

## Directions to Camp Kenbrook:

### *From New Jersey:*

Take I-78 west to exit #6 (Lebanon/Fredericksburg). This exit will go directly to Route 22 west. Take Route 22 west to Fredericksburg. At the traffic light in Fredericksburg turn left. This will be Route 343 south. Take 343 south approximately 3 miles to Pine Meadow Rd. Pine Meadow Golf Course will be on the right. Turn right at the sign for the golf course. This is Pine Meadow Road. Travel approximately 1 ¾ miles on Pine Meadow Rd. to Kenbrook.

### *From Hershey:*

Follow Route 743 N. At Route 22, turn right and travel east approximately 9 miles, or until the first stoplight. At traffic light turn right onto Rt 343. Follow 2 1/2 miles until Pine Meadow Road, near the Wetlands restaurant. 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.

## Women's Retreat 2012 Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### **Circle one:**

Double (\$190/person)    Triple (\$165/person)

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

\_\_\_\_\_

I plan to arrive after 5 pm Friday.

I'd like a ride.

I'm willing to drive. My car can accommodate \_\_\_\_\_ people.

I'm interested in the commuter rate. Please add me to the wait list.

*Make checks payable to Derry Church, notated "Women's Retreat." Return this form with payment to the church office by Sunday, February 12 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.*



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## ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

# Sacred Stories, Our Stories

Finding Ourselves in Biblical Narratives

*Led by*

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*Lancaster Theological Seminary*

**MARCH 2-4, 2012**

*Camp Kenbrook, Lebanon, Pennsylvania*

# Sacred Stories, Our Stories

## Finding Ourselves in Biblical Narratives

*Get away for rest and relaxation  
Visit with old friends... make new friends  
Deepen your relationship with God*



\$165 per person (triple with two double beds)  
\$190 per person (double room)

Cost includes six meals & two nights' accommodation at Camp Kenbrook, Lebanon, PA. Directions and a reservation form on the back cover. **RSVP by Sunday, February 12.** A commuter rate (\$75) can be offered once rooms are filled. Questions? Visit [kenbrook.org](http://kenbrook.org) or contact Debbie Hough: 717-533-9667 or [chocdce@derrypres.org](mailto:chocdce@derrypres.org).

### Retreat Schedule *(Subject to change)*

#### Friday, March 2

4 pm Arrival & check-in  
5 pm Dinner & announcements,  
7:30 pm Session 1: Forming Relationships

#### Saturday, March 3

8 am Breakfast  
9:15 am Session 2: Negotiating Relationships  
12 pm Lunch & free time  
3:30 pm Session 3: Ruth's Relationships  
5 pm Dinner  
7:30 pm Session 4: Idgy and Ruth's Relationships  
9 pm Prayer and Closing

#### Sunday, March 4

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

Well-told stories move us, change our moods and attitudes, and spark ah-ha moments about ourselves and our world. In the characters we most love or hate, we see ourselves, our friends, and our enemies; in the complexities of plot, we recognize how choice and chance shape a life.



Exploring our reactions to stories in the Bible can invite this kind of self-reflection, as well as interpersonal sharing. Far more nuanced than the children's versions of the stories might suggest, these narratives show people who—like us—struggle with relationships, families, and conflicting social expectations.

At this retreat, we'll compare our responses to two stories: the book of Ruth and the film *Fried Green Tomatoes*. We'll pay special attention to how we fill in the "gaps" of these stories—the information that's not given and the motives that aren't named. Through the process of journaling, small group conversation, and creative writing, we'll play in the intersection of sacred stories with our own. What can we learn about ourselves and each other from what we unconsciously add to a story?

### Meet our Retreat Leaders...



**Julia M. O'Brien** is Professor of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament at Lancaster Theological Seminary. She received her B.A. in religion from Wake Forest University, and her M.Div. and Ph.D. from Duke University. She specializes in the prophetic literature of the Old Testament and is the Editor in Chief of the *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Gender Studies*.

**Anabel C. Proffitt** is Associate Professor of Educational Ministries at Lancaster Theological Seminary. She is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary (Ph.D.), the Presbyterian School of Christian Education (M.A.) and Hood College (B.A.). An ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, she serves as a consistory member and adult Sunday school teacher at Hamilton Park United Church of Christ in Lancaster. During the summer months she serves as pastor of Childwold Memorial Presbyterian Church in Adirondack Park in upstate New York.

