

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP KENBROOK

190 Pine Meadow Road, Lebanon PA • 717-865-4547

From Hershey: follow Route 743 N. At Route 22, turn right and travel east approximately 9 miles. At traffic light turn right onto Rt 343. Follow 2 1/2 miles until Pine Meadow Road, near the Wetlands restaurant and Pine Meadows Golf Complex. Turn right onto Pine Meadow Road, proceed 1 1/2 miles. Kenbrook is on the right and marked with a large sign at the entrance.

2017 Retreat Registration Form

Name_____

Phone_____ Email _____

Retreat cost includes lodging on Friday & Saturday nights, three meals on Saturday and two meals on Sunday. Circle one:

Double (\$190/person) Single* (\$250/person)

Commuter (\$100) includes Sat. lunch & dinner

OPTIONAL:

- Add the Friday night light meal (\$10) YES NO

Total enclosed: \$_____

If you know who you'd like to room with, list name(s) here:

* Based on availability. Confirm with Debbie Hough after January 29.

*Make checks payable to Derry Church, notated "Women's Retreat."
Return this form with payment to the church office by January 29, 2017
or mail to: Derry Presbyterian Church, Attn: Debbie Hough, 248 East
Derry Road, Hershey, PA 17033. Reservations taken on a first-come,
first-served basis until spaces are filled.*

2017 Women's Retreat

FOR NASSAU + DERRY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES



PAUL: WOMEN'S FRIEND OR FOE?

LED BY FRANCES TAYLOR GENCH
AUTHOR & PROFESSOR AT UNION PRESBYTERIAN SEMINARY

FEBRUARY 10-12
CAMP KENBROOK • LEBANON, PA

Get Away
for rest & relaxation
Visit
with friends old & new
Enrich
your relationship with God

\$190/person double
Two persons/two double beds
\$250/person single
Check availability with
Debbie Hough after Jan. 29

Cost includes five meals and two nights' accommodation at Camp Kenbrook, Lebanon, PA. Friday light meal is \$10. RSVP by Sunday, January 29. A commuter rate (\$100) is available.

Questions? Visit kenbrook.org or contact Debbie Hough: 533-9667 or chocdce@derrypres.org. Ready to sign up? Turn to the back cover.

Schedule

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

4 pm Arrival & check-in
5 pm Dinner
7:30 pm Session 1

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8 am Breakfast
9:15 am Session 2
12 pm Lunch & free time
3:30 pm Session 3
5 pm Dinner
7:30 pm Session 4
9 pm Prayer and Closing

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8 am Breakfast
9 am Check out
9:30 am Session 5
10:30 am Closing Worship
12 pm Lunch & departure

Meet our Retreat Leader

Frances Taylor Gench is Herbert Worth and Annie H. Jackson Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. Prior to joining the faculty of her alma mater in 1999, she taught for 13 years at Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary. She is the author of *Encountering God in Tyrannical Texts: Reflections on Paul, Women, and the Authority of Scripture* (WJKP, 2015), *Faithful Disagreement: Wrestling with Scripture in the Midst of Church Conflict* (WJKP, 2009); *Encounters with Jesus: Studies in the Gospel of John* (WJKP, 2007); *Back to the Well: Women's Encounters with Jesus in the Gospels* (WJKP, 2004); and *Hebrews and James* (WJKP, 1996). She is a parish associate at The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., where her husband, Roger J. Gench, is the pastor.



THE BIBLE IS FULL OF EMBARRASSING, OFFENSIVE, PROBLEMATIC TEXTS

that present serious interpretive challenges for contemporary Christian faith and practice. Should they be repudiated? Discarded? Silenced? Or are there perhaps more effective and faithful ways of handling them? Come and tackle the importance of engaging them directly and publicly, with the expectation that we may encounter the living God in our conversation with them. Passages in Paul's letters that have proved oppressive in the lives of many Christian women will serve as test cases. Join us as we wrestle with them, consider strategies for engaging them with integrity, and reflect on our understandings of biblical authority.

FRI FEB 10

7:30 pm Session 1 INTRODUCTION

Let's get started by reflecting together on our relationship with the Bible and with passages that confound us!

SAT FEB 11

9:15 am Session 2 BEYOND TEXTUAL HARRASMENT: ENGAGING TYRANNICAL TEXTS

Consider strategies for engaging tyrannical texts with integrity and reflect on how the Bible exercises authority in our lives. Work with 1 Tim 2:8-15 (the pivotal biblical passage in church controversies over the role of women in church and society) and Ephesians 5:21-33 (a passage promoting "wifely subordination," the most fully developed argument in the New Testament for gender hierarchy).

3:30 pm Session 3 WORSHIP WARS

Wrestle with 1 Corinthians 11:2-16, the only assertion of gender hierarchy in Paul's authentic letters. This obscure passage responds to conflict in the Corinthian church over appropriate headwear or hairstyles in worship, provoked by women exercising leadership in worship.

7:30 pm Session 4 WOMEN & WORSHIP WARS

Examine 1 Corinthians 14:33-36, a text in which women are commanded to be "silent" in worship assemblies. For most of Christian history it has been used to deny women participation and leadership in the Christian community.

SUN FEB 12

9:30 am Session 5 WOMEN IN MINISTRY

We will conclude with Romans 16, an often-overlooked passage that is a precious resource for recovering the lives of real women in the early Pauline churches.