



## Sara Wenger Shenk - Presenter

Sara Wenger Shenk is a practical theologian, preacher, and the author of six books, most recently a book called *Tongue-Tied: Learning the Lost Art of Talking about Faith*. She was born in Ethiopia to Mennonite missionary educators and was the fifth of eight children. Sara and her husband Gerald served for nine years with Eastern Mennonite Mission and Mennonite Central Committee in Croatia and Bosnia. She served for fifteen years in teaching and administration at Eastern Mennonite Seminary and is president emerita of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) where she served for nine years until 2019. Sara is the mother of three children and grandma to six delightful grandchildren. She is retired and currently living near Waynesboro, VA, a member at Springdale Mennonite Church and moderator for Virginia Mennonite Conference. (Photo on front of brochure.)



## Rachel Stutzman – Music Leader



Rachel Stutzman looks forward to worshipping together at this year's women's retreat. Rachel and the entire music team pray that our worship will draw our attention from the worries of our own lives towards the love of our awesome God. Rachel currently teaches 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Waterman Elementary School in Harrisonburg, VA. Outside of school, she enjoys playing games, reading, and hiking. Rachel and her husband Andry also enjoy leading music at Weavers Mennonite Church.

## RETREAT SCHEDULE

When arriving at the hotel, please check in and find your room.

### Friday, November 11

- 4:30-6:30 Registration
- 7:00-9:00 Session I
- Social time - bring a snack to share and your own drink.

### Saturday, November 12

Breakfast on your own; coffee will be provided by the hotel

- 9:00-12:00 Sessions II and III
- 12:00-5:00 Lunch on your own & workshops/free time
- 5:30 Dinner Buffet at hotel
- 7-7:45 Vespers
- 8:30 End of Silent Auction

### Sunday, November 13

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



## PRAYER ROOM

for contemplation, silent prayer and meditation will be provided throughout the weekend. Prepared by Linda Wenger.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON OPTIONS

**WORKSHOP OPTIONS – knot a comforter, join the scavenger hunt to find Richmond black history sites, or take a deeper dive into the topic of speaking the truth in love.**

**BOOK EXCHANGE –** Bring a book, take a book! Bring a book you enjoyed reading to give away, and someone else's book may just become your new favorite book!

**SILENT AUCTION –** We invite you to bring creative, useful, beautiful items for the silent auction held during the day on Saturday. Proceeds benefit the retreat and scholarship funds.

**LOCAL CULTURE –** VA Museum of Fine Arts, Maymont Park, Black History Museum & Cultural Center.

**OUTDOORS –** Richmond Slave Trail, Hollywood Cemetery (walking paths, skillful design and landscape), Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, Brown Island with Potterfield Bridge

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

