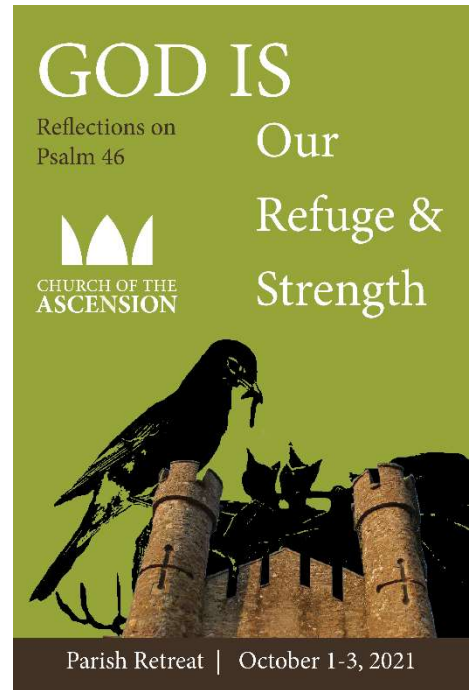


Dear Retreat Participant!

With our Parish Retreat at Laurelville coming upon us soon (October 1-3), I want to offer some important pieces of information so that we can have a great weekend together.

**This is an ‘Outdoor/Indoor’ retreat – please dress and mask up accordingly!**

- Our hope is to be outside as much as possible. Please bring a warm jacket for cool temps.
- The large ‘garage doors’ of Shenendoah, our main meeting space, will be open all weekend even if it’s cold. Again, bring a warm jacket.
- Children and youth will be outdoors as much as possible, rain or shine.
- Everyone should have masks handy. We’ll have extras!
- Please wear masks when in line for meals. Meals can be eaten inside or outside.



**What to do if you’re coming up FRIDAY:**

- Weather permitting, a registration tent will be set up near the Laurelville Retreat Center entrance. If weather is bad, registration will be on the Dining Hall Porch.
- You will be emailed a listing of room allocations in advance. No need to stop at registration!
- Dinner begins at 6:00pm in Shenendoah. That’s new this year. It’s a cookout.
- If you arrive after 6:00pm, go straight to SHENENDOAH for the cookout and first session. Look for Josh Bennett and his colorful registration sign if you have questions.

**What to do if you’re coming up SATURDAY:**

- On Saturday, the first session begins at 9:15am. Go to SHENENDOAH.
- If you have children (Infants – 4 yrs) childcare is in the Solar House (9:00am onwards)
- Kids aged Kindergarten and older begin in Shenendoah with everyone else. They will be escorted to their program after a time of worship.

**What to do if you’re coming up on SUNDAY:**

- On Sunday, worship begins at 10:00am. Go to SHENENDOAH.
- If you have children (Infants – 2 years) childcare is in the Solar House (9:45am onwards).
- Kids aged PreK and older begin in Shenendoah with everyone else. They will be escorted to their program and will come back at the Peace.

**Staying in a COTTAGE a COLLEGE CABIN or in the YOUTH LODGE?** Remember to bring sleeping bag and pillow and towels.

**Swimming!** We have access to the heated pool Saturday afternoon (2 – 4pm) and Sunday after (1 – 3pm). Bring a suit and plan to have a splash!

**DIRECTIONS! How to get to Laurelville Mennonite Church Center** ([www.laurelville.org](http://www.laurelville.org)). The address of Laurelville Retreat Center is: 941 Laurelville Lane, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666.

- Exit the PA Turnpike at New Stanton (exit 75)
- Stay to the left after the toll booth and take Rt. 119 South to the Rt. 31 (Mt. Pleasant) exit
- Turn left and follow Rt. 31 east all the way through Mt. Pleasant, to the village of Laurelville (You will begin seeing Laurelville signs)
- At the intersection of Rt. 982, turn left onto Rt. 982 north. (Note: at this light there is a gas station/ convenience stop on the far-right corner of this intersection)
- Take the right turn about  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile north of the intersection.
- Go another  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile; turn right again into the Laurelville Retreat Center or watch for signs!

**Bible and Flashlight:** These are handy to have!

**Alcohol and Smoking and Pets:** No and No and No. Sorry ... but thank you!

**Do you have special dietary needs?** For those who have made special meal requests, please talk to a member of the kitchen staff when you go through the meal line.

**Do you have an outstanding balance?** Please bring a check to the retreat or send a check to the church office prior to the retreat. You can also pay online using Ascension's Easy Tithe app on our website at [www.ascensionpittsburgh.org](http://www.ascensionpittsburgh.org). For your current balance, contact Josh at [josh.bennett@ascensionpittsburgh.org](mailto:josh.bennett@ascensionpittsburgh.org).

**PARENTS:** This section is just for you!

- The retreat center does not have Pack & Plays for use in your rooms. Please bring your own. In the past parents have found infant monitors helpful.
- If your child has special snack needs, please bring (nut-free) snacks along
- Childcare is provided during sessions only. Please be aware that there is a fast-flowing stream and deep pond onsite. Supervision is required.
- Newcomers, a helpful bit of info is that many kids bring their bikes. Helmets required.
- Finally, as mentioned already, the kids will be outside for some of their programming, rain or shine, so please bring a rain jacket, appropriate shoes, and a spare set of clothes.

We are looking forward to a GREAT weekend together! If you have last minute questions, get lost on the way, or want to know what my favorite flowers are, call or text me below!

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