

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

REV. TERRY GAU

"Rev. Terry Menefee Gau is the former director of Project Burning Bush, a vocational program for high school youth at Union Presbyterian Seminary. She received her M.Div. and MACE at UPSem, where her focus was on Film Theology. She is ordained in the Baptist tradition, but is a confirmed member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, where she sits on the vestry. She is a film and stage actor and is fortunate to have two wonderful men in her life: her husband Dave and her son, Jasper. "

MUSIC LEADER

SHAWN THOMAS SMITH

Shawn Thomas Smith is Associate Pastor at Bon Air Presbyterian Church and a graduate of Louisville Seminary. Shawn Thomas has led music for our Presbytery events in the past and is a YOCO favorite. Shawn Thomas has worked in Youth Ministry and has served in various capacities at Montreat. Shawn Thomas enjoys playing the guitar and traveling with his wife, April.

FOCUS

This year the POJ Young Council is focusing on the story of the Prodigal Son. Each keynote will help us understand this challenging story from the different perspective of each character. We are delighted to have Rev. Terry Gau to bring us the message.

April 21-22, 2012

at Camp Hanover

The Middle School Retreat is an annual two-day retreat hosted by Presbytery of the James Youth Council for all 6th, 7th & 8th graders in Presbytery of the James And their advisors!

The retreat starts Saturday, April 21, 2012 at 10 am and ends

April 22, 2012, at noon.

Come play in God's creation and grow spiritually with other Youth and adults.



Presbytery of the James

3218 Chamberlayne Ave.
Richmond, VA. 23227

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

APRIL 21-22, 2012

10 AM SATURDAY ~ NOON SUNDAY

CAMP HANOVER

3163 PARSLEYS MILL ROAD
MECHANICSVILLE, VA 23111

804-779-2811

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH EVENT COVENANT

This covenant is for both the youth and adults who attend Presbytery youth events, such as retreats, rally days, mission trips, and youth conferences as representatives of the Presbytery of the James, etc. A great deal of time, effort, prayer, and money go into preparing a youth event, and much is to be gained in its good stewardship. Seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, while at a Presbytery of the James youth event, I/we make the following covenants:

Stewardship of Sabbath: This event and place have been set apart from a busy world for a closer encounter with God and our sisters and brothers in Christ. I/we covenant to separate ourselves physically and mentally from the outer world as much as possible throughout the event to give our spirits space to grow. We will seek to hear God's claim on our lives through the opportunities provided, participating to the best of our abilities in all planned activities. Responsible choices about limitations on the use of technology devices are essential to this promise.

Stewardship of Time: Recognizing that every minute of our lives is a gift from God, I/we covenant to be good stewards of our time at this event. Being on time to programs and meals and not leaving early, honoring lights out and getting good rest, taking time to pray, experience nature, form new friendships, and enjoy recreation are among the ways I/we covenant to prioritize our use of time at this event.

Stewardship of Self: Our bodies are living temples of the Spirit. To care for ourselves and be role models to others, I/we covenant to refrain from smoking, alcohol and illegal drugs, and the possession of such substances during the event, understanding that those who do not refrain are subject to parental notification and/or immediate dismissal from the event.

Stewardship of Others: During the event, feel the Spirit moving through you and those around you. Disruptive behavior, words, and choices of attire prevent us from getting the most out of the time that we have together. I/We covenant to avoid such actions and not to accept them in others. I/We will encourage the best in others, seek to listen to and respect what they bring, being considerate of one another at all times.

Stewardship of Belongings: While here, I/we covenant to live faithfully in the Community of Believers. Each member is responsible for proper management of her/his own belongings and the respect of others' belongings. It is inadvisable to bring items of great material value, those that are irreplaceable, and those that are unnecessary or potentially distracting. Vehicles should be parked, locked, and not driven or accessed during the event, except in an emergency.

