PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
SYNOD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC
SUMMER GATHERING

Thursday, June 11 – Sunday, June 14, 2026

Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center, Harrisonburg, Virginia



We Belong to Each Other!

"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it." (1 Corinthians 12:27)

Presenters and other leaders include, but are not limited to, the following:

Sarah Leer, writer of "Suggestions for Leaders" for the 2026-27 PW/*Horizons* Bible study, *United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other: Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians*

Susan Jackson-Dowd, Executive Director, PW, Inc., PC(USA)

Pam Snyder, Moderator, PW, Inc., Board of Directors

Kelsey Law, Vice Moderator, PW, Inc., Board of Directors

Ivy Lopedito, Office of Public Witness, PC(USA)

Teri McDowell Ott, Editor and Publisher, *The Presbyterian Outlook* (Sunday Worship)

Kate Rascoe, Pastor (Morning Devotions)

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REGISTRATION FORM

2026 PW Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Summer Gathering – Thursday, June 11 – Sunday, June 14

Please print:

Name _____ Name for name tag (only if different) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address _____ Home Phone (___) _____ Cell (___) _____

SPECIAL NEEDS (physical, dietary, signing, etc.) _____

Home Church _____ Presbytery _____

Are you attending the Gathering for the first time? _____ Yes _____ No

ROOMMATE REQUESTS <u>MUST BE SUBMITTED TOGETHER</u> TO ENSURE ACCOMMODATIONS.

NAME OF ROOMMATE _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION: To protect your privacy and yet care for you in case of emergency, we urge you to place the name of your health insurance provider with policy number, a list of your medical conditions, and current medications in a sealed envelope with your name and presbytery on the outside. During the Gathering, let your roommate or a friend know where it is located.

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ Relationship _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Work _____

<u>WORKSHOP CHOICES</u> (Choose a number for each blank below from the workshops listed.)

Workshop A Number _____ Workshop B Number _____

Workshop C Number _____ Workshop D Number _____

Workshop E Number _____

WORKSHOPS

NOTE: IN LIEU OF SATURDAY MORNING WORKSHOPS, ONE GROUP WORKSHOP WILL BE PRESENTED AFTER THE PLENARY IN STEWART HALL.

Workshop A: Friday, June 12, 10:45 a.m.-12 noon

1. **"Connections, Conflicts, and Mutual Care: How Do We Do This Whole 'Christians in Community Thing' Anyway?" – Sarah Leer** In this workshop, we will discuss practical, tangible ways to participate in the **2026-27 Bible study**. We will explore ideas of unity and connectedness, which are woven throughout Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. We'll examine relationships, how we care for each other, and points of conflict in Christian community.
2. **"Beyond the Binary: Worshiping an Expansive God" – Sarah Wiles** This workshop will be an exploration of current gender theory and scriptural understandings of gender. We'll talk about how the Bible is affirming of all people of all genders and how our faith can motivate work for trans rights and inclusion in the church and beyond.
3. **"Jesus and Justice: Faith and Faithful Action" – Ivy Lopedito and Christina Cosby** What does it mean to follow Jesus in a world hungry for justice? This conversation invites people of all ages to explore how faith can lead to meaningful, sustainable action. Whether you're hopeful, weary, or simply curious, you are welcome to come listen, learn, and imagine what faithful action can look like today.
4. **"More Than 'Just': PW Resources Support PW Community" – Carissa Herold** A PW/*Horizons* Bible study, a PW note card, or a downloadable installation service is more than "just" a Bible study, a note card, or an installation service. Each is developed and available to support and enhance our ministry as faithful believers, aligned around the PW Purpose. Learn the many resources available and how each resource's purpose ultimately supports our Purpose! **Offered only once.**

Workshop B: Friday, June 12, 1:45 p.m.-3 p.m.

1. **"Etched in Our Hearts: Sharing Experiences That Build an Inclusive, Caring Community" – Stephanie Patterson** Our lives are shaped by experiences that leave lasting marks on our hearts. Some stories are shared openly; some are deeply personal—but all matter. We'll explore a process for sharing life experiences**.** We'll listen to stories, share differences, and examine how storytelling can strengthen empathy, deepen connection, and help us build a more inclusive, caring community.
2. **"Because She Was Revolutionary – *Reimagining the Space of Presbyterian Women*" – Kelsey Law** You are invited to honor the legacy of PW and propel the spaces of PW forward. In a time when we are seeking authentic community, faithful mission engagement, and meaningful justice advocacy, PW is uniquely positioned to respond. Reimagining the space of PW calls for courageous belonging, shared leadership, and fresh imagination. We'll rethink the room, reshape the story, and reignite what's possible for PW.
3. **"Beyond the Binary: Worshiping an Expansive God" – Sarah Wiles** (See Workshop A, #2 for info.)
4. **"Jesus and Justice: Faith and Faithful Action" – Ivy Lopedito and Christina Cosby** (See Workshop A, #3 for info.)
5. **"Welcoming the Stranger: What the Data and Our Faith Tell Us About Immigration" – Jordan Kane and Sarah Hyska** Immigration has changed drastically. We'll examine these changes through data and the lens of biblical teachings, offering concrete steps we can take to live these principles today.

