As I reflect on the year of ministry and life at Laurelville, I’m grateful for God’s hand once again in sustaining this ministry. Laurelville seeks to do something refreshingly unusual in this world. We hold out this ministry of unreserved Christ-like hospitality intent on creating space for spiritual growth, healthy community, and care for God’s incredible creation.

As you read this report, you’ll see the results of this Christ-like hospitality. By opening our hearts and facilities with God’s love to all who come, we have the privilege of experiencing the presence of God among us all in every facet of our ministry.

A Summer Counselor experienced this presence of God when she gave this reflection about her time at Laurelville, “Just wanted to say thanks again for the opportunity to be a Summer Counselor. I honestly had one of the greatest summers of my life. I met awesome counselors, campers and staff, I learned a lot and grew spiritually, and had a blast! This summer has been one I’ll never forget... Laurelville really is one of the coolest places on earth.”

It has been a privilege and sacred responsibility serving as Laurelville’s Executive Director these past few years. I am grateful for the opportunity and the progress made in fulfilling the mission of Laurelville. As we begin 2016, I’m grateful at how God is providing ministry growth, strengthened financial position, and the fresh enthusiasm of our new staff who are positioning Laurelville for a strong, healthy future.

Advancing the mission of Laurelville happens because of the gracious care of God watching over, nurturing, and enabling this ministry to happen through the collaborative efforts of our staff, the Association, Board members, and volunteers. Thank you for your part in supporting Laurelville and making it a place filled with ministry.

Michael Yoder,
Executive Director
Ministry happened all year long as people participated in 15 Laurelville program sessions in 2015. With options for adults, youth, families, and individuals, Laurelville created a place for people to experience God through creation, relationships, and time set apart. Here are some highlights:

Music and Worship Leaders Retreat gathered over 180 participants for the annual weekend of retreat and renewal. Participants focused on the theme of “Good News: Past, Present, Future” with featured speakers David B. Miller from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary and Lara Steinel, Cantorial Soloist for Congregation Kol Ami in Kansas City. The uplifting word of the “Good News” of the Christian Story brought hope and courage to the gathered people.

Road Scholar Programs “Frank Lloyd Wright” and “Biking the Great Allegheny Passageway” continued to grow in popularity in 2015 with 169 people attending this year. Featuring the signature “Falling Water” property tour, the Frank Lloyd Wright experience brings together people from all over the US to Laurelville for an unforgettable experience of hospitality, lectures in Frank Lloyd Wright architecture, and tours to the several properties in the area designed by him.

The Biking the Great Allegheny Passageway (GAP) ventured all the way to Pittsburgh this year marking the first time Laurelville’s tour completed the whole GAP.

Summer Camp is the highlight of Laurelville’s busy summer season. Early morning Polar Bear swim’s, camp-out’s on Sunset Hill, creek hike’s in Jacobs Creek, and worship gatherings make Summer Camp a highlight of our campers. Many campers return year after year and feature several generations of “Laurelville Summer Campers.”

Summer Camp places a special emphasis on creating places for God to speak to the campers in what is often a spiritually-formative week with life-long impact. In addition to daily worship gatherings, Bible memorization and personal reflection and journaling are encouraged and scheduled into the daily routines.

Values-Based Leadership Program pulls together Anabaptist leaders from churches, business, and non-profit roles for a two-part program every October and February. Focusing on developing leadership from an Anabaptist perspective, this program is a collaboration of eight different Mennonite organizations. The rich partnership and excellent presenters never fails to impact and alter the course of leaders who complete the program.

Comments from Program participants:

- “I saw God nearly everywhere this week. Whether it was through nature, Bible lessons, or others I always found him somewhere.”
- “God is like the stars, you may not always see Him but He is always there.”
- “I knew the program was good, but the effects that this has on my personal life has been incredible.”
- “Intense, profound, effective, memorial and valuable.”
- “This is one of the very best seminars I have ever taken.”

PROGRAM STATISTICS

| 169 | ROAD SCHOLAR PARTICIPANTS |
| 66  | MENNOCYCLE PARTICIPANTS  |
| 191 | SUMMER CAMPERs            |
| TOO MANY TO COUNT! | POLAR BEAR SWIMS |
On Sunday afternoons at Laurelville, you will often find me closing buildings and cleaning up after the weekend guests have gone. One particular Sunday, I arrived at the Lodge to find a guest tentatively picking through a very full and very messy trash barrel. This is never a good sign.

"May I help you with something? Maybe a tarp to help spread things out?"

"No – I just lost some medicine, but it’s not essential that I find it."

But I could tell that the loss was bothering her, and a few minutes later she asked for the tarp. We dumped the trash and, much to her joy, found the medicine.

Her young son had been watching the whole process. As I was cleaning up the mess, the woman came back and whispered, “My son wanted to thank you. You’ll find something on the seat of your golf cart.”

