

# Weyerbacher Descendants

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**Spring 2024**

Our 58th reunion will be held on Sunday July 7, 2024 at Silver Creek Park, Route 212, Springtown, Bucks County PA rain or shine. PA-212, Hellertown, PA 18055 (GPS use 2943)

All are invited to attend morning worship at the Trinity Lutheran Church in nearby Pleasant Valley. Please check for services hours. This is the church Johann Nickolas Weyerbacher helped establish in 1763.

If you are interested in researching your roots, 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 the 2024 family reunion.

Johann Nickolas Weyerbacher along with his wife Catharina Magdalena and six of their 11 children emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1751, settling in Pleasant Valley, Bucks County in 1754. They were farmers and wool weavers.

The Trinity Lutheran Church and graveyard where Johann's family and ensuing generations worshipped and were laid to rest is nearby and recommended. Also nearby is the original farmstead property, long since broken up among many different owners, but their 19th Century home can be easily viewed from the road.

As always, there will be many family documents and photos on display spanning many generations 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>

Last year's reunion was one for the history books. It began to rain just as we were gathering, and then it opened up relentlessly thereafter (5" total)! No group photo was attempted as much of the grounds including our picnic area were underwater. Every reunion I visit the little stream that borders the park. Last year it came up to see us. I would like to thank the approximately 25 cousins who attended, and especially Harry Weierbach who despite rising waters dedicatedly continued to serve hamburgers.

Due to the rain abbreviated reunion and lower than normal attendance, most of the food provided by Harry was donated to a local church. Harry Weierbach has been the sole chef for many years and is looking for someone to take over. Harry is willing to assist. He is limiting the menu to hamburgers, soda and coffee only. PLEASE contact Harry to volunteer! I hope all appreciate the efforts both Harry and Judy have made all these years.

Again, because of the distraction of weather, dues were not collected. In addition to Harry's failed attempt to recover the picnic grounds fee, he spent \$123.00 on new signage and a good deal more on food supplies. Book sales have essentially stopped, and the shirts we sell are not enough to keep us afloat indefinitely. Our general fund is dwindling! Membership dues are essential to keeping our reunion going. Further below is the membership slip. Please complete and send a check to Harry. If you are coming to the reunion, please remember to membership up!

Please bring a covered dish large enough for your family to share with all (main dish, salad, dessert etc). This is how things were done traditionally.

Joe Jorgensen has agreed to return to be our guest speaker. Joe is the President, of "East Coast Research and Discovery", a large and very active NJ metal detecting club. He will discuss metal detecting and will bring display cases of past finds. He is a wealth of historic information.

After last year's reunion, Joe Jorgensen & I visited the Pleasant Valley property our ancestors purchased in 1754. This was my return visit from 2022. The property had just changed ownership within the same family for a second consecutive year. We had hoped to get permission to metal detect the property. The current owner did not appear amenable but agreed I could call again in 2024.

Last year I reprinting the red, white and blue Weyerbacher reunion t-shirts. The price is \$20.00. Best purchased at the reunion. Other arrangements can be made.

"The Weyerbachers of Pennsylvania" book published in 2011 which includes nearly 14,000 names, can be purchased for \$65.00 through [lulu.com](https://www.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.

I am 4th reunion generation and have been president for 12 years, and although I enjoy the responsibilities, if you are interested in this position, please let me know. We are based on tradition, but new ideas might be refreshing.

I am saddened to report the following deaths:

Shirley Wirebach Gulick Brugger March 6, 2023  
Bruce Edwards Caruthers (just shy of 97) 2023

### **Reunion Schedule of Events:**

**11:00** Sign in and meet & greet your cousins.  
**12:00** Lunch  
**1:00–1:30** Welcome & cousins introduction with a short business meeting  
and the always entertaining group photo  
**2:00** Guest Speaker  
**2:30** Games to follow.

**Please bring a small gift or two for game prizes.**

Love and gratitude 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.

Contact me any time during the year with your significant events for the next reunion letter: [weyerbacher@optimum.net](mailto:weyerbacher@optimum.net)

HOUSE BLESSING FROM THE VILLAGE OF WEIERBACH  
Freude den Kommenden Peace to those who are coming  
Freude den Bliedenden Joy to those who are staying  
Segen Scheidenden Blessing to those who are departing

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#### FAMILY BUSINESS

Years back 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.

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