

# 52st Annual Nazareth to Bethlehem Christmas Peace Pilgrimage

Saturday, December 10, 2011

## 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 dwelling on the message of Peace and Light to the world. 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.

## Evening Speaker

This year our speaker is Rev. Kelly Denton-Borhaug, Ph.D. Kelly is Associate Professor and Chair of Religious Studies at Moravian College. She is the author of the newly released U.S. War-culture, Sacrifice and Salvation, London, Great Britain: Equinox, Sept. 2011 Kelly's presentation will be titled, **"DE-ESCALATING U.S. WAR-CULTURE: A PRIMER FOR PEACE ADVOCATES"**



## 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 pre-registered. 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).

## Suggestions for Participants

During the past 50 years walkers have learned a couple of things that may be useful for you:

- First and foremost, wear comfortable walking shoes. 10 miles walked largely on rough roadway is not the easiest on your feet.
- Dress in layers. Some years the sunny afternoons can be very pleasant, and some years the evenings are quite cold. Be prepared for both extremes!
- You might consider rain gear if the weather looks wet.
- Utensiles - in the interest of conservation bring a cup or a bowl for water and/or soup and a spoon.
- We ask you not to bring political signs, as this is a non-political pilgrimage and not a demonstration.
- Lunch is not provided, so you may want to bring a snack and eat a hearty breakfast!

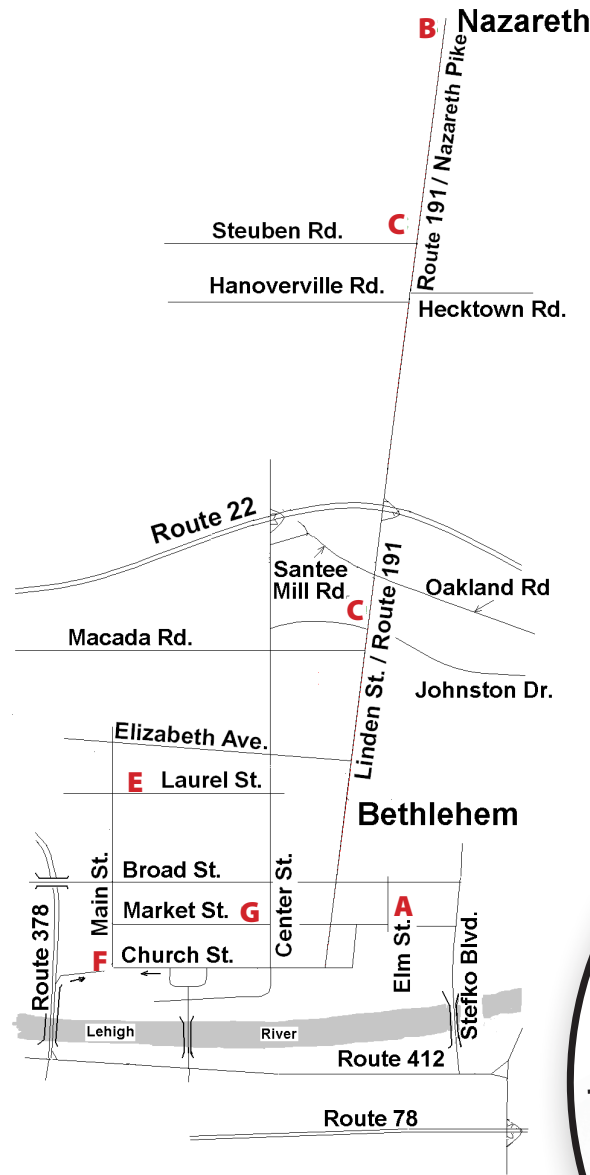
## Pilgrimage Sponsors

- Baptist Peace Fellowships of PA & DE
- Church of the Brethren: Commission on Witness, Atlantic North-East District; and Peace and Service Commission, Southern Penna District
- Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem Peace Committee
- Evangelical Lutheran Church: Peace and Justice Committee, Northeastern Penna Synod
- Hibernia Peace Plantation
- Kirkridge Retreat Center
- Lehigh County Conference of Churches
- Lehigh Presbytery
- LEPOCO Peace Center
- Mennonite Central Committee, U S Peace & Justice Ministries
- Every Church a Peace Church
- Pax Christi, Lehigh Valley Group
- Peace & Justice Committee of the Eastern District and Franconia Mennonite Conferences
- The Religious Society of Friends: Peace Committee, Baltimore Yearly Meeting; Peace Testimonies Group, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting; and Lehigh Valley Monthly Meeting
- Unitarian Universalist Church of The Lehigh Valley Peace Group
- United Church of Christ, Penn North-East Conference
- United Methodist Church, Church & Society Work Team, East Penn Conference

**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.

<b>A</b> 10:45 am	Buses begin leaving 520 E. Broad Street (Bechtel Building, Bethlehem for Nazareth.)
<b>B</b> 12:00 noon	Pilgrimage begins at Moravian Church, Nazareth, LUNCH NOT PROVIDED
<b>C</b> 1:30 pm	Rest stop, Trinity Lutheran Church, on Rt. #191 just north of Steuben Rd.
<b>D</b> 2:45 pm	Rest stop, First Baptist Church, on Rt. #191 between Oakland Rd. and Johnson Drive
<b>E</b> 3:45	Light candles, College Hill Moravian, 72 W. Laurel St (rear) Bethlehem
<b>F</b> 4:45 pm	Singing Christmas Carols at the Central Morvian Church steps
<b>G</b> 5:30 pm	Supper and Rally, Christ United Church of Christ, Market &



(Map is not to scale)

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