

COVID-19 Response from Laurelville

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Laurelville Mennonite Church Center



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The Coronavirus, a name we knew nothing of just a short time ago, is now on the tip of everyone's tongues. While we all do our part to practice physical distancing, Laurelville will not be hosting any face-to-face guest groups or programs into April at this time. We are working with groups to select new dates and to roll their deposits to future events with no penalties. We will remain attuned and obedient to changing government guidelines for everyone's safety. "Like" our Laurelville Facebook page to receive the latest updates.

In times such as these, the hope and peace found in God is paramount. **While we discourage congregating, we invite small families and individuals to use some of Laurelville's outdoor resources- *free of charge*.** We encourage you to utilize Laurelville as a resource to seek God and to enjoy the beautiful gift of creation.

**\*\*NOTE: Pit stop *before* you come; Laurelville bathrooms and buildings are closed for your safety!\*\***

- **GET ACTIVE**

- **Hiking Trails\*** are open (4.5 miles of groomed trails to enjoy)

- **SPEND TIME IN PRAYER**
  - **Walk the Prayer Labyrinth\*** atop Sunset Hill
  - **Engage in a Prayer Walk\***
  
- **LEARN A NEW OUTDOOR SKILL**
  - **Tree ID\* & Bird ID\***
  - **Laurelcatching\*** -Laurelville's own "Scavenger Hunt"
  - **Geocaching-** <https://www.geocaching.com/play>; check out the App store.

**\*Maps and guide brochures are available outside the administration office.**

We remain mindful that God's name is *above all names* including this virus. We trust God in these times of uncertainty. We continue to **plan for summer** and look forward to sharing testimonies of God's faithfulness with one another on the back side of this trial. THANK YOU for keeping Laurelville in your prayers as we strive to make decisions and steward resources wisely. It's also our honor and privilege to pray for *you*, so please continue to share your prayer requests. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

## FAQ'S

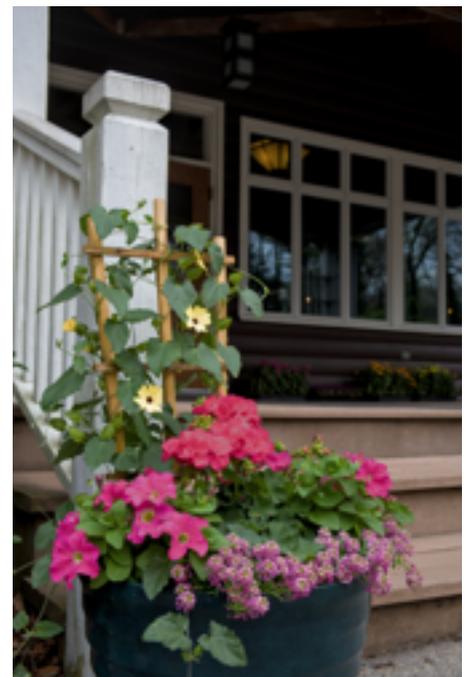
**Is Summer Camp still on?** YES. At this time, we are fully in the midst of planning for summer!

**Are you accepting summer staff applications?**

YES. We need lifeguards, counselors (especially male counselors), Day Camp Director, cooks, dish and dining hall staff: <https://laurelville.org/about-us/employment/>.

**Is Association Gathering still on?** We still hope to meet May 1-3, depending on the COVID-19 situation. Watch your email for developments.

**Is Laurelville taking extra steps to ensure Guest**



**Connect with us on  
social media!**

To stay in touch (from a

**health and safety?** YES, extra sanitization is in place according to CDC guidelines. Laurelville has *always* instituted best practices of the hospitality industry to keep our guests healthy. We employ a professional cleaning team and professional contractors, send linens out to Laurel Linen Service, Inc. for professional laundering, certify food service staff through ServSafe, purchase all of our high quality food through US Foods, and use products and application standards from professional supply companies such as EcoLab.

distance!), follow us on Facebook. We post regular updates and love to connect with our Laurelville friends in this time of physical distancing!



**Can I rent a small cabin at this time?** YES.

Individual family cabins are available to get away. Food service and gathering places are not being provided at this time.

**Has Laurelville been impacted by COVID-19**

**financially?** YES. We have incurred the loss of income thus far for 1.5 months of guest groups and programs.

**How can we help?**

- **Continue to practice distancing** so this settles down sooner rather than later;
- **Keep planning retreats!** We were made to fellowship and to be in community. God's people will need to gather when this lifts. Perhaps this will be the perfect year for you to plan one!
- **Please pray for us** (we ask for God's wisdom as we navigate tough decisions in uncharted territory) and **we'll pray for you** (share prayer requests via email: [info@laurelville.org](mailto:info@laurelville.org));
- **Keep the Faith!**

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