

## MEET OUR PRESENTER

ELAINE MAUST

Elaine Maust, a pastor, writer, spiritual director and business woman, will provide our input sessions for this year's retreat. Elaine and her husband and business partner, are co-pastors



of Jubilee Mennonite Church, Meridian, Mississippi. You will be blessed to attend this Christ-centered time of fun and fellowship with women from around Virginia Mennonite Conference.



Cara Wagler Kauffman and team will lead worship music during the retreat. Hymns,



contemporary worship songs, and her original creations will enhance the theme of gratitude as we sing together.

## RETREAT SCHEDULE

When arriving at Natural Bridge, please check in and find your room.

### Friday, November 10

4:00-6:30 Registration  
7:00-9:00 Session I

### Saturday, November 11

7:30-8:30 Breakfast  
9:00-12:00 Sessions II and III  
12:00-5:00 Lunch on your own & free time  
5:30 Dinner at Hotel  
Dusk Drama of Creation  
(Shuttle Bus to location)  
OR – fellowship time around games and table conversations  
7:30 End of Silent Auction  
8:00 Vespers – Gratitude Stories

### Sunday, November 12

7:30-8:30 Breakfast Buffet  
9:00-11:30 Session IV



You are welcome to bring snacks in your rooms, but we are not allowed to bring food to meeting rooms.

**SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS** are available.  
Call Gloria Lehman at 540-421-2122  
for more information.

Babes in arms welcome.  
No child care provided.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON OPTIONS

**Shopping** – See information in your folder for the variety of shops and restaurants nearby.

**Hiking/Walking** - Most trails in this area are easy, but you can find moderate trails, as well. Mary Ann Shisler and Marian Buckwalter will lead the Chessie Trail hike.

To see Nat'l Bridge 8am to dusk: \$8 fee to State Park, not Nat'l Bridge Hotel.

**Monacan Indian Living History Exhibit** - learn about cooking, pottery, basket weaving, gardening and more.

### Knotting Comforters

**Silent Auction** – Sisters Kathy Zendt, Norma Burkholder and Shirley Hochstetler invite you to bring creative, useful, beautiful items for the silent auction held during the day on Saturday. All proceeds go to the scholarship fund to assist women in attending our retreats.

**PRAYER ROOM** for contemplation, silent prayer and meditation will be provided throughout the weekend. Prepared by Rose Huyard.



Retreat Planning Committee: Gloria Lehman, Lois Maust, Evie Christner, Mary Ann Shisler, Marian Buckwalter, Tammy Driver, Janine Kanagy and Deb Pardini.

# REGISTRATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Early Registration postmarked by 9/6/2017 \$98  
 Registration postmarked after 9/6/2017 \$110  
**FINAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE OCT. 1**

Registration cost includes registration, breakfasts,  
 Saturday evening dinner, and tax.  
 You are responsible only for Sat. lunch.  
 (circle options below)

Registration & Meals \$98 / 110  
 Main Inn 1 night / 2 nights \_\_\_\_\_  
 # of persons in room 1 2 3 4  
 Veranda 1 night / 2 nights \_\_\_\_\_  
 # of persons in room 1 2 3 4

Registration + Lodging Total \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name persons in your room: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## - PAYMENT OPTIONS -

- 1) You may **Call Lois** with your C.C. information.
- 2) Use **Credit Card** – fill out information below  
 OR 3) write **Check** payable to “MWV Retreat”  
 and mail with registration form to:  
 Lois Maust, 760 Wyndham Woods Circle  
 Harrisonburg, VA 22801

To pay using credit card:  
 Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CC Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exp: \_\_\_\_\_ CSV: \_\_\_\_\_ (3 digits on back of card)

# LODGING

Natural Bridge Hotel & Conf. Center  
 15 Appledore Lane  
 Natural Bridge, VA 24578



To register and make room reservations:  
 Do Not Call Hotel. Hotel will not make room reservations.  
 Contact Lois Maust at 540-433-7084,  
 mail attached registration form,  
 or send email to: wlmaust@gmail.com

**Main Inn Rooms (2 dbls/2 persons) - \$135/night**  
**Veranda Rooms (2 dbls/2 persons) - \$100/night**

\$10/night for each additional person per room.

# in Room	Cost/person per night
Main Inn: 1/ 2/ 3/ 4	135/ 67.50/ 48.35/ 38.75
Veranda: 1/ 2/ 3/ 4	100/ 50.00/ 36.75/ 30.00



## The Drama of Creation

Option for Saturday evening –. When darkness comes,  
 symphonic music fills the ancient walls. Colored lights  
 spread a canopy of soft hues across the great stone arch,  
 while a voice from far overhead tells the Biblical story of  
 the dawn of the world. Donations accepted.  
 (Approx. 45 min. at dusk.)



# Weekend Retreat for Women of All Ages



# Gratitude Beyond Thank You

*Through failure and lament,  
 toward resilience and joy*

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 Historic Hotel &  
 Conference Center  
 Natural Bridge, VA

November 10-12, 2017

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