

# Connections: Journey with the Word

## A Retreat for Commissioned Pastors & Authorized Lay Preachers in the Presbytery of West Virginia

**Jackson's Mill**

### **Why Attend:**

At this retreat, you'll find opportunities:

- to connect and reconnect with other Commissioned Pastors and Authorized Lay Preachers serving in the presbytery;
- to learn more about preaching;
- to hear what's happening within the presbytery;
- to join in a time of fellowship and renewal!

### **Facility and Cost:**

- We will be meeting at Jackson's Mill in motel-style lodging. Sheets and towels are provided.
- The only cost for the retreat is for lodging; the cost per room is \$80, and may be split with a roommate.
- We will eat our meals together in the Dining Hall.
- Bring: a Bible, comfortable walking shoes, toiletries, paper and a writing utensil, a flashlight and snacks to share during the social time on Friday.



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*His books include Acts: An Interpretation Bible Commentary, Acts: Catching up with the Spirit, Intrusive God, Disruptive Gospel: Encountering the Divine in the Book of Acts, Matthew: The Gospel of Promised Blessings, Voices of Advent: The Bible's Insights for a Season of Hope, and A Companion to the New Testament (3 volumes).*

*Motivated by an interest in helping people explore the Bible's connections to faith and life, he has contributed to a number of commentaries, encyclopedias, and other print and online resources to assist pastors, teachers, and students in their study of Christian scripture. Every week he co-hosts the Sermon Brainwave podcast produced by the Working Preacher website. Ordained as a teaching elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA), Matt teaches frequently in congregations and at conferences.*

**For questions or more information, please contact connectional presbyter, [Sarah Sanderson-Doughty](#).**

**Friday, July 24- Saturday, July 25  
Spouses are welcome!**

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### ***Friday's Schedule***

5:30 pm Dinner (optional)

6:30 pm Evening Prayer

7:00 pm Community Building

7:30 pm Conversation around the  
State of the Presbytery with the Lead  
Presbyter and Connectional Presbyter

8:30 pm Social Time

### ***Registration Information***

**Please complete the registration form  
on the next page. The registration  
deadline is, June 29, 2026.**

A) To register and pay by credit card,  
complete this form at [www.wvpresbytery.org](http://www.wvpresbytery.org)  
and click on "donate." Put "CP ALP Retreat" in  
the memo line.

OR

B) To register and pay by check, send  
completed form to WV Presbytery, P.O. Box  
11720, Charleston, WV. Put "CP ALP Retreat"  
in the memo line.

### ***Saturday's Schedule***

8:00 am Breakfast

8:45 am Morning Prayer

9:00 am "From Exegesis to Preaching  
to Prayer" I

10:45 am Break

11:00 am "From Exegesis to Preaching  
to Prayer" II

12:15 pm Lunch

1:15 pm "From Exegesis to Preaching  
to Prayer" III

2:30 pm Break

2:45 pm ALP and CP Breakout  
Groups

3:30 pm Closing Worship

4:00 pm Journey Home

Participants are strongly encouraged  
to be present for the entire retreat.