Workshop C: Friday, June 12, 3:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m.

1. **"Hymns: Tunes, Texts, and Meters – How They Fit Together" – Carol Lown** Come to hear two amazing hymn stories. Then learn how to use the hymnal's metrical index to find new tunes for familiar texts. **Offered only once.**
2. **"Diamond Painting for Stress and Anxiety Relief" – Tina Branham** Learn about the health benefits of diamond painting. Complete a small diamond art project. Instructions, techniques, as well as tips and tricks will be provided. **Prerequisite**: Reading Glasses, if you need them for small fonts. **All materials provided; limited to 18 attendees per workshop**.
3. **"Linus Blanket Project" – Jonne Clemmer** In this workshop, we will make blankets/lap robes for children or for adults. This involves cutting fleece and intertwining strips of the cloth; no sewing is required. **Participants should bring their own scissors for cutting cloth. Instructional leadership and all other materials provided; limited to 12 attendees per workshop.**
4. **"Let's Talk" – National and Synod Leaders** What's on your mind? What would you like to know? This is an open "Q & A" session with Susan Jackson-Dowd, Executive Director, PW, Inc., PC(USA); Pam Snyder, Moderator, PW, Inc., Board of Directors; Kelsey Law, Vice Moderator, PW, Inc., Board of Directors; Marlene Butler, Moderator, Synod of the Mid-Atlantic PW; and Debbie Reese, Vice Moderator, Synod of the Mid-Atlantic PC(USA).

Workshop D: Saturday, June 13, 1:45 p.m.-3 p.m.

1. **"Connections, Conflicts, and Mutual Care: How Do We Do This Whole 'Christians in Community Thing' Anyway?" – Sarah Leer** (See Workshop A, #1 for info.)
2. **"Etched in Our Hearts: Sharing Experiences That Build an Inclusive, Caring Community" – Stephanie Patterson** (See Workshop B, #1 for more info.)
3. **"Because She Was Revolutionary – *Reimagining the Space of Presbyterian Women*" – Kelsey Law** (See Workshop B, #2 for info.)
4. **"Welcoming the Stranger: What the Data and Our Faith Tell Us About Immigration" – Jordan Kane and Sarah Hyska** See Workshop B, #5 for info.)

Workshop E: Saturday, June 13, 3:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m.

1. **"The Beauty of Chimes: Come Learn a Piece to Play in Worship" – Carol Lown** Come learn to accompany three hymns with chimes. Maybe we will play one in worship! You don't have to be a "musician" to do this! **Offered only once.**
2. **"Diamond Painting for Stress and Anxiety Relief" – Tina Branham** (See Workshop C, #2 for info.)
3. **"Linus Blanket Project" – Jonne Clemmer** (See Workshop C, #3 for info.)
4. **"Let's Talk" – National and Synod Leaders** (See Workshop C, #4 for info.)

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PW SYNOD SUMMER GATHERING REGISTRATION FEES

Circle or highlight all fees that apply. (Double occupancy = two persons per room, sharing a bath with another room with one or two persons.)
(Single occupancy = one person per room; yet, sharing a bath with another room with one or two persons.)

Full-Time (3 nights/8 meals) Double Occupancy: Early Bird (before May 1) - $450.00 Regular - $500.00
Single Occupancy: Early Bird (before May 1) - $500.00 Regular - $550.00

Part-Time (2 consecutive nights/6 meals) Double Occupancy: $375.00 Single Occupancy: $400.00
Circle or Highlight Nights: Thursday/Friday Friday/Saturday

Part-Time (1 night/3 meals) Double Occupancy: $320.00 Single Occupancy: $340.00
Circle or Highlight Night: Thursday Friday Saturday

Commuter Full Event (no meals): $250.00 Single Day (no meals): $170.00

Calculate the total for meals below:
Breakfast $11.50 each X ___ = $_____
Lunch $15.00 each X ___ = $_____
Dinner $18.00 each X ___ = $_____

Circle or highlight days and any meals desired:

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Dinner	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
	Lunch	Lunch	
	Dinner	Dinner	

Virtual Option
5 plenaries: $125.00
Includes: Thursday evening, Friday morning, Friday evening, Saturday morning, and Saturday evening.

TOTAL ENCLOSED (SUM OF CIRCLED OR HIGHLIGHTED FEES): $_____

If mailing registration, include **check made payable to PW/SMA/SG**. If registering by email, mail check only asap.
All registrations will be confirmed by email. Registration forms and/or payment should be mailed to: Shelda Wills, 401 Craig Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073. Emailed registration forms should be sent to: swills@usit.net.
NO REFUNDS AFTER MAY 25, 2026. EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MAY 1, 2026.