

## Pewaukee Area Historical Society

Clark House Museum 206 East Wisconsin Avenue Pewaukee, Wisconsin 53072

2022 Museum Hours:
May 29 through October 30
Sundays 1-4 pm
June 1 through August 31
Wednesdays 7-9 pm

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Fall, 2022

## <u>Upcoming</u> Events

Mark your Calendars!

Oct. 26 – Fall Mtg. 7:00 pm Steele Exhibit Bldg.

Dec. 3 – Tree Lighting Clark House Museum Steele Exhibit Bldg.

## We got through the COVID shut down, and now THIS. . .



## HARVEST FEST IS CANCELLED!

by Carole Brinkman

One of our biggest fundraisers of the year needs to be cancelled due to the road closure in front of the Clark House. Sewer and water mains are being replaced hence the road being torn up. This is certainly a disappointment to us, but we promise to be back next year on September 10, 2023, bigger and better. Looking forward to seeing you then!

# Also...PAHS RUMMAGE SALE IS CANCELLED – hope to reschedule in Spring 2023.

Please continue to save your rummage sale donations. We depend on this important fundraiser to balance our budget. Thank you!

# Attend PAHS Fall Meeting October 26<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Steele Exhibit Bldg.

Well, the road should be open, let's get together and laugh about how we got around the road construction and the turn changes on Capitol Drive this summer. We're in the process of scheduling an interesting program that will follow a very short business meeting and be followed by dessert. Please plan on joining us. This is the time to get out and enjoy fall before snow and ice slows us down.

#### **Shoppping Spree**

by Tom Brick

This past spring, Marilyn Hagerstrand donated a \$500 debit card so the historical society could stock up on supplies for the year. I met Marilyn at Sam's Club and we began our shopping spree. Luckily, Marilyn was a Sam's veteran and guided me to the right areas. We quickly filled two large shopping carts with computer printer paper, cleaning supplies, garbage bags, soda, bottled water, kitchen supplies, etc. In total, our haul must have weighed over 200 pounds and filled the trunk, back seat and half the front seat of my Camry. Thanks again Marilyn for thinking of PAHS!

Always give without remembering and always receive without forgetting.

Brían Tracy

#### **National Night Out**

Thanks Carole Brinkman and Jeff Phillips for representing PAHS at the Pewaukee NNO on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Weather was great and we appreciate your dedication.



## 'AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL..."

by Carole Brinkman

That was certainly the sentiment following our annual Ice Cream Social on July 10th. The weather couldn't have been better for enjoying ice cream on the grounds of the Clark House. There was entertainment to make everyone smile, from the fantastic balloon artists and magicians from Big Guy's Magic (Anthony Baca, Dan Pollack, Don Vort and of course Big Guy himself) to the sweet singing of the Easy Day's Barbershop Quartet. Kids had a great time making bubbles and trying out the old-time games.

There were wonderful raffle items donated; Bev Brick made beautiful cards and donated a stamping kit, Big Guy's Magic donated a magic kit, The Five O'Clock Club donated a gift certificate, Harvest Home gave a whimsical cow and candle, and Chris & Dave Nevinski donated a fragrance collection and Vera Bradley purse.

Thank you all for your generous donations!

The biggest THANK YOU goes to all our wonderful volunteers who make this event possible: Helen Ackley, Duane Bewer, Tom Brick, Theresa Hoff, Kathy Losiniecki, Karen Merz, Christine Plichta, Richard Rosenberger, Susan Schweda, Karen Semrad, George & Sharon Strieter, Jim Tredwell, Alex & Kim Vieth, Josey Wiggins, Penny Williams and Jim Willis. I hope I didn't forget anyone!! BE SURE TO THANK A VOLUNTEER TODAY!

But what would an ice cream social be without ice cream!! We couldn't have done it without the yummy goodness from The Chocolate Factory! They provided everything for us, from the ice cream and toppings to the coolers that kept everything at the perfect scooping consistency. Thank you again!!



