

Bible Study : **Dale Lindsay Morgan**
 Opening Plenary : Our own **Catreliia Hunter, Moderator of the Churchwide Coordinating Team**
 Music Leaders: **Carol Lynn and Balfour Knight**

Gathering Highlights

Thursday
 1:00 – 6:00 Registration
 5:30 Dinner
 6:45 Opening Celebration

Friday
 8:30 Plenary with Dale Lindsay Morgan
 6:45 Mission Speakers
 Presbytery Socials

Saturday
 8:30 Plenary with Dale Lindsay Morgan
 6:45 Business Meeting
 Hoedown

Sunday
 8:30 Plenary with Dale Lindsay Morgan
 10:30 Worship Service

What to bring: Bible, notebook, pen, comfortable shoes and clothes, sweater/jacket, raincoat/umbrella, flashlight. Linens are provided. Bring your bathing suit, lotion, and hair dryer!

Bring a tote bag from your collection and perhaps one to share. No totes will be provided by the SSG.

Offering Objectives:
 Habitat for Humanity and
 The Palm Project

How to Reach Massanetta Springs Conference Center

Massanetta Springs Conference Center is located three (3) miles east of Interstate 81 in Harrisonburg, Virginia. From I-81, take exit 247A onto Route 33 East (toward Elkton). Go approximately 2.5 miles to the 5th stoplight and turn right on Route 687 (Massanetta Springs Road). The Conference Center is one mile on this road on the right.

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**Presbyterian Women
 Synod of the Mid-Atlantic**



2008 Summer Gathering

June 12-15, 2008

**Massanetta Springs
 Conference Center**

Harrisonburg, Virginia

Workshop A – 10:45 Friday

- 1. Jubilee! Luke's Gospel for the Poor.** Dale Lindsay Morgan will share Bible study methods and activities that have worked for her for the 2008-2009 Bible study.
- 2. In the Eye of the Storm -- a Spiritual Retreat.** Joan Berry and Bonnie Davis will help you learn new ways to refresh the life of the spirit. This is a two part mini-retreat. You may take it as a full retreat by also taking the afternoon session, or you may come to either one of the sessions.
- 3. That All Might Be One.** Racial Ethnic Dialog Group, Grace Atkinson, Chair. This workshop is designed to enable participants to engage in dialogue that promotes understanding and appreciation of different perspectives, ethnicities, and cultural background -- through Biblical insights, faith stories, and models of dialogue in small groups.
- 4. Side by Side: Working to Bridge the Generation Gap in PW.** Michele Simmons and Kristen Campbell explore ways that women of all ages can work together to energize PW.
- 5. Developing New Leaders.** Susan Jackson Dowd. Learn practical tools for identifying, developing and mentoring new leaders.
- 6. Serving a God Who Whispers My Name.** Linda Schrum will explore the meaning of servant leadership. This is a Biblically based, interactive exploration with take-home aids for reflective living.
- 7. Energize Yourself.** Nancy Zippe will help you identify numerous and surprising ways you get and scatter your energy. Learn to become more consciously aware of each choice you make and how it affects your vitality.
- 8. The Clown Ministry.** The clown team will help you understand liturgical clowning and the ways it can be used to give Christian service to the community.

Workshop B – 1:30 Friday

- 9. Choir** – Carol Lynn and Balfour Knight. Singers wanted! Sign up for Choir at Workshop E, too.
- 10. Faithbooking.** Rev. Beth Ann Miller. Faith booking is a collection of stories and pictures that incorporates our faith and experience of God's living presence in our lives. This workshop will continue in Workshop C. Sign up for both. Bring scrapbooking supplies if you have them. Limited to 12 participants.
- 11. That All Might Be One.** See Workshop #3

12. In the Eye of the Storm – A Spiritual Retreat

See Workshop #2. You may take both sessions or just come to one of them.

13. Feeding the Hungry. Rev. Charles Clubb on how to develop a church/community food pantry, assessing community hunger, the nuts and bolts of a food pantry, who is involved, what facilities are needed, how to begin, and how to fund.

