



Presbyterian Women Shenandoah
Dorothy Bowers, Moderator

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Dear Shenandoah Presbyterian Women,

The Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Summer Gathering at Massanetta June 10 – 13, 2010 is all over. I hope you were able to attend. It was FANTASTIC! The Bible Study leader was Dr. Louis Lawson Johnson. It was exciting listening to Dr. Johnson go over the Bible Study of Revelation for this coming year. He was “down to earth” as I heard one of the ladies say that was attending the conference. She clarified one of the more difficult books of the Bible to study. Be sure to look in the Horizons Magazine for additional help. There is much help out there.

The High Tea Dinner on June 12 was outstanding. The three ladies who “created” the Tea Party Event were Mrs. Pat Valentine, Mrs. Beth Smith and Mrs. Jonne Clemmer. They had much help behind the scenes. It took hours of planning and many hands to prepare the menu and organize the event. Everyone deserves a special thank you. It was fun and exquisite.

The dining room was transformed into tea rooms. Each group of 8 ladies was escorted to its table. It was a sight to be seen! Many wearing period dress, all donning different kinds of hats – big & small. Ladies brought their own tea cups and saucers in their cloth tea bags. Years ago a hostess didn't have enough tea cups to serve a large guest list, so each guest would bring her own tea and saucer and then take it home when she left.

After tea was served you were directed to the table of refreshments. The menu card you received contained 10 choices of sandwiches. An example, i.e., Virginia Baked Ham on Flaky Biscuits, Shrimp Baskets with zesty sea salt, and Salmon Salad sandwiches with Dill. There were also fruits and cheeses. Last but not least: the Desserts! Rich Scottish Shortbread, Tangy Lemon Cookies, Spicy Gingerbread fingers, and many, many more; too many to list them all.

Wonder what they will do the next 100 years to celebrate the 200th Anniversary! I have a CD with the pictures that were taken on the lawn June 12. I will have a copy for every lady that attended the Gathering. I will see that you get your copy in the near future. My grandchildren will show me how to do it!

I want to thank all the churches that left mission items at the Presbytery office in May. I had a carload. My trunk was completely full, even my back seat was full. The day that my sister-in-law and I drove them to New Windsor, Maryland, was a beautiful day. Mission giving has always and continues to be a part of Presbyterian Women. I know

some in the churches in the Eastern Panhandle delivered mission items also to New Windsor.

Remember the Big Event, Saturday, September 11, 2010, at the Massanetta Conference Center. There will be workshops for moderators, treasurers, historians, missions & together in service for Presbyterian Women. Workshops for every one -- all ages -- Let's make this a huge success.

God Bless every one

God Bless You All.

Dot Bowers, Moderator

Shenandoah Presbyterian Women

Dates to Remember

August 7, 2010 CT meeting at the Presbytery office

September 11, 2010 The BIG EVENT at Massanetta Springs

November 6, 2010 Meeting for Coordinating Team and local Moderators
First Presbyterian Church
Martinsburg, WV
Directions will be given at a later date