

50<sup>th</sup> Annual Nazareth to Bethlehem

# Christmas Peace Pilgrimage

Saturday, December 12, 2009

**Walk the Road of Peace** For 50 years, during the Christmas season, people who believe in the importance of Peace have been gathering in Nazareth to walk the ten miles to Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. This pilgrimage, symbolic of the journey of Mary and Joseph, provides all of us, those who walk, those who pass us on the highway and even those who just read about the walk in the Sunday paper, with an opportunity to think about what Christmas really means. Spend this one afternoon taking a stand for what really matters. Come, walk with your family and friends, and make new friends who seek a more peaceful world. If you are concerned about your ability to complete the ten-mile walk you should know that there are both frequent rest stops and relief transportation.

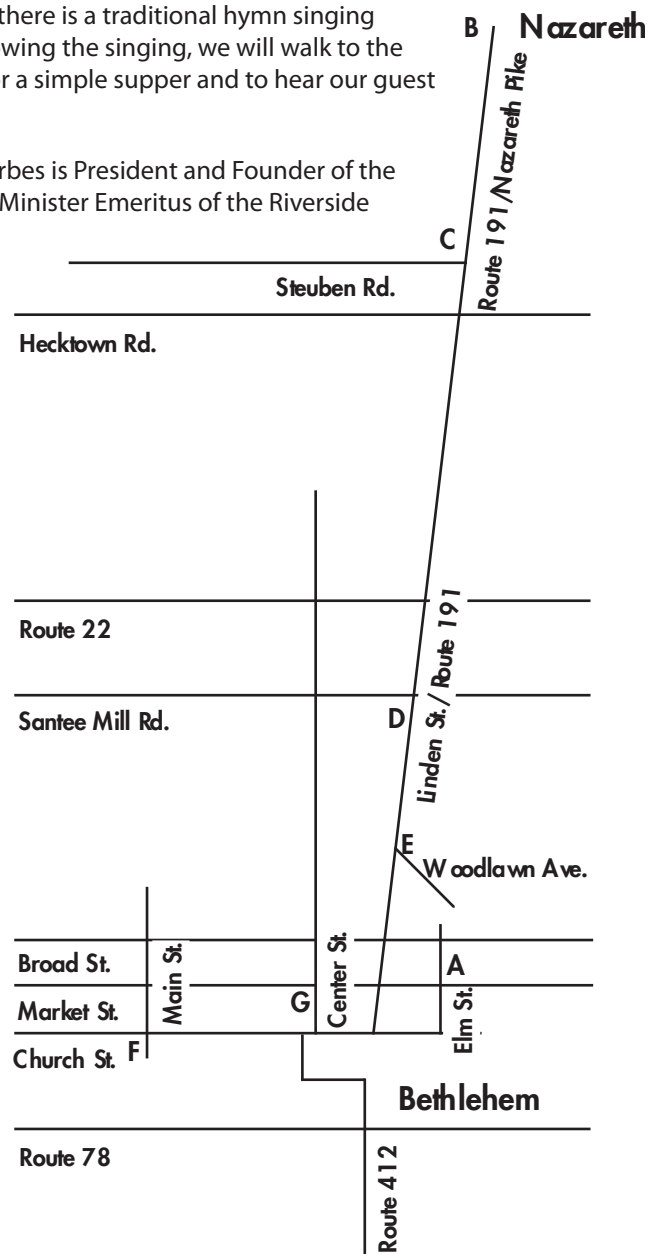
**More than a Walk** Even if you cannot walk a portion of the pilgrimage, please consider participating in our related events. In addition to the walk, there is a traditional hymn singing Christmas Carols at the Central Moravian Church steps. Following the singing, we will walk to the Christ United Church of Christ at Market & Center Streets for a simple supper and to hear our guest speaker.

This year our speaker is the Rev. James A. Forbes, Jr. Rev. Forbes is President and Founder of the Healing of the Nations Foundation of New York and Senior Minister Emeritus of the Riverside Church. His presentation is entitled: **Get on the Path and Stay on the Path.**

**Schedule** Participants will meet in the parking lot at 520 E. Broad Street, Bethlehem (corner of Broad & Elm,) before 11:00 AM. Buses will transport pilgrims to Nazareth Moravian Church on Center Square.

- A 10:45A Buses begin leaving 520 E. Broad Street (Bechtel Building, Bethlehem for Nazareth.)
- B 12:00P Pilgrimage begins at Moravian Church, Nazareth, LUNCH NOT PROVIDED
- C 1:15 Rest stop, Trinity Lutheran Church, on Rt. #191 just north of Steuben Rd.
- D 2:30 Rest stop, First Baptist Church, on Rt. #191 between Oakland Rd. and Johnson Drive
- E 3:30 Light candles, First Church of the Nazarene, 1500 Linden St., Bethlehem
- F 4:30 Singing Christmas Carols at the Central Moravian Church steps
- G 5:30 Supper and Rally, Christ United Church of Christ, Market & Center Streets

**Registration** To help us arrange bus transportation, please register at [www.Peacewalk.org/Registration](http://www.Peacewalk.org/Registration) and include the names of all people coming with you. You are welcome to come even if you have not preregistered. You may join at any point along the way, but keep in mind that the times listed above are approximate. Dress appropriately for the weather; we walk in sun, wind, rain or snow. Persons desiring overnight lodging or for more information, call Fran Dreisbach at 610-258-7313, or the Lehigh County Conference of Churches, 534 Chew St., Allentown, PA 18102, 610 433 6421 or visit our website: [www.peacewalk.org](http://www.peacewalk.org).



(Map is not to scale.)

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