

**58th Annual Nazareth to Bethlehem
Christmas Peace Pilgrimage
Saturday, December 9, 2017**

Walk the Road of Peace

For over 55 years people dedicated to peace have been gathering in Pennsylvania to walk the 10 miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem on the second Saturday of December. The Peace Pilgrimage, symbolic of the journey of Mary and Joseph, provides all of us, those who walk, those who pass us on the highway, and those who read about the walk, with an opportunity to consider the true meaning of Christmas. The sight of 200 pilgrims walking with stars and peace signs inspires us to focus on the need for Peace on Earth. Consider walking with your family and/or friends. If you are concerned about your ability to complete the full 10 miles, frequent rest stops and relief transportation are available.

More Than a Walk

Even if you are not able to join the pilgrims, please consider participating in our related events:

- Christmas Carol singing at the Central Moravian Church steps.
- Simple supper and message from our guest speaker at Christ Church at Market and Center Streets.

Evening Speaker

Born into an activist family in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Roberta Meek grew up knowing that freedom is not free and justice is not a guarantee. As a young girl, she had the unusual opportunity to meet Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was one of the key organizers of King's visits to the city. So it is not surprising that Roberta's career path weaved its way through the labor, civil rights and social justice battles in Allentown. Her work included serving as a Chief Steward and later Executive Vice President of CWA Local 13500 to independent consulting work facilitating a myriad of programs that address racial justice, cultural pluralism and non-violent problem solving. Her presentation is entitled "We Who Believe in Freedom Cannot Rest: Racism in the Current Era"



Registration

To reserve bus transportation, please register at www.peacewalk.org 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 are approximate. Dress appropriately for the weather; we walk in sun, wind, rain or snow. Persons desiring more information, please call Rick Dow at 610-865-5204, or the Lehigh County Conference of Churches, 457 W. Allen St., Allentown, PA 18102, 610-433-6421 ext.6422 or visit our website: www.peacewalk.org.

Suggestions for Participants

- Wear comfortable walking shoes.
- Consider carrying a walking stick.
- Dress in layers as conditions can change.
- Utensils - 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..
- Lunch is not provided, so you may want to bring a snack and eat a hearty breakfast!

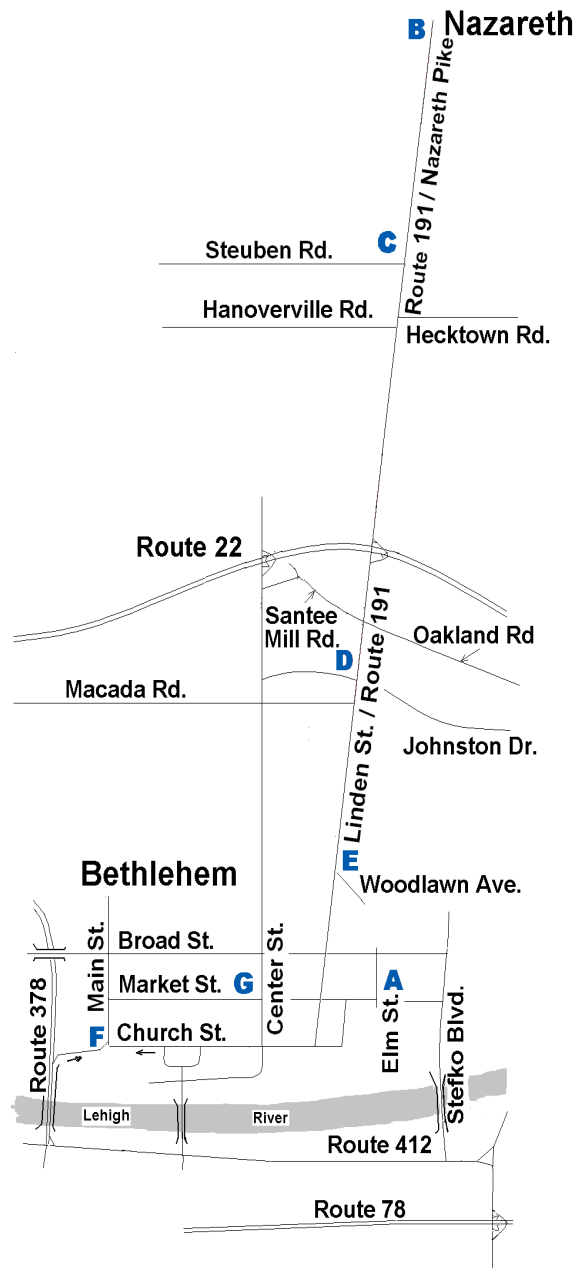
Pilgrimage Sponsors or Supporters

- Baptist Peace Fellowships of PA & DE
- Church of the Brethren: Commission on Witness, Atlantic North-East District
- Cathedral Church of the Nativity
- Central Moravian Church
- Christ Church United Church of Christ
- Church of the Nazarene
- Evangelical Lutheran Church: Peace and Justice Committee, Northeastern Penn. Synod
- First Presbyterian Church of Allentown Peace & Justice and Missionaries Team
- Hibernia Peace Plantation
- Kirkrige Retreat Center
- Lehigh Conference of Churches
- Lehigh Presbytery
- LEPOCO Peace Center
- Mennonite Central Committee
- Nazareth Moravian Church
- Pax Christi of the Lehigh Valley
- Peace on Earth/ Every Church a Peace Church
- Peace and 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
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- Unitarian Universalist Church of The Lehigh Valley
- United Church of Christ, Penn North-East Conference
- United Methodist Church, Church & Society Work Team, Eastern Penn. Conference

Schedule

Participants will meet in the parking lot at 529 E. Broad Street, Bethlehem (corner of Broad & Elm) before 11:00 AM. Buses will transport pilgrims to Nazareth Moravian Church on Center Square.

A 10:45 am	Buses begin loading 529 E. Broad Street (El Shaddai Ministries Bethlehem), for Nazareth
B 12:00 n	Pilgrimage begins at Moravian Church, Nazareth LUNCH NOT PROVIDED
C 1:30 pm	Rest stop, Trinity Lutheran Church, on Rt. 191 just north of Steuben Rd.
D 2:45 pm	Rest Stop, First Baptist Church, on Rt. 191 between Oakland Rd. and Johnston Dr.
E 3:45 pm	Light Candles: First Church of the Nazarene, 1500 Linden St., Bethlehem
F 4:45 pm	Singing Christmas Carols at Central Moravian Church steps
G 5:30 pm	Supper and Rally, Christ United Church of Christ, Market & Center Streets



(Map is not to scale)

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