



# South Harborcreek United Methodist Church

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Hello friends ...

As we begin to regroup and think again about the day when we'll be able to travel more freely and comfortably ... we're also thinking about regrouping in regards to a trip to the Holy Land.

About a year ago, we had begun to plan for a trip intended for January 2021. Seven people are signed up and ready --- but with COVID ... we will not be traveling in January 2021.

In the early days of recruiting and inviting participants I heard two major concerns.

First, while we had customized the trip to be the best and most complete trip of Israel I could imagine ... it was too long ... (and too expensive).

Second, it was even longer and more expensive when we added a PETRA extension.

SO --- here's what we're working on:

1. A SHORTER TRIP (still covering all the highlights of Israel) AND including PETRA.
2. We're working hard to keep the cost for the 11 day trip to \$3500 (or less) + travel insurance and incidentals --- the trip will include abundant breakfasts and dinners every day!

A generic brochure is attached to give you a general sense of the itinerary. We'll customize a brochure for our trip once we make a couple of important decisions.

## **PRIMARY DECISION – WHEN WILL WE TRAVEL?**

**Do we travel in NOVEMBER 2021 or JANUARY 2022?** I've heard that we have a number of teachers or others that are tied to the school schedule. I am wondering whether we might try to coordinate with the fall/Thanksgiving break schedule and hence, perhaps, allow some teachers or families to travel with us? PLEASE LET ME KNOW AS TO YOUR THOUGHTS? AND IF YOU HAVE NEXT YEARS SCHOOL SCHEDULE – WOULD YOU PLEASE SHARE?

OTHERWISE --- WE'LL TARGET A JANUARY 2022 TRIP with essentially the same itinerary.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW REGARDING YOUR POSSIBLE INTEREST ASAP --- IF WE CAN GET 25-35 WE CAN 'CONTROL' THE BUS and ENJOY SOME DISCRETION --- OTHERWISE, WE'LL BE JOINING IN WITH A MORE GENERIC TRIP INCLUDING TRAVELERS FROM ALL OVER.

WITH CARE AND EXCITEMENT,

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