14. In a Better Place –Dealing with the Process of Life's Losses. T. Dianne Bellamy Small. This grief management workshop will explore techniques for listening, defining loss, returning to regular routines, recovery and health issues, using hands-on activities, handouts, discussion and processing.

15. The Palm Project. Susan Jackson Dowd. Learn more about the Palm Project and other aspects of the PW Together in Service Program.

Workshop C – 3:30 Friday

- 16. PW Officer Training.** Pam Snyder and SMA CT will train elected officers at the Presbytery and Church levels. This includes moderator, secretary, treasurer, historian, and search moderator.
- 17. Faithbooking.** See Workshop # 10.
- 18. Handbells.** Emily Jorss will lead us in playing the handbells. You will learn a piece that you will play at worship on Sunday morning. A second workshop will be available on Saturday as a continuation. An additional piece will be introduced at that time. Limit 13 per session.
- 19. Psanky – the Art of Ukranian Egg Writing.** Judith Conn. Use stylus, wax and dyes to create beautiful eggs telling a story in Christian symbols.
- 20. Grant Writing.** Carolyn Sprinkle. Learn the basics of grant writing, so that you have the best chance of getting your proposal accepted.
- 21. Advocacy – A Voice for Those Who Feel They Have No Voice.** Linda Schrum, Catreli Hunter and Pam Snyder were part of the 15 member delegation from the PCUSA Presbyterian Women to the United Nations 52nd session of the “Commission on the Status of Women”. Come hear just how effective combined voices of PW can be.
- 22. Young Life Visits the Holy Land.** Jacob Kave. Through power point and discussion learn about the JMU Young Life group visit to Bethlehem and Israel.
- 23. Habitat for Humanity.** Mimi Moring. Learn about the many ways our mission project is having a positive impact on this country and the world. And, learn the ways YOU can get involved.

Workshop D – 10:45 Saturday

- 24. Jubilee! Luke's Gospel for the Poor.** Dale Lindsay Morgan. See Workshop #1
 - 25. Luke 10:27.** Gideon Amir, Hebrew scholar. Through reading the Hebrew sources in the Old Testament, study how the bible resolves the requirement to love our fellow-persons and how to demonstrate our love for God.
 - 26. Handbells.** See Workshop #18
 - 27. Liturgical Dance – Dr. Patricia Woodbury.** Examine the background and religious basis for liturgical dance. Patricia believes that anyone and everyone can dance. Recommendation: take both sessions (see #39) . Dancers will perform in Sunday worship. Wear comfortable clothing.
 - 28. Meet the Moderator.** Catreli Hunter. This is your opportunity to get “up close and personal” with our own Catreli Hunter, Moderator of the Churchwide Coordinating Team.
 - 29. Covenant Network Workshop.** Kirsten Kingdon and her son Jim Kingdon will discuss how family members stay together in God's love when someone is gay. Discussion of the Covenant Network and how it helps families and churches.
 - 30. Energize Yourself.** See Workshop #7.
 - 31. “A Thousand Splendid Suns”, a Book Review.** Nancy Long will lead discussion of this thought-provoking, best-selling novel about how two Afghan women cope with a brutish husband.
- ## Workshop E – 1:30 Saturday
- 32. Choir.** See Workshop #9.
 - 33. PW Officer Training.** See #16.
 - 34. Luke 10:27.** See Workshop #25.
 - 35. Embracing The Diversity of Abilities.** Rev. Jeri Fields. This workshop provides ideas for a model of ministry to accommodate the special needs of individuals who have visible and invisible disabilities that impact the way they are able to worship and participate in the life of a congregation.
 - 36. Psanky Egg Writing.** See Workshop #19.
 - 37. Pot-Luck Bible Study.** Bobbi Harris will demonstrate different approaches and techniques for Bible Study which appeal to all types of learners.
 - 38. Covenant Network Workshop.** See #29.
 - 39. Liturgical Dance.** See Workshop 27.