

# FOLLOW THE STAR TO BETHLEHEM



**October 25 - 28, 2017** Chair Margo Dixon: [margodixon2@gmail.com](mailto:margodixon2@gmail.com) or 610-419-0219

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-- Wednesday, **October 25 (8 a.m. - 4 p.m.)** Optional bus tour to the **National Christmas Center**, Paradise, PA, with lunch at **Shady Maple Smorgasbord and Gift Shop**: \$50 per person

-- Thursday, **October 26 (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)**: Optional tour to the **Glencairn Museum and Byers' Choice Factory, Museum and Gift Shop**: including lunch at Glencairn \$45 per person

-- **SteelStreetsTrolley Tours** available on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday for those not going on all day tours, or anyone who wants a guided tour of South Bethlehem (Lehigh University, Sands Casino, SteelStacks, Bethlehem Steel), Downtown Bethlehem (Moravian University, Moravian Bookstore, Historic Bethlehem, Hotel Bethlehem), or the nearby city of Nazareth, in daylight or dark: **\$10 each way, or \$20 round trip**; One round trip per person can be used for Friday's dinner.\* **Three round trips for \$50.**

-- **Early Registration fee for Convention, Friday and Saturday, October 27-28: \$230 for members, which includes all of the following events, for one individual: (\$280 if registering after July 1)**

-- Friday, **October 27: Convention Kick Off: Presentations will include the Annual Meeting, plus**

--The Making of the Moravian Community of Bethlehem, on Christmas Eve, 1741

--The Making of the Luminaria Festival, New Bethany Ministries, a 19 year Bethlehem tradition

--The Making of the Nazareth to Bethlehem Christmas Peace Pilgrimage, a 57 year tradition

--The Making of the Live Nativity in the Rose Garden in Bethlehem, a 37 year tradition

--The Making of the Putz\*

--The Making of the Moravian Star\*

--The Making of the Moravian Love Feast\*

--The Moravian Church in America\*

\*The evening will culminate in a dinner and Love Feast event\* at the Nazareth Moravian Church, Nazareth, Pennsylvania (ten miles from Bethlehem), celebrating Moravian history.

-- Tickets for just evening dinner event at Nazareth Moravian Church, at 6 p.m., will be \$40;

-- Additional \$20 fee for round trip trolley, if needed.

-- **Saturday, October 28: Included in cost of full Convention Registration**

A way for us to present ourselves to the general public by highlighting the interests of some of our members, among whom will be **Michael Palan and Karen Loccisano on the making of a Presepio; Jim Morrison on the making of the National Christmas Center; Ed Gylenhaal or a representative of the Glencairn Museum on the making of Glencairn Museum.** Vendors, silent auction, raffle, members' museum will all be open. **SteelStreetTrolleyTours** will be available at additional cost:

-- **Open to the public: \$50 for presentations only; \$100 including banquet**

-- Optional participation in the **Cathedral Church of the Nativity Celtic Spirituality Service** in South Bethlehem from 5 to 6 p.m. (**\$20 round trip trolley ride**) prior to the Banquet (back in time for **Banquet**)

-- **Plated Banquet** at the Best Western at 7 p.m. on Saturday: Choose from Sliced Beef Sirloin, Grilled Salmon, or Quinoa Grain Pilaf Stuffed Pepper

**Best airport is the Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) in Allentown. Hotel has free shuttle.**

## Registration Form: Friends of the Creche Bethlehem 2017 Convention

Bus Tour to National Christmas Center and Shady Maple, includes lunch on Wednesday, October 25 (bus leaves Best Western at 8:30 a.m., returns at 4 p.m.)

Names: # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50 = \_\_\_\_\_

Bus Tour to Byers' Choice Museum, Factory and Gift Shop and Glencairn Museum, including lunch on Thursday, October 26 (leave Best Western at 9, return at 4 p.m.)

Names: # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45 = \_\_\_\_\_

Full two day Registration, including Dinner and Love Feast at Nazareth Moravian Church on Friday, October 27 and Closing Banquet on Saturday, October 28

Member Rate: \$230 until July 1, 2017 # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$230 = \_\_\_\_\_

Non Member Rate or after July 1 rate: \$280 # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$280 = \_\_\_\_\_

(Join the Friends of the Creche for \$35 to get Member Rate or # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35 = \_\_\_\_\_

Overseas Member Rate # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40 = \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Dinner & Love Feast @ Nazareth Moravian Church, 6 pm on October 27 # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40 pp = \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Opt. Van Rides: (\$10 one way, \$20 round trip, \$50 for 6 rides): \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50 = \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Closing Banquet @ Best Western at 7 pm on October 28 # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50 pp = \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Beef (how many?) \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Quinoa Grain Pilaf Stuffed Pepper \_\_\_\_\_

One Day Registration, for Saturday, October 28 (includes Closing Banquet and Saturday events)

\$100 per person for presentations and banquet # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$100 per person = \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor tables may be rented by the day for \$35 per day (plus an item for the silent auction) for members and \$50 per day (plus an item for the silent auction) for non members for one, two, or three of the following days (no need to be there the whole time). Vendor room will be open different hours each day, but locked at other times:

\_\_\_\_\_ Thursday, October 26, 4 p.m. until 8 or 10 p.m. (Member \$35; Non member \$50)

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday, October 27, 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. (Member \$35; Non \$50)

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, October 28, 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (\$35 Member or \$50 Non Member)

**Total amount owed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this form, along with your check in US Dollars, payable to Friends of the Creche, to:**

Charles Hull  
1478 Windemere Place  
Dover, PA 17315-3895

Save pages 1 and 2 for your reference, please, and copy pages 3 and 4 for future reference, before mailing.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zio \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Best PhoneNumber: \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like your name tag(s) to read?

For Saturday banquet, please select your entree(s):

Beef Sirloin \_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Quinoa Grain Pilaf Stuffed Pepper \_\_\_\_\_

I am a first time attendee to a Friends of the Creche Convention

I am a New Member of Friends of the Creche

I would like to participate in a "Getting to Know You" table at breakfast on Friday

I (we) would like to volunteer to help with

Set up

Take Down

Exhibits/Member Museum Display

Silent Auction/Raffle

White Elephant Table

Registration

Anywhere you need me

I will bring \_\_\_\_\_ nativities to display in the Member's Museum, each with a description legibly written on a 4" x 6" card

I will bring \_\_\_\_\_ nativity related items for the Silent Auction

\_\_\_\_\_ nativity related items for the raffle

\_\_\_\_\_ items for the White Elephant Table

Anything we need to know about you (food sensitivities, mobility issues, wheelchair, etc.)