

President's Remarks – Jenny Quigney 937-459-8090

Hello everyone. Well as of this writing we are into the last month of this calendar year and the Christmas season is upon us. We have had a very successful Christmas bazaar again this year. I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped to make it a success. We could not have done this without your help. This was especially true this year due to bazaar chairman Sharon Troutwine's limited mobility. She was there in spirit while managing details from home. Special thank you to Peggy Grim for overseeing the Kid's Santa's Gift Shop again this year. Along with members, family and friends were called on to unpack boxes, set up displays and price items. Thank you, ladies, very much. I would be remiss if I didn't mention all the volunteers that helped to bring all the items down from upstairs, and also for the bake sale donations. Thanks to Connie Norris for arranging to have Arcanum High School Students carry boxes upstairs Monday after the bazaar. Dick and Fred Troutwine hung greenery on the stage, donated by Rose Lambert. Teresa and Cary Wogoman did a great job with decorations at Ivester Park. And of course all the members who helped shoppers on the day of the event. This could not happen without all of your help. Thank you so very much, it is all appreciated.

We have had a successful year here at the Historical Society what with wonderful programs and great turn outs for our fundraisers. We are looking forward to more of the same in the coming year, beginning with our pizza party in January. It is at this meeting the new officers will be installed and we are hoping that all of our volunteers over the year will be able to join us in celebrating a new year.

I would also like to thank Carolyn Furlong and Sharon Troutwine for chairing our acquisitions dept. over the past several years. This can be very time consuming but necessary to preserve our history. Thank you, ladies.

As you can see our organization has been blessed with wonderful volunteers over the years, however, we are always looking and hoping for more members. As I have mentioned before there are a host of things that happen behind the scenes and extra help is always accepted and appreciated.

A volunteer never goes unnoticed and is crucial for the success of our organization.

Please read over the remainder of the newsletter for information on upcoming events*. I look forward to seeing everyone in the coming year and wish all a wonderful winter blessing.

• **January 9 6:30 p.m.**
AWTHS Annual Meeting and Election of Officers
Pizza Dinner

A brief meeting will include a recap of the past year.

Members and those non-members who helped in 2024 with various events and projects are all invited.

You are greatly appreciated!!

▪ **March 13 7:00 p.m.**
"Project Isolation" **Presenter: Richard Troutwine**

Richard Troutwine will give a presentation of his involvement in "Project Isolation". This was a 28 day confinement in a 10 by 10 foot room with two other engineering students at the University of Cincinnati. This project was conducted in 1962. This experiment was a contract between the U.S. Air Force Aerospace Medical Research Laboratories and UC's Psychology Department. Strict diets, emergency tests, exercise was a daily event.

Please come to hear some of the details of this study.

• **Euchre Card Party 1st and 3rd Friday of each month 1:00 p.m.**

Everyone is welcome to play. Bring \$1.00 and a cushion for your chair. For more information contact Jody Flora Fair, 336-978-7886.

AWTHS Officers

President	Jenny Quigney	459-8090
Vice President	Dick Troutwine	692-5128
Treasurer	David Kepler	692-5908
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Carolyn Furlong	417-2966	Joyce Colville	692-8685
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Cary Wogomon	623-5857	Fred Troutwine	692-8939

Acquisitions - Annette Stewart 937-417-3746

Our acquisition department is reorganizing so we ask that new acquisitions be held until January 2025.

Carole Fourman will be assisting with the record keeping. It is recommended that if you have items pertaining to Southern Darke County history, businesses, or your family genealogy to please contact Annette Stewart prior to donating or dropping off items. And to arrange a drop off time.

Membership Sharon Troutwine 937-692-5128

It is time to renew your AWTHS membership. Simply fill out the form on page 4 in this newsletter and mail to our treasurer David Kepler at AWTHS, PO Box 4, Arcanum, OH 45304. All members' dues are payable January 1st. We value all our members. Please encourage others around you to become a member; join us in preserving the history of Arcanum and Southern Darke County.

Christmas Bazaar 2024

Thank you to everyone who helped with our 2024 Christmas Bazaar. You helped in so many ways...donating, carrying, unpacking, setting up, baking, buying, selling, packing, cleaning, and on and on and on. Most of all thanks you for your support! Door Prize winners were: Megan Garno, Michelle Monnin, Liz Oliver, Graig Grim, and Andrew Natron.

The bazaar is the historical society's major fundraisers. Income at this time from the Bazaar is \$3,100.

Each year we are amazed when we open the boxes at the many really nice items that have been donated. The community looks forward to this event. So, when you pack away your Christmas items in January and you are thinking you want to make a change next year or downsize, we will take your "Castoffs". You can leave them on the back porch.

- **Trash Bash April 12 & 13, 2025**

Contact Jim Deis, 937-662-0119, to join a team of four to pick up trash along Darke County roads. The Darke County Solid Waste District pays AWTHS \$100 for each team to clean the side ditches along a designated two mile stretch.

