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Greetings:

REUNION TIME AGAIN! MARK YOUR CALENDARS: July 9th we will observe our 35th annual reunion. Early church service will be at 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran (Springfield) Church, Pleasant Valley. The altar flowers will be in memory of our ancestors. This is the church where Johann Nicholas Weyerbacher was one of the six men who established the Lutheran and Reformed Faiths in 1761. Weierbachs still worship here.

Picnic time is from Noon to 2:00 p.m. at Silver Creek Park, Route 412 between Springtown and Pleasant Valley, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

A business meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. followed by entertainment provided again by Frank H. Siekman of Kutztown. Mr. Siekman presented the program in 1998 which was a combination of trumpet, flugelhorn and accordion, along with sing-alongs, hand-clapping and musical jeopardy games. It was a fun filled program and we are looking forward to another fun filled afternoon.

Other reunions coming up: THE HOOVER REUNION will be held Sunday, September 3rd, 2000 in Kylertown, Clearfield County. Afternoon service will be at Sylvan Grove at 2:30 p.m. for the descendants of Catharine Wirebaugh and John Hoover. THE LANCASTER WIREBACK FAMILY REUNION will be held July 29th at Long Park, Pavilion #3, Lancaster. THE CRESSMAN FAMILY REUNION will be held Saturday, July 22, at West Swamp Mennonite Church located on Allentown Road 2 miles West of Quakertown.

On Saturday, June 10th and Sunday, June 11th there will be a rededication of the old church school, across the road from Trinity Lutheran Church in Pleasant Valley. There will be an art exhibit from the collection of the James A. Michener Art Museum, tours of the school and the event will conclude with a rededication on Sunday. Those of you who contributed last year to the restoration fund will see the excellent results of that project.

Just how did the Weyerbacher Reunion begin? Well, there had been several family get-togethers by the descendants of Josiah Weierbach of Pleasant Valley. There was a reunion of Weierbachs on the farm of George Weierbach in Richlandtown. This was the one I attended with my parents and my father learned that his father was a first cousin to Josiah. I had just come to know Dr. Lily Weierbach and her sister Cora Gangewere and they recalled that my father's aunt Pauline had taken them to dinner when they were students at Kutztown Normal School! Also at that reunion was Urbanus Wirebach and his family from Easton.

In 1966 I was working in Philadelphia and had an apartment in the same building as did Dr. Lily, to whom I was a second cousin once removed. Dr. Lily had a 'dream' about bringing the family together and as I had just been introduced to genealogy I became a willing accomplice to her plan. We mailed out announcements to any Weierbachs, any spelling, we could locate. We rented Silver Creek Park and on July 10, 1966 we attended early church and then went to the park and hoped we would not be alone! Well, the cars soon began to arrive and soon the guest book showed over 200 in attendance. I was elected president, John Wirebach vice president, Gerald Weierbach treasurer, and Dr. Lily accepted the secretaryship. We asked the family if they wanted to continue as a reunion and a hearty 'yes' vote resulted in this, today, our 35th annual reunion!

Signing our first guest book were: Elvin Weierbach, Cora Weierbach Meily, Richard & Helen Weierbach Bucher and John and Elizabeth Weierbach of Lebanon, Clyde and Helen Weierbach Mease, Mark and Mildred Weierbach, Russell and Pearl Weierbach of Pleasant Valley, Gordon and Isabel Allem of Springtown, John and Evona Weierbach of Quakertown, John and Eileen Wirebach of Levittown, Norman and Alma Weierbach Nelson, Merritt and Elda Weiss and Norman Weierbach of Bethlehem, Harry and Helen Wirebach, Urbanus and Laura Wirebach and May Wirebach of Easton, Stanley and Marion Allem Beck, Clarence Weierbach, John and Emma Weierbach Weiland, Woodrow and Helen Gangewere of Allentown, Forrest and Elsie Weierbach Koch, George and Grace Allem Gehman of Coopersburg, Ira and Hannah Weierbach of Hellertown and Arthur and Janet Weiss of Tenafly, New Jersey.

Of the above Isabel Allem, Eileen Wirebach, Helen Mease, Helen Gangewere, Emma Weierbach Weiland and Helen Bucher are still on the reunion mailing list and with us in spirit if not in person.

Now these cousins did not come alone to the first reunion. They brought their sons and daughters and grandchildren, lots of grandchildren! These are the supporters of our reunion in this year 2000!

Emma Weierbach Weiland will celebrate her 104th birthday September 29, 2000! She is at Holy Family Manor, 1200 Spring Street, Bethlehem, PA 18015.

Deaths of the following Weyerbacher descendants (or spouse) have been reported to me during the past year. The sympathy of the Reunion is extended to their families.

Lillian A. Weierbach	92	Lake Alfred, FL
Richard E. Weierbach	73	Macungie, PA
Robert B. Weierbach	75	Aiken, SC
Emma M. Weirback (Mrs. Warren W.)	94	Telford, PA
Richard Bennett	76	Florissant, MO
Charles F. Deaterly	87	Quakertown, PA
Donald C. Edwards	72	Nazareth, PA
Ethel M. Frankenfield	75	Bethlehem, PA
Grace Allem Gehman, (Mrs. George)	98	Lansdale, PA
Stanley R. Landis	65	Quakertown, PA
John F. Mengel	78	Bethlehem, PA
John Moore	74	Macungie, PA
Philip Uecker	51	Nazareth, PA
Merritt Weiss, Jr.	73	Sand Point, Idaho

'One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh, but the Earth abideth forever'

Ecclesiastics 1:4

That's it for now, See you all on the 9th ...

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HOUSE BLESSING FROM THE VILLAGE OF WEIERBACH

Friede den Kommenden
Freude den Bliedenden
Segen Scheidenden

Peace to those who are coming
Joy to those who are staying
Blessing to those who are departing