

“Growing Within, Reaching Out, Making a Difference”

ANNOUNCEMENTS		
Tue	8/18	Budget Meeting 6 pm
Wed	8/19	No Bible Study
Thurs	8/20	Pastor—Clergy Interview--New Martinsville
SUN	8/23	Fourth Sunday Fellowship
Tue	8/25	Pine View @ 2 pm
SUN	8/30	Next Leadership Board Meeting 6 pm

	PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
	Reasons to Rejoice: God’s provision during the recent power outage, help of a “neighbor,” furry friends reunited through adoption. 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, Jimmy McCullough, Steve & Rhett Pickens, Unspoken, Kay Young (cousin of Sherri Jett), The New School Year, Combatting Illiteracy. <i>The family of Paul Douglas Carman</i>
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PENNSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
601 Main Street Pennsboro, WV
August 16, 2026

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

Opening Prayer¹: Maker of Our Days, you created each of us unique beings with differing strengths and weaknesses. Help us not only to use our strengths to assist others but also to allow others to use their strengths to meet our weaknesses.

Restorer of Our Souls, you have seen the parched places we have made in our lives, along with the devastation thrust upon us by the action or inaction of others. Meet us in the places of our deepest pain so that our facades of self-sufficiency might fall away, and we might be drawn into right relationship with you and one another.

Breath of Our Lives, without you, we are but a mound of clay.
Fill us with your presence, invigorate our worship,
set us on fire so that others might be drawn into your light and nurtured by the warmth of your loving care.

Amen.

Hymn	"We Are the Church"	No. 558
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Call to Worship²

L: Family of God, we gather today to unite our voices and our lives in praise to God!

P: How good and pleasant it is...

L: We gather to celebrate how God binds us together to live, work, play, and rest as the Body of Christ!

P: How good and pleasant it is when we live...

L: We gather to remember how God has worked through us to share Christ's love with one another and our neighbors through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

P: How good and pleasant it is when we live together...

L: Family of God, today we come as diverse and unique members of the Body of Christ to learn and grow not in uniformity but in unity to love God, self, neighbor, and all creation.

P: How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Reading of Scripture	Psalm 133	Joseph Burdette
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Sermon	"Live in Unity"	Pastor Anna
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The Reflection	"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"	No. 557
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Mail-in, Tithes & Offerings	<i>Passing of the Plate</i> <i>Offertory, Doxology, Prayer</i>	
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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	"The Nicene Creed"	No. 880
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Closing Hymn	"In Christ There Is No East or West"	No. 548
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Benediction³ Family of God, how good and pleasant it is when we live, when we praise, when we weep, and when we find peace in unity together. May God bless you with the wisdom and grace to recognize and cooperate with the Spirit who binds us together in love, that we may grow in unity of praise now and forever. Amen.

Postlude/Cares Chorus

¹ Written by Rev. Dr. Bob Gross

² Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2026. [redacted]

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