Stewardship of Place: This place and its resources were created by God and faithful people for you, and people who come after you, to use and enjoy. Any lack of consideration, misuse, littering, vandalism or property damage represents poor stewardship. I/We covenant to treat this place with reverence, refraining from such poor stewardship and taking personal responsibility if we cause it. I/We will endeavor to leave the location in better condition upon departure than when we arrived

Yes No (circle one) I hereby grant Presbytery of the James permission to interview me and/or to use my likeness in photograph(s)/video(s)/slide presentation(s) in any and all of its publications and in any and all other media, whether now known or hereafter existing, controlled by Presbytery of the James, in perpetuity, and for other use by Presbytery of the James. I will make no monetary or other claims(s) against Presbytery of the James for the use of the interview and/or the photographs(s)/video(s)/slide presentation(s) resulting following this date.

Participant's Name (Please Print) Participant's Signature

Parent/Guardian's Name (Please Print)

Parent/ Guardian's Signature

Church: _____ Date: _____

Policies: **VANDALISM AND PROPERTY DAMAGE** Any person who damages or destroys property will be responsible for the cost of replacement and repair.

SMOKING All POJ events are SMOKE-FREE.

DISRUPTING EVENT ACTIVITIES A great deal of time, effort, prayer, and money go into preparing a youth event. Disruptive behavior during assemblies, workshops or worship times, or other planned activities makes it hard for everyone to get the most out of the time that we have together. Participants can expect 2 warnings about this from any adult leader. Anyone who continues to disrupt will not be invited to the next event and may be dismissed from the current event in addition to having the opportunity to explain their actions to their parents, guardians, or pastor.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS You are responsible for your own belongings. Do not bring any items that are of great value to you.

ALCOHOL AND ILLEGAL DRUGS Any youth or adult found in possession of illegal substances will be dismissed from the event and may be subject to arrest.

DRIVING Vehicles driven to the event should be parked and locked. They should neither be driven nor visited during the event, except in an emergency. Upon leaving the event, drivers must drive 20 mph or less while on camp premises and must carry passengers only inside vehicles.

REGISTRATION

FOR YOUTH and ADULT ADVISORS

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

April 21-22, 2012 ~ Camp Hanover

10 am Saturday ~ Noon Sunday

"I'm not moving"

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

GRADE 6, 7, 8, adult GENDER: M F

CHURCH: _____

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS: (Please attach a letter)

ADULT LEADER: _____

*****One adult leader must accompany every 6 youth
(or any fraction of 6) from each church!!!!**

Money Enclosed

Youth (\$55) _____ Adult (\$55) _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Friday, April 6, 2012

Postmark will determine amount person is to pay.
Registration is not complete without full payment,
a signed health/medical form, and parental approval
must accompany registration.

Registration form can be found at

presbyteryofthejames.org,

YOUTH or by request.

Questions: please contact Lyndsey McCall
lyndseym@pbyjames.org or 804-262-2074

**Please make your check payable to
Camp Hanover and mail with forms to:**

CAMP HANOVER

3163 Parsleys Mill Rd., Mechanicsville, VA 23111

HEALTH AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

FOR YOUTH AND ADULT ADVISORS

Name of participant _____

Birthday: _____ Age at Event _____

Name/Address of Parent/Guardian (Please print)

Phone No. _____

In Case of Emergency contact: (Please Print)

Phone No. _____

Please give any medical/physical information which might limit or prevent the participant's full involvement in this event and/or would help us to work more effectively with your child:

Is this participant taking any prescribed medication?

YES NO, If so, what and what is it for _____

(CIRCLE ONE)

Policy Statement—it is the policy of this youth/group/
church/event that all prescribed medication be kept and
dispensed by the adult leader of the group named below.

_____, I

(PLEASE PRINT NAME OF GROUP LEADER)

Agree to have the adult leader named above to keep and dispense my child's medication(s) while on the youth retreat.

If there should be an emergency which requires medical attention and I am unable to be reached, I hereby authorize the physician chosen by the adult leader named above to hospitalize, secure treatment and order injection, anesthesia, x-ray, or surgery for my child named above.

(SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN —REQUIRED—)

RELATIONSHIP TO PARTICIPANT DATE

MEDICAL INSURANCE CARRIER OF PARTICIPANT