

Registration



Cost: The cost for the retreat is \$100.00 per person. This includes lodging, dinner on Friday night, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

Registration: Register online at www.spres.org or by scanning the QR code above.

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT DUE BY WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11.

Financial assistance is
available if needed.

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*Many of the women in our church
have said this is one of their favorite
events during the year. We would love
for you to be a part of it with us!*

About the Speaker



The Rev. Donna Hopkins Britt, though born in Roanoke, took a circuitous path to return, living in several cities in Virginia as well as New York City, Suburban Maryland, and Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. She graduated from James Madison University and later earned a Master of Divinity degree from Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond. Donna has also worked as a Child Abuse Prevention Educator for Children's Trust, followed by time as a Chaplain at Gentiva Hospice. She has served as Pastor of Buchanan Presbyterian since June, 2023. Donna enjoys hiking, crossword puzzles, game nights, and spending time with her husband Brian, her two children Noah and Lauren, her Labrador retrievers, and friends.

SECOND
PRESBYTERIAN

GALS' GATHERING



Advent Waiting

**November 20–21, 2026
(Friday–Saturday)**

*Alta Mons Camp and Retreat Center
Shawsville, Virginia*

Gals' Gathering

November 20–21, 2026

This is a special overnight event for women in our church to grow closer to one another and closer to God through study, conversation, crafts, and shared meals. The theme this year is "Advent Waiting."

The retreat begins at 4:00 p.m. Friday afternoon with crafts and snacks. Dinner is served around 6:00 p.m. An evening session and music is planned for Friday night.

On Saturday morning, we will enjoy breakfast and a couple sessions in our small groups. A worship service with communion is included, and lunch follows thereafter. The retreat typically ends around 2:00 p.m.

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Bedding and linens are provided. Feel free to bring your own pillow if you prefer.



Alta Mons

Alta Mons Camp & Retreat Center of Shawsville, VA is the outdoor ministry of the Valley Ridge District of the United Methodist Church. The center provides space for others to experience God through its outdoor ministry.

Lodging: The Burrows Retreat Center features 24 bedrooms with shared bathrooms and an upper and lower level meeting room, all with individually controlled AC/ Heat. Bedrooms come supplied with blankets, sheets, pillows, and towels. A beautiful deck with rocking chairs is right off the upper level meeting room. The building also has wireless internet and accommodates up to 52 people.

Directions:

2842 Crockett Springs Road
Shawsville, VA 24162

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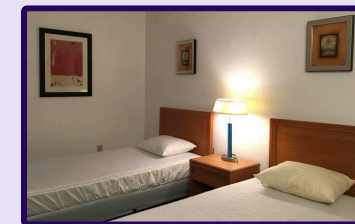
1. Take Exit 132 at Dixie Caverns onto Route 11/460 towards Shawsville.
2. After approximately 8 miles, turn left onto Alleghany Spring Road (Route 637).
3. Camp Alta Mons is approximately six miles on the right.

Advent Waiting

Guest Speaker: The Rev. Donna Hopkins Britt, Pastor of Buchanan Presbyterian Church

Scripture: Isaiah 40:3–5

Many of us feel like we are wandering through a kind of wilderness. Yet even in these challenging places, we can prepare the way for the Lord to come to us. Together, we can identify the obstacles that stand in our way and discern how to address them so that the themes of Advent may be more fully seen, experienced, and lived out in our community. Along the way, we will journey through each Gospel, exploring hope through Matthew's perspective, peace through Mark's, joy through Luke's, and love through John's.



Room
with two
single
beds.

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Retreat
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