Annette Stewart Receives Daughters of the American Revolution Award.

Congratulations to AWTHS member Annette Stewart. An active member of the Fort Greeneville Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, Annette received the award for Women's Issues Family Essay, East Central (Ohio) Division 2024.

Annette wears many hats at AWTHS. She manages Facebook and emails, serves as historian and genealogical librarian, researches and writes articles for our blog and newsletter. Annette has recently taken on the responsibilities of Acquisitions Committee Chairperson.

Congratulations and Thanks You. You are greatly appreciated.

- **Darke County Center for the Arts Event Here April 10, 2025 7:00 p.m.**

Doug Hamilton String Trio ***** Tickets available at Fourman Variety Store, DCCA office and at the door.

2025 Membership Form: Due Jan. 1st

Clip and Mail to: AWTHS, P.O. Box 4, Arcanum, OH 45304

Name _____ New _____ Renewal _____

Phone Number _____ To Receive Newsletter by Email, Enter email _____

Address _____

City, State and Zip Code _____

Annual Fees ___ \$15 Single ___ \$25 Family ___ \$50 Sponsorship ___ \$150 Corporate ___ \$1000 Lifetime

Your additional tax deductible contributions are also greatly appreciated \$ _____

Please check the area where you would like to help.

☐ Acquisitions ☐ Newsletter ☐ Membership ☐ Programs ☐ Ways & Means ☐ Historic Sites ☐ Education
☐ Flower Garden Care ☐ Yard Care ☐ Publicity ☐ Publications ☐ Adopt A Highway ☐ Displays
☐ Help Reference Librarian ☐ Genealogy ☐ Type Research Papers ☐ Serve as Host/Hostess during Open Hours
☐ Christmas Bazaar ☐ Organize Refreshments for Membership Meetings

AWTHS Open Hours**First Saturday of the Month 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.****To make an appointment – email awthsinfo@gmail.com****Southern Darke County History****Annette Stewart 937-417-3746**

Grant Money The AWTHS received grant money this summer from the Darke Foundation for a new laptop for the research library. We are anticipating the upgrade for the future of the library and program use.

The Beech.... Early History of Pleasant View Church

Many of you are familiar with the Pleasant View Church on Gettysburg-Pittsburg Road in Franklin Township, but did you know it was first referred to as the “Beech Church” and the location was at the T-intersection of Gettysburg-Pittsburg Road and Yount Road?

Christian Davidson, a student at Arcanum, acquired the church history from Pleasant View and some old photos of the church for AWTHS. We are sharing from the church’s written history about the different locations and church mergers.

We will run a two-part blog on the history, with photos, so we encourage you to read the blogs at awths.org. We will also have some photos on our FB page. Seeing the maps and photos helps to put the locations and changes in prospective.

We learn early on those services began in 1874 at the home of Robert Wright, across from the former “Beech Church”. *In looking at the old 1875-88 map we see this name on the corner as well as the name “Rob” across the road on the farm name.

It sounds like the church outgrew the house, corncrib, barn and schoolhouse. In looking at the plat map again, we see a schoolhouse as early as 1857 and then #2 schoolhouse on the other maps, 1875 and 1910.

In 1876 the church building began across the road on half an acre of donated land.

In 1879 services began in the new building, dedicated as “Union Chapel”.

The Mennonite Brethren in Christ and Christian Church congregations shared the building. Pastors alternated Sundays and both groups held revivals. Pews were planks, along with coal oil lamps which provided lights. For heat there was two wood burning stoves.

In 1900 the first parsonage was built east of church on an acre of land donated by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Weaver. Cash cost was \$900.00. Rev. C. I Huffman was the first pastor to live in the parsonage.

In 1929 the Mennonite Brethren in Christ share in the church building sold at auction to the Christian Church. Two acres of land at the present side of the (Pleasant View Church today) was purchased from Lewis Yount by Trustees Henry Applegate, Lowell Shearer and Roy Riffell.

Work began on the new building which is the present-day Pleasant View Church.

On December 30th, 1930, The New “Pleasant View” Church was dedicated.

Today, the old school house, #2, is a private residence. Also, there is a white building across on the corner but we are not sure if that was the Union Chapel or not. If anyone has additional information or old photos of Beech Corner, (old school or church), we would appreciate copies for our archives.

From the Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society collection of the Arcanum Times
The collection is available for you to browse the first Saturday of each month at our open house.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy H. Hunsicker and Marilyn enjoyed a birthday dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Hunsicker on Sunday. The honored guest was Mrs. Hunsicker.

Mr. Ralph Hunsicker and son Bob of Hiram, Ohio and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hunsicker were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Troutman.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl McLain were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. McLain of Dayton. Mr. Carl McLain was pleasantly surprised when they announced the dinner was in his honor on his birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Hunsicker entertained on Saturday evening in honor of their wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hunsicker, Mr. and Mrs. Anna Hunsicker and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Troutman and family.

