

Messages from the Mountaintop

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
ABINGDON PRESBYTERY

Stay Hydrated

Written by Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks

Dear Friends,

As we enter into the heart of summer, I keep hearing the words of every camp counselor I've ever had: "stay hydrated." It was a constant refrain, a continual reminder to drink more water and replenish my body's supply.

Now I want to pass that helpful reminder to you, friends, to stay hydrated. I encourage you to drink deeply from the wellspring of God's grace, from the unending fountain of God's goodness. As you head on vacation, gather for picnics and cookouts, and spend more time outdoors, remember to stay hydrated with the life-giving water of Christ.

So do not forget to drink plenty of water, both physically and spiritually. Connect with God in the sanctuary and in creation. Praise God in all places. And remember to stay hydrated.

In Christ,

Ann Elyse

Greta offers a friendly
reminder to stay hydrated!
It's hot out there, friends!



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Upcoming Meetings and Events:

- Council, July 7 @10am, zoom
- Clerk training and review, July 9 @9:30, Walnut Grove
- Mission Committee, July 12 @1pm, Presby office

We Pray:

- 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
 - For our General Assembly
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Presbytery Happenings

Announcements and Celebrations

Our Sympathies

The presbytery office offers our deepest condolences and heartfelt prayers to Patricia Neel, upon the death of her husband Paul. May God strengthen you and give you peace.

Planning Calendar Time!

Save on your 2022-2023 Presbyterian Planning Calendar by joining our bulk order. The price for each calendar is \$10.50 compared to \$16.95 if you order from the PC(USA) store. Orders must be placed **by July 18, 2022**. The calendars are expected to ship in August. Please email [April](#) with your order.

Final Clerks Training and Minutes Review

This final session will be this Saturday July 9, at 9:30 am, at Walnut Grove in Bristol. Please bring your minutes for review!

Can't attend? Make sure to contact Ann Elyse to schedule a time for your minutes review.

IRS Mileage Change

The IRS has officially announced that it will increase the standard mileage rate for qualified business driving for the second half of 2022.

The adjustment reflects the soaring cost of gasoline this year.

Beginning **July 1, 2022**, the standard mileage rate for business travel will be **62.5 cents per mile**, up 4 cents from the 58.5 cents-per-mile rate effective for the first six months of the year.