

What is the “**Walk Through Bethlehem**”?? This is an event where we transport the community back to ancient Bethlehem at the time of the birth of Jesus. They will take part in the census decreed by King Harod, visit the inn at Bethlehem, and trade for our wares while browsing in the market place. Finally, they will join the shepherds as they seek out the baby Jesus in his humble, stable birthplace. This production will be performed by congregation volunteers for Hanover and the surrounding communities.

In 2018 and 2019, some of our members of the church traveled to experience the “Walk Through Bethlehem”. This production was performed by Grace Community Church in Herdon, PA. We were all so impressed how it put us in the Christmas Spirit and gave us the feeling of following Mary and Joseph on their journey to Bethlehem. We are excited to bring that same feeling to our community. Grace Community Church has graciously giving us their blueprint for this production.

There has been some misinformation going around about “Walk Through Bethlehem”. Let me outline the facts!

- The first year’s production will be basic. In 2023 it will require a minimum of 41 volunteers. In addition, it will requires volunteers for director for staging, director for actors, seamstresses for costumes, carpenters for building props and parking attendants.
- In subsequent years, we hope to add an active market place. The market place would require an additional 25 volunteers. They would serve as Bethlehem citizens who sit in the market place vendor tents. We would also need kitchen volunteers to prepare food items for the market place.
- If you offered to volunteer and I was unable to assign you a task, it was because help was not needed at that time. I’ve added your name to a volunteer list and I will get back to you when we are ready for your assistance.
- We will open participation to other churches if we are unable to secure enough volunteers from St Paul’s congregation.

When we did the Live Nativity in prior years, our congregation was spreading the word of God to our community. It’s our hope to continue that tradition with “Walk Through Bethlehem”. Please consider volunteering your time. It will take a willingness and commitment on all our parts to make this a success!

There is a power point presentation at the following link:
<https://stpaulsyorkst.org/walk-through-bethlehem>

Let’s spread the true meaning of Christmas through this unique experience in 2023!

Karen Mummert
Walk through Bethlehem
Chairperson

Walk Through Bethlehem Volunteer Form

Name of Volunteer:

First

Last

Email Address:

Phone #: (____) (____) (_____)

Yes, I would like to (Please check all that apply)

- Play a Speaking Part
- Play a Non-Speaking Part
- Provide Refreshments
- Help with Carpentry (make staging/props)
- Help with Crafts
- Help with Costumes (Help make/repair costumes)
- Help with Sets
- Help with Parking
- Help with Set Up and Decorations
- Help with Clean Up after the event
- Bring some Live Animals
- Anything, Anywhere (I just want to help....)

THANK YOU for signing up to be a volunteer.

Any questions, contact Karen Mummert @ [**kmum51@gmail.com**](mailto:kmum51@gmail.com)

Please return this form to the church office before Feb. 26th.

If you would like to see what this is all about there is a power point presentation at the following link on St. Paul's website:
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