But the person who really stepped up and made this day happen was Kathy Losiniecki. She made the contacts to Big Guy's Magic and The Chocolate Factory. Without her we wouldn't have had this great event!! She helped keep me sane before the big day. THANK YOU KATHY!

We really appreciate all those who come and support us during our fundraising events. Without your support, we couldn't exist!!





If you missed the Ice Cream Social this year, you can catch us again next year on July 9, 2023. Be sure to mark your calendar. See you then . . . . .

### Student History Project Completed

Natalie Picard, a 2022 Pewaukee High School history student completed a history/art project this past Spring. Natalie visited the Clark House, spent some time viewing our various displays and prepared a mural and written summary of her historical research.



Natalie has donated her work to PAHS and can be seen at the Clark House. Thank you Natalie!

# "And in this corner ..."

by Cliff Muehlenberg

People frequently ask me, "How's the church coming?" Since I've told mostly everyone I know that's what I've been working on for some time, specifically since July of 2021. And I'm happy to reply, "It's open for business again!"

And it has been since May 1, 2022 when the first event quite appropriately was a wedding. It came about much to the surprise of many of the volunteers! Volunteers are mostly Agape members but surprisingly a good number of former St. Mary's parishioners too. Some who'd gotten married there, had children go to school at St. Mary's (like me), had family buried in the cemetery behind the church. (Queen of Apostles is the owner and remains the caretaker of the cemetery which is still active.)

When I first began volunteering last summer, a car would pull up and people would ask me what's happening with the church. Seems everyone even out-of-state people had heard the likelihood of the church being demolished. All were relieved to find out that it had been "saved". "But what's it going to be?", they'd ask.

I'd reply, "A church. It'll be a church again!" And they'd smile a big smile. I'd tell them the story of the "Save Old St. Mary's" group that went to endless meetings making our plea to the Village to save a Pewaukee landmark and historical structure built in 1868. (You'll find the cornerstone not on any of the corners but on the east wall of the church about 75 feet from the front

corner.)

Visitors wanted to go inside. I'd escort them usually through the front doors warning them of debris they might encounter. Some would say, "This is where I got married many years ago." And walk towards the altar, sign themselves and say a prayer.

They were all grateful to find the church awaiting them, grateful to know it had a new owner Agape, and grateful to see still the remnants of the church they remembered. I made sure they left with an Agape flyer and told them the new church needed much help to complete the job. They still do as there's still more to do.

The building had not been winterized for two winters which took a hefty toll on the old building. Pipes burst, the sewer drain had been cemented shut at the road, boilers were unusable, the electrical all had to be brought up to code, bathrooms had to be added on the main floor, leaking rain gutters repaired, ADA ramps installed, carpet and old tile removed, walls taken down. This is only a partial list.

I've told most people what I consider "minor miracles" happened almost regularly in the early days of restoration. The first day I worked in the church proper along with others, the wains coating that covered the walls below the windows was to be removed. It went all the way around the entire church. The person charged with this task was a young girl who was built lightly. The pastor showed her how to use the

claw on the hammer to pull the glued sheets off which broke into pieces when pulled away. I watched from afar shaking my head thinking "this is going to go nowhere today." And returned to my task

By the end of the day, ALL the wains coating was off the walls and in the dumpster outside! I was in disbelief. So much had been accomplished by one person and her young helper. There was clearly some help afoot we couldn't see.

The Agape pastor had no prior experience in the building trades or construction management. But he has a vision and much faith. The work proceeded with some hired tradesmen but many adjusted their rates to help make it possible.

An ornate and rotted facia board high on the church needed replacing. One day when I arrived, a carpenter I'd never seen before was packing up his tools. The pastor pointed up to the *newly molded on site* facia board. Again, I looked in disbelief that it had been made on site and installed. I never saw that carpenter again.

Volunteers showed up when they could. They'd come and go as they had time. Members came watering flowers with water from home because there was no running water yet. Saturdays were a full work day, usually 15 or more came. Pastor would ask a member if they could provide lunch. And lunch would arrive to a hungry crew.

