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Messages from the Mountaintop

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
ABINGDON PRESBYTERY

Pastor Appreciation Month

Written by Rev. Ann Elyse Van Winkle

Dear Friends,
Clergy have had a rough couple of years. Well, to be honest, we've all had a very hard time. But during this global pandemic, pastors learned how to be tech wizards, while hearing and holding everyone's pain and anger and grief. So your pastors and CREs and stated supply deserve a little extra love. Being a pastor is a tough job, even without a pandemic. October is Pastor Appreciation Month, and I encourage you to find ways to show your appreciation for the work that your pastors are doing within your congregations and communities.

You might write a personal note, or give a gift card to a favorite local restaurant. Maybe you could put together a gift basket with some of your pastor's favorite things. But whatever you decide to do, I encourage you to show your appreciation for your pastor, your CRE, your stated supply. They often work behind-the-scenes, doing so much more than what we see on Sunday morning.

It is always good and right to show our love and care for one another, and this is a great time to show love for the clergy who care for us.

In Christ,
Ann Elyse

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Upcoming Meetings and Events:

- October 7-Executive Council, Wytheville
- October 16-Mountaintop Experience, Royal Oak
- November 11-Presbytery Assembly, Wytheville

We Pray:

- For Darlene Litton, who is recovering from surgery
 - For Michael Weller, as he continues treatments
 - For those with COVID, and those who continue to work on the front lines of the pandemic
 - For the churches in our presbytery
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Presbytery Happenings

Announcements, Joys, and Concerns

From the Education and Leadership Development Committee:

Friends, make sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, October 16, for Mountaintop Experience!

We will gather at Royal Oak PC in Marion for a day of praise, worship, fellowship, and teaching. Our keynote speaker this year is The Rev. Dr. Ray Jones III, who is the director of Theology, Formation, and Evangelism at the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

His keynote address is titled "Reimagining Church for the 21st Century."

Please come and take part in Mountaintop Experience! The cost is \$10 and includes lunch. To register ahead of time, call the presbytery office or email April by October 6.

Update on Darlene Litton:

We have been praying for Darlene Litton as she recovered from surgery, and we are happy to report that she is doing very well!

Darlene would love to receive visitors, and has said that anytime after 2pm is best for her. You can visit Darlene or send her a card at Commonwealth Senior Living 860 Wolf Creek Trail Abingdon, VA 24210

Job Openings in Holston Presbytery:

Our presbytery neighbor to the south is looking to fill two roles:

1. a full time assistant/financial manager/transitional treasurer
2. a part time assistant/transitional stated clerk

To get more information and apply, visit the Holston presbytery [website](#).