a classroom of Your Grace. Go before us, guide our steps, and let our community sing out with gratitude for all You are teaching us. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn “Thy Word Is a Lamp” No. 601

Benediction: Lord, we are students of Your Word. May we learn from and encourage others to be curious and patient, offering nourishment to our souls and protection to our minds, as we commit Your Word to memory. Amen.

