

Messages from the Mountaintop

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
ABINGDON PRESBYTERY

Matthew 25 Initiative

A bold vision for mission in the PC(USA)

Dear Friends,

The Abingdon Presbytery Mission Ministries and Partnerships committee wants to invite you to consider becoming a Matthew 25 presbytery. We will be sharing information all month in preparation for our November presbytery meeting, where we'll be joined by the Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, the president and executive director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

How did the Matthew 25 vision come about?

From [the FAQ page](#), we learn that "The 222nd and 223rd General Assemblies (2016 and 2018) challenged the PC(USA) to embrace Jesus' call in Matthew 25: 31-46 to take our living faith into our communities and the world. As a Matthew 25 church, we are called to live out true discipleship by acting boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned, or poor."

The PC(USA) has identified three main areas of focus for that expression of true discipleship: building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty. By focusing our mission and ministry on these three areas, we as Abingdon presbytery can become better stewards of our resources. We will have a clear vision, shared with many other presbyteries and congregations in our denomination, to guide our ongoing mission engagement in Southwest Virginia.

We encourage you to keep learning about Matthew 25 initiative by clicking [the link here](#), and we look forward to sharing more with you in the coming weeks.

In Christ,

Your Mission Ministries and Partnerships Committee

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Facebook!



Upcoming Meetings and Events:

- Mountaintop, 10/15 @9am, Royal Oak
- Community Health Fair, 10/15, 10am-4pm, Sinking Spring
- COM, 10/20 @10am, zoom
- Committee reports due to April, 10/21 @noon

We Pray:

- For those affected by Hurricane Ian
- For Linda Walker
- For Rev. Michael Weller
- For Brenda Lawson
- For Jennifer Parish
- For Ukraine
- For the churches in our presbytery
- For Wild Goose NWC

Presbytery Happenings

Announcements and Celebrations

Mountaintop Is This Saturday, October 15!

The Education and Leadership Development committee are excited for this year's new and redesigned Mountaintop. Everyone is invited to come to Royal Oak in Marion **this Saturday October 15** for music, fellowship, and learning.

This year's theme is "**Seeing Mission through a Different Lens**" with guest speaker **Robert Gamble**, the executive director of This Child Here, a ministry to street children in Ukraine. We'll also hear about mission and outreach being done by churches within our presbytery, so that we can learn and grow together.

Registration begins at 8:30, and Valley Grass will begin playing at 9:20. After the event, you're invited to experience the area around Marion. Eat downtown, go hiking at Hungry Mother, enjoy the shops. Make a day of it, and come gather with us!

October Is Pastor Appreciation Month

While we should all make appreciation and gratitude a part of everyday life, we still want to encourage and support our pastors and CLPS. Being a pastor is a tough job, and now is a great time to show your church leadership a little extra love and gratitude. You're encouraged to find ways to show your appreciation for the work that your pastors are doing within your congregations and communities.

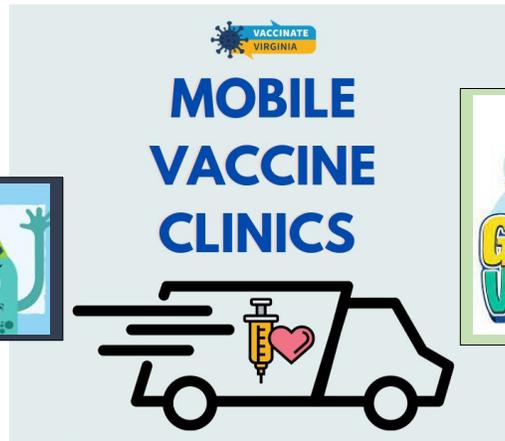
Celebrating 250 years!

This Sunday, October 16, Glade Spring Presbyterian is having their Homecoming service and celebration to mark 250 years of ministry. There will be a special worship service, with Dr. John W. Wells, president of Emory and Henry, speaking. Worship will be followed by a fellowship luncheon.

Congratulations, Glade Spring, and we wish you 250 more years of ministry!

Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church Health Fair October 15, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

In collaboration with the following organizations:
Washington County Health Department
Appalachian Substance Abuse Coalition
Marsh Blood Mobile
Southwest Virginia Medical Reserve Corps



Coomes Recreation Center of Abingdon representative's will be on site highlighting their facility and programs available.

KIDS MAKE YOUR VERY OWN



AND ENJOY FUN CRAFTS UNDER THE TENT

Southwest Virginia Medical Reserve Corps will be supplying information regarding Emergency Preparedness and Drug Take Back Information
They will also have
FREE HOME COVID TEST KITS



REVIVE!
Opioid Overdose & Naloxone Education for Virginia

Provided by the Appalachian Substance Abuse Coalition and the Southwest Virginia Medical Reserve Corps

*Enjoy music, fellowship, and a great bowl of **CHILI** beginning at 11:30 a.m. ~ 3:00 p.m. at the Pavilion behind the church.*

Call the church at 276-628-3361 with questions or more information



BLOOD DRIVE

Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church
136 East Main Street Abingdon VA

Saturday, Oct. 15
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Scan the QR code
to schedule an
appointment.



Walk-ins welcome



All donors will receive
this shirt and a snack.

