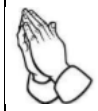
"Growing Within, Reaching Out, Making a Difference"

ANNOUNCEMENTS			
Check out the Billboard next to the Pastor's Office for current events and notices!			
TODAY	10/25	Fourth Sunday Fellowship	10:45 am
Sat	10/31	Trunk or Treat at Rail Trail	5:30-7:00 pm
Sun	11/1	Leadership Board Meeting	6 pm
Sat	11/21	Pancake Breakfast	8-10:30 am



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reasons to Rejoice: Everyday Blessings

For God's Guidance with these concerns:
Beanie & Evelyn Hayhurst, Jeanette Tingler, Joe Morris & family, Firefighters & First Responders, Our Nation, Our Leaders, Discerning Leadership, Victims of Recent Storms, Fires, David Efaw, Unspoken, Kay Young (cousin of Sherri Jett), Combating Illiteracy, Sheryl Jameson, Bill Wilson, Mental Health Awareness, Ashley Efaw.

The family of Carla J Hall

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PENNSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
601 Main Street Pennsboro, WV 26415
October 25, 2026
Reformation Sunday

Instrumental Prelude Carol Ann Hart
&Altar Candle Lighting
Worship Leader Debbie Richards
Announcements:
Anniversaries & Birthdays
Joys & Concerns

Opening Prayer: Happy are we, O God, when our hearts are full, our ways are Yours, our spirits enlivened by Your call. Happy are we, O God, when our lives are guided by delight. We gather here today for just that, Holy God. We gather to draw on all You would give us to be more fully Yours. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Opening Hymn "It's Me, It's Me, O Lord" No. 352

L: We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.
P: We belong to God, and through God, *we belong to one another.*
L: When we feel tested by hard decisions, calls to advocate against injustice, competing narratives, and worrying misinformation, we remember:
P: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
L: When we struggle with damaged trust and the need to repair our relationships with God and one another, when we are called to go against the social current to build communities of mercy and justice, we remember:
P: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
L: Come, let us worship God whose grace surrounds us when we feel tested and tried, empowering us to remain faithful disciples of Jesus Christ when we face chaos, division, injustice, and hardship.
P: We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the Body of Christ in a broken and hurting world. Amen.

Hymn "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds" No. 557

Scripture Reading Debbie Richards
Epistle *1 Thessalonians 2:1-8* **New Testament** *Matthew 22: 34-46*

Pastoral Prayer: Lord, open our ears to hear Your word, our minds to receive guidance, and our Spirit to powerfully live a life with joy and thanksgiving. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Sermon "Tested" *Pastor Anna*
Always Give Thanks

Collection of His Tithes & Our Offering
Passing of the Plate/Hymn/Prayer

Prayer: Almighty God, we come with thanksgiving for all You have created and gifted us through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Sometimes we go the ways of the world, even though You warn us not to be conformed to them: pride, quarreling, and divisiveness. Forgive us, as we repent, return to You, and receive Your mercy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray, Amen.

Words of Assurance: Receive this good news: God, who tests our hearts, gives us abundant grace to turn from sin and back to God again and again and again. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Glory to God! Amen.

Closing Hymn "Pass It On" No. 572

Benediction: May God bless you with the courage and wisdom to respond to division, confusion, injustice, and hardship as imitators of Christ and agents of divine love as we work for the well-being and flourishing of all God's creation today and every day. **Amen.**

Postlude/Cares Chorus