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CITYWIDE SALE

PERSONALS

Enjoying their 50th birthday celebration at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hunsicker were Mr. Hunsicker, Mr. Hunsicker, Mr. Hunsicker, Mr. Hunsicker and Mr. and Mrs. William Hunsicker.

Barbara Hunsicker at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hunsicker were Mr. Hunsicker, Mr. Hunsicker, Mr. Hunsicker, Mr. Hunsicker and Mr. and Mrs. William Hunsicker.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunsicker and daughter entertained on Sunday evening for supper for Mr. and Mrs. Dale McLain and family of Mansfield, Ohio.

Mrs. Eleanor Hunsicker and daughter Ruth are in California visiting with relatives. They plan to spend a few weeks there.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hunsicker called on Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hunsicker and family on Sunday evening.

—FOR BARGAIN DAYS ONLY—
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 20-21

**NESCAFE
INSTANT COFFEE**
LARGE SIZE
Now \$1.23
GROCERY DEPARTMENT
At SMITH'S

Shop In Arcanum January 20-21

JANUARY BARGAIN DAYS

Two Days Sales Event

Friday and Saturday

—FOR BARGAIN DAYS ONLY—
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 20-21

STEVENS PURE LINEN
17 In. CRASH
39c Yard
Brown or Bleached With Colored Borders.
At SMITH'S

—FOR BARGAIN DAYS ONLY—
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 20-21

**GALVANIZED
PAIIS**
10 Quart Size
SPECIAL AT
39c
ARCANUM HARDWARE

—FOR BARGAIN DAYS ONLY—
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 20-21

ALL VIOLETS REDUCED
VINES, VIOLETS AND POTTERY
REDUCED TO CLEAR TO MAKE
ROOM FOR NEW ITEMS.
Klopfer's Flowers
202 S. MAIN ST. ARCANUM, OHIO
PHONE 292

—FOR BARGAIN DAYS ONLY—
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 20-21

No. 1 **WOOL BERMUDA SOX**
Regular \$1.59... Sale **75c**
No. 2 **Bobbie Brooks Blouses**
Special Lot, Regular \$3.95... Sale **\$2.50**
No. 3 **STORE WIDE CLEARANCE**
THE LITTLE DRESS SHOP

—FOR BARGAIN DAYS ONLY—
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 20-21

WILL MOHPROOF ANY COAT OR SUIT—
YOUR GARMENT WILL BE PROTECTED
FOR FIVE YEARS.
Regular \$1.00 Service
TWO DAYS ONLY
50c
Kincaid Kleeners

—FOR BARGAIN DAYS ONLY—
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 20-21

LANE
CEDAR CHESTS
15% OFF
STUTZ & KARNS
"FINE FURNITURE FOR LESS"

—FOR BARGAIN DAYS ONLY—
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 20-21

Double Dipped Choc. Covered
PEANUTS
SPECIAL—40c POUND
36-IN. WIDTH CHAMBRAY
STRIPES AND PLAIN
SPECIAL—4 YARDS \$1.00
MANY OTHER SPECIALS
W. W. Mac Co., Inc.

—FOR BARGAIN DAYS ONLY—
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 20-21

ONE DAY ONLY — SATURDAY
REGULAR
Chocolate Sundae
10c
Clark's Restaurant

—FOR BARGAIN DAYS ONLY—
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 20-21

HELENE CURTIS
SPRAY NET
REGULAR \$1.89 VALUE
Now \$1.69
FOX PHARMACY

—FOR BARGAIN DAYS ONLY—
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 20-21

CHUCK ROAST
Pound 37c
Hayes IGA Store

—FOR BARGAIN DAYS ONLY—
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 20-21

ALUMINUM STORM WINDOWS
WERE \$15.95
Now \$13.50
THE W. F. Rosser Lumber Co.

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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 20-21

GENERAL ELECTRIC
AUTOMATIC WASHER
\$169.95
GOWER'S
PLUMBING & HEATING

—FOR BARGAIN DAYS ONLY—
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 20-21

Hanes T-Shirts
FOR MEN
SIZES S - M - L
IRREGULARS OF \$1.00 GRADE
79c each
CROUSE'S
STORE FOR MEN AND BOYS

—FOR BARGAIN DAYS ONLY—
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 20-21

SUNBEAM STEAM
IRON MASTER
MODEL S-2
REGULAR \$17.95
\$11.95
Brown's Service Store

—FOR BARGAIN DAYS ONLY—
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 20-21

PYREX — 2 QUART
SAUCE PANS
\$1.00
AND MANY OTHER ITEMS
Clark Hardware

—FOR BARGAIN DAYS ONLY—
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 20-21

WEIMER'S
SORGHUM
REGULAR \$1.19 VALUE
Now \$1.19
Arcanum Lockers

—FOR BARGAIN DAYS ONLY—
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 20-21

COUPON
CAMPBELL'S
TOMATO SOUP
5c Can
(WITH THIS COUPON)
Sutton's Market