The 25¢ that I found there is one of the most meaningful gifts I have ever received. I keep it by my desk with Jesus’ words to his disciples when he washed their feet:

You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. John 13.13–15, NRSV

The origin of ‘hospitality’ is fascinating: it comes from the Latin word hospes, which means both “host” and “guest”! In the Laurelville context, this origin makes perfect sense. It is part of our mission to extend “Christ-like hospitality with welcome and safety for all.” We look for the image of God in each of our guests, remembering that Jesus said, “I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” (Matthew 25.35) Once we are able to recognize that image – the face of Jesus in the stranger – then ministry proceeds naturally. It becomes difficult to tell who is the host and who is the guest.

Indeed, sometimes the host shows up as a five-year-old boy.
Volunteer Report

4013 hours

Volunteers have graced Laurelville’s ministry in many ways this year. Our long term volunteers, Ruth Ann and Alvin Yoder have kept busy with office work, landscaping, maintenance, and many ‘other’ tasks. Their contribution has been tremendous!

We rely on volunteers to host Road Scholar and Laurelville programs. Joby Dupuis, Cindy Miller, Lorne Peachey, Denise Spory, George and Mae Stoltzfus, Alvin and Ruth Ann Yoder, Wayne and Roveen Yoder, and Lavern and Janie Yutzy all enjoyed LMCC programs while taking on hosting duties.

Two very young and hardworking volunteers, Jillian and Annie (and mother Tanya) Riggs cleaned all the yellow parts of the playground structure for community service hours for their Brownies club, while Maynard Brubacher, lifetime volunteer, pitched in for septic system overhaul.

Well done, one and all!

Volunteer Groups
Allegheny Menn Conference Youth Group
Central Christian High School Group
Mt. Pleasant Church of God Youth Group
Souled Out Youth Group
Wagon Lodge 6, Boy Scoup troop Group

Individuals
Shelbie Baker
Andrew Barr
Evon Barr
Noah Barr
Palmer Barr
Sherri Barr
Adrian Beckford
Gil Bishop
Bonnie Bishop
Noelle
Bodenheimer
Hannah Bodes
Joyce Bomberger
Hannah
Breidenbaugh
Sydney Breth
Nick Brown
Maynard Brubacher
Jan Brubacher
James Brubaker
Terry Burkhalter
Sandi Burkhalter
Cana Carr
Mira Carr
Richard Carr
Rocky Carr
Ruben Carr
Ryan Carr
German Carreno
Ally Chandler
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Doug Coffman
Braden Coffman
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Rhoda Cressman
Andrew Cullar
Anna Cullar
Dawn Cullar
Jonathan Cullar
Ken Cullar
Louise Cullar
Rachel Dugan
Sara Dugan
Jim Dunmore
Joby Dupuis
Dave Eberly
Nancy Eberly
Megan Eigsti
Nick Ely
Cathy Smeltzer Erb
Ross Erb
Braden Fisher
Shelby Fox
Nathan Glover
Adam Goldinger
Ivan Graber-Nozfiger
Nina Graber-Nozfiger
Terry Green
Inga Haglund
Marvin Hall
Joyce Hall
Cicely Hay
Scott Helmick
Julie Helmuth
Dan Hertzler
Jerry Hixson
Bruce Holland
Chris Holland
Michael Holland
Jacob Horsley
Dayna Hrovath
Jonathan Hrovath
Beverly Huber
Chad Johnson
Min Goo Kang
Mary Karney
Regis Kaufman
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Gio King
Cara Kornhouse
Samantha Krepps
Joshua Kuykendall
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Taylor Lewis
Ryan Lisha
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Grace Lorince
Maddie Lorince
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Paige Martin
Ronnie Martin
Conrad Mast
Aaron Meidle
Anson Meidle
Hannah Meidle
Sadie Meidle
Alta Metzler
Lem Metzler
Joy Millen
Kyle Miller
Carey Miller
Carla Miller
Cindy Miller
Joani Miller
Jodi Miller
Julia Miller
Kelby Miller
Kim Miller
Larry Miller
Levi Miller
Merrill Miller
Nathan Miller
Wilmer Miller
Sarah Mitchell
Christian Moyer-Diener
David Moyer-Diener
Joanna Moyer-Diener
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Financial Report
For year ending December 31, 2015

Revenue, Gains, & Other Support
Contributions $248,836
Program and Hosted Income $1,284,943
Investment & Equity Income $28,721
Other Income $14,754
Total Revenue, Gains, & Other Support $1,577,254

Expenses
Program Services $1,300,047
Hosted Services $1,036,863
Program Services $263,284
Total Program Services $1,300,047
Supporting Services $197,278
General and Administrative $150,811
Fundraising $46,467
Total Supporting Services $197,278
Total Expenses $1,497,325

Change in Net Assets
Net Assets – Beginning of Year $3,306,128
Net Assets – End of Year $3,386,057
Change in Net Assets $79,929

2015 Total Revenue, Gains and Support $1,577,254
2015 Expenses $1,497,325
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