

Join Us for the Old Presbyterian Meeting House 2025 All-Church Retreat: Friday, November 7 – Sunday, November 9

Our lives are often too busy and filled with seemingly endless obligations. We yearn for community and connection with others within our church but may be unsure how to foster them. Time for deepening our faith, for reflection and relaxation, is elusive.

The All-Church Retreat gives us this opportunity.

The Retreat enables us to engage in depth with a relevant topic of our faith. To get to know other Meeting House members in an informal, nurturing setting. To make new friends and visit with those we've known for a while. To enjoy the beauty of autumn in the Shenandoah Valley. And – just as important – to have fun, with time for all ages to sing and play and laugh with each other.



The Retreat is for everyone in our congregation: Whether you're a family with children or empty-nester, single or a couple, retired or working. Loving childcare is provided for our little ones, and children and teens have their own program.



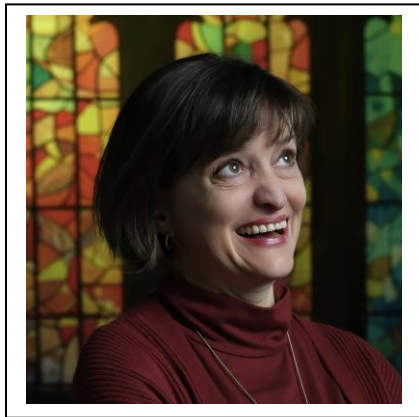
- Age-appropriate, stimulating Christian education
- Meals and conversation shared together in the dining hall
- Free afternoon for hiking, reading, napping, crafts and front-porch rocking
- Saturday evening square dancing, games and campfire
- Informal, meaningful congregation-led worship on Sunday morning

2025 Adult Education Program: *Grounded in Grace*

We live in an era of anxiety, driven by ever-accelerating change in almost every area of life. Amid such turmoil, how do we remain grounded in the knowledge of God's grace? How do we live out of faith instead of fear? Martha Moore-Keish will lead us in exploration of theological and practical resources from our Reformed tradition, to remind ourselves of the abiding grace of God, in whom alone we place our trust.



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Our Retreat Leader

Dr. Martha Moore-Keish is JB Green Professor of Theology at Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta. Her course offerings include Christian, Reformed, comparative and feminist theologies. She has served on official ecumenical dialogues between Reformed and Roman Catholic churches, and has a long-standing interest in interreligious issues, particularly Christian-Jewish relations and religions of India. A Reformed theologian, Dr. Moore-Keish is currently serving on the PC(USA) committee to write a new confession for the Book of Confessions.

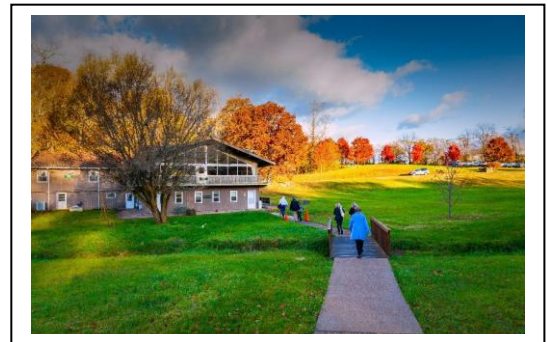
Educational and Fun Program for Children and Teens

- Children and youth are led by our wonderful Meeting House education staff and volunteers.
- Bible stories are combined with fun music, games and crafts
- Youth group discussions, games and projects
- Opportunity for participation in Sunday worship
- Free time for supervised play
- Childcare for infants and toddlers provided by our own Meeting House caregivers



The Setting

Massanetta Springs is a historic camp and conference center on 200 beautiful acres near Harrisonburg, Virginia. For over 100 years, this ministry of the Presbyterian Church has been a place for people to experience God through renewal, discovery and hospitality. It is located about two hours west of Alexandria.



We will stay together on the property: In the hotel-like Hubler Lodge rooms, each with two queen beds and Richardson Dorm, with jack-and-jill bathrooms between two twin rooms. Handicapped-accessible rooms are available in Hubler.

About the Weekend

Arrive early Friday evening for dinner and get-to-know-you activities. Educational activities are on Saturday morning and late afternoon, with time for meals, rest and fun in-between. Sunday morning wraps up our classes, followed by worship and lunch together, then travel home.

Reserve Your Place Online registration begins on Monday, September 8 at 8 AM at opmh.org/retreat. Please register no later than midnight, Monday, October 20.

NOTE: Space in Hubler Lodge is limited. Can't register online? Contact Ellen Haas or Vicki Stones in the church office at 703-549-6670. Need transportation? Contact Martha Gibson at eadg@verizon.net.