

# Weyerbacher Descendants

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**Spring 2019**

As I write this letter, it is 60 degrees and sunny. In contrast, last year we had more than a foot of snow on the ground. My back aches from gardening, a township cleanup and other assorted activities associated with spring's arrival. Peas, carrots and beets are planted, and lettuces and other greens started indoors in March are anxiously awaiting their turn. So with my spirits renewed, I am pleased to announce that our **54th** consecutive **Weyerbacher Reunion** will be held on **Sunday July 14, 2019** at Silver Creek Park, Route 212, Springtown, PA rain or shine (it has never snowed)! We will once again offer a picnic-style lunch sponsored by the Weyerbacher general fund. Menu items include hot dogs & hamburgers. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share along with your own drinks, plates and utensils.

## **Reunion Schedule of Events:**

**11:00** Sign in and greet your cousins.

**12:00** BBQ lunch

**2:00** A short business meeting followed by the annual group photo.

Games to follow inc. Judy Weierbach's always lively trivia game and

Harry Wirebach's bingo bonanza! Many prizes for all.

**Please bring a small prize or two.**

All are invited to attend 9:30 am morning worship at the Trinity Lutheran Church in nearby Pleasant Valley. <http://www.engageinfaith.org/trinity-lutheran---pleasant-valley.html> This is the church Johann Nickolas Weyerbacher helped establish in 1761.

Johann Nickolas Weyerbacher along with his wife Catharina Magdalena and 5 of their 11 children emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1751, settling in Pleasant Valley, Bucks County in 1754. They were wool weavers and farmers. We offer a tour of the Trinity Church where Johann's family and ensuing generations worshipped, and the adjoining graveyard where proceeding generations of Weyerbachers were laid to rest. In addition, nearby is the 19th century Weyerbacher farmhouse within view from the road.

As always, there will be many family documents and photos on display spanning multiple generations throughout the centuries, including a copy of the 1751 ship's log. Additional family information is available at <http://www.weyerbacher.net>.

Our Facebook page can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100006635583544>

"The Weyerbachers of Pennsylvania" book published in 2011 which includes nearly 14,000 names, can be purchased for \$65.00 through [lulu.com](http://lulu.com) or by contacting Robin Jones [weyerbacher@optimum.net](mailto:weyerbacher@optimum.net). Books will also be available at the reunion for \$60.00. All proceeds help recharge the Weyerbacher Reunion general fund.

T-Shirt sale: There are a few(?) adult-sized Weyerbacher red & blue on white shirts for \$5.00 and Medium Youth (10-12 months) for \$3.00 each. This will be the **last year** they will be offered.

#### **Other reunions:**

##### **Descendants of John Adam and Elizabeth Weierbach, Sr**

June 8th at 11:00-??? (21st reunion)

South Annville Church Grove

Food supplied: meatballs, hot dogs, rolls, condiments and ice cream. Bring a dish to share.

Crystallein-717-514-6959 or [c47e@verizon.net](mailto:c47e@verizon.net)

Karen-717-272-3065 or [pepkvp@comcast.net](mailto:pepkvp@comcast.net)

##### **Descendants of John & Catherine Weyerbacher Hoover**

Sunday September 1st

Kylertown, Clearfield Co.

Lunch at 12:00 with a service held at the Old Sylvan Grove Church at 2:30.

Call Janet Larson for details 814-345-5318 or e-mail [jrlarson18@verizon.net](mailto:jrlarson18@verizon.net)

With the passing of each generation, we lose many beloved perennial attendees. We are not likely to see reunion attendee numbers like that of the 1960's & 70's, but we do continue to draw a pleasant group with a promising uptick in recent years. It is our desire to keep the reunion going for as long as makes practical sense. This will not be possible indefinitely without your participation. We hope to see you and your families on **July 14th**.

If you are interested in researching your roots, and whether it has been a long time or your first time attending, I encourage you to make arrangements to bring your family and join us in celebrating our 54th family reunion.

To encourage an extended stay in the area for those who live far from the reunion, the following attractions are recommended, all of which are within an approximate hour of our reunion site.

Colonial Philadelphia and other many other attractions within the city

The Pocono Mountains Region

The Weyerbacher Brewery in Easton

Bethlehem, a beautiful city with interesting shops and restaurants and also

"The Sands Casino Resort"

“The Crayola Experience,” Easton, good fun for youngsters

The “Lost Caverns,” Hellertown

Hershey Park, town of Hershey: Roller coasters, water rides etc.

Dorney Park & Wild Water Kingdom”, Allentown: Roller coasters, water rides etc.

Delaware Water Gap: Located between Easton & NJ offering wonderful hiking on the Appalachian Trail and canoe/kayak rentals on the Delaware River.

There many diverse colleges to tour for your aspiring student(s).

**A section of the newsletter has always been reserved for announcements, e.g. births, marriages, graduations and deaths. I failed to send out an early notice which usually draws some attention. This year I have heard from no one. Warren always included a list of announcements and I think this is a worthy tradition to uphold. Please contact me anytime during the year with your significant events: [weyerbacher@optimum.net](mailto:weyerbacher@optimum.net)**

Special thanks and love always to our founders Lily Weierbach and Warren Wirebach. Their vision and desire to bring cousins together annually as a break from their busy lives, to greet and catch up with each other, is still being celebrated every second Sunday in July on the grounds where it all began in 1966. How pleased they would be.

HOUSE BLESSING FROM THE VILLAGE OF WEIERBACH

Freude den Kommenden Peace to those who are coming

Freude den Bliehenden Joy to those who are staying

Segen Scheidenden Blessing to those who are departing

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#### FAMILY BUSINESS

Some years ago attendees voted to implement annual dues of five dollars per family to cover the cost of park rental, picnic supplies, gifts and newsletter mailings. If you wish to continue to receive the newsletter via USPS mail, please renew your dues annually. Send dues to Harry Weierbach: 1431 Schoolhouse Road, Perkasie, PA 18944.

WEYERBACHER FAMILY REUNION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM  
Dues: \$5.00 per household—Payable to: Weyerbacher Family Reunion  
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