



CAROLINE FURNACE

Lutheran Camp & Retreat Center

“Provide unforgettable faith, education, and renewal experiences in God’s Creation for all God’s People.”

The year 2016 was another great year at Caroline Furnace. The full and part time staff continue to provide the **warm and welcoming hospitality that emulates Christ** in our midst. Retreat guests, campers, parents, and volunteer workers continue to rave about the wonderful quality of food provided by Chef Aaron Adams.

All of our properties continue to look **well groomed, clean, and maintained** thanks to the hard work of our part-time staff, volunteers, and wonderful donations of equipment and supplies. Much of the camp overgrowth around the field has been cleared and deadfall trees removed. New bridges and other trail improvements have been made. The Retreat House kitchen renovation is complete with new cabinets, windows and more cold and dry storage for our guests. Buttonwood Lodge Retreat Center at Signal Knob Farm has all new linens and bedding along with a new catering and cleaning service.

This Memorial Day weekend **Caroline Furnace celebrates its 60th Anniversary** of outdoor ministry in God’s creation along Passage Creek in Fort Valley. We continue to improve the quality of programs and have grown our summer confirmation camp program into its own dedicated week. We also have some newer camp activities for the summer and new adult retreat programs to offer year round. We encourage everyone to come and see the unique power of God’s love, opened hearts, and joyful culture celebrated here on a daily basis. All are welcome.

We give thanks for **record volunteer attendance at work weekends** and other service events. We lift up the amazing staff and volunteers who care for our guests, work with our campers, and share their faith. We are buoyed by the stories shared by retreat groups of how their time at Caroline Furnace has enriched and impacted their lives for the better. The **enthusiasm of our campers is contagious** as we watch them grow in their relationship with Jesus and experience our intentional Christian community. We give glory to God that Caroline Furnace has developed and nurtured thousands of Christians in our society amidst an ever-changing world.

As we continue to reach out, seeking others in our community we may serve, we are blessed by each opportunity that not only comes our way but that we create in order to share this unique ministry with others. All of us at Caroline Furnace give thanks for the partnerships with each of our partner Synods and ask for your continued blessing and support for this important and relevant mission; **“To provide unforgettable faith, education, and renewal experiences in God’s creation for all God’s people.”** We hope you will visit us at CarolineFurnace.org and learn more. There is a place for you at Caroline Furnace! Join us!