About the third week of April of this year, the pastor

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(Old St. Mary's continued)

announced, "We have to be ready for the final building inspection by next week so we can get our occupancy permit for the wedding on May 1st." At first I thought he was kidding. A wedding in 9 days, as I looked around seeing many incomplete tasks sitting idle.

The Friday for the final inspection came. The usual inspector was unavailable and someone new was going to do the final. I thought, this can't be good. The inspector arrived, walked around a bit and talked with the pastor for quite a while and then left. Then he announced, "We have our permit!"

The volunteers were invited to sit in the balcony for the wedding. About 20 of us came. The bridal couple had decorated the church with bows on the pews, an arch to stand in front of and big smiles easily seen from the balcony.

Inaugural day had arrived, the pews were filled, a new life for the couple was begun... and another for Old St. Mary's.

Agape Community Church 449 W. Wisconsin Avenue Pewaukee, WI 53072 Pastor Florin Docea

#### In Memory . . . .

PAHS Life Member IONE SCHMIDT 8/31/1927 - 6/26/2022

Rest in Peace, Ione

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PAHS receives a 1% rebate on your store receipts from the Sentry store in Delafield. Receipts must be less than 6 months old and can be left in the dresser drawer marked "Sentry receipts" on the screen porch of the Clark House. Thanks for remembering!



**Note:** If you have an old family recipe or just one you want to share, please submit it. It would be interesting if you have some background for the recipe to share also.

# From the Kitchen of Jim Willis

#### **Bread Pudding**

2 Tbsp. butter

1/4 cup raisins or currants

1 loaf of cinnamon bread or dinner rolls cubed (I prefer dinner rolls)

1 cup heavy cream

3 cups milk

4 egg yolks

2 whole eggs

1 cup sugar

1 tsp. vanilla

1 tsp. ground cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350°

Lightly butter 9 x 13 baking dish.

Scatter raisins over bottom of dish.

Fill pan with cubed bread.

Melt butter & drizzle over cubes.

Heat milk & cream in large sauce pan until almost boiling.

Remove from heat & stir in eggs, sugar, vanilla & cinnamon until well blended. Pour over bread cubes.

Place pan inside larger baking pan filled with enough boiling water to come half way up the sides of the inside dish.

Carefully place pan in oven and bake for about 40 minutes, until pudding is set.

Serve warm in bowls with a warm caramel sauce of your choice.

### **Does History Repeat Itself?**

Tom Brick found this writing – Hmmm??

What is happening to our young people? They disrespect elders and disobey their parents. They ignore the law. They riot in the streets inflamed with wild notions. What is to become of them?

*Written by Plato, 427 – 347 B.C.* 

#### **Recent Acquisitions**

by George Strieter

\*Janice Buth – Stroller, baby dress, woman's Hat.

\*Tom Gabler - Handmade toy barn (1960)

\*Helen Miller Estate – History of Waukesha County Book (1880), photo album, letters, cards, etc. from Larson family. Asa Moseley Clark's history folder.

\*Andy Mueller – Russ Porter photos (1968) of trains on The Milwaukee Road going through Duplainville, included in 2014-2015 magazine.

### In Memory . . . DUANE BEWER

October 14, 1941 - August 1, 2022

from Cliff Muehlenberg
"God thank you for this
day you've blessed us
again with our friend
Duane. Please take our
friend Duane into your
gardens to make them
even more beautiful.
We will surrender ours
in his name."



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from Richard Rosenberger

I go to the Clark House often to take care of the brick path.

I look over my shoulder for the red pickup truck pulling in the drive way and Duane getting out.

Then I remember.

No more getting out of the red truck to see what I was doing or if I needed any help.

No more watering the plants.

No more planting, weeding, or transplanting. No more seeding the grass where it was needed.

No more raking, trimming, and loading the truck to go to the recycling center.

No more checking the Steel Bldg. to see if everything was working properly.

No more helping with projects.

Duane, I know you are now taking care of the gardens on the other side and they'll be beautiful.

Here, however, you are greatly missed.

Rest in Peace.

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The Clark House, once a stagecoach inn, is now a museum operated by the Pewaukee Area Historical Society. It is located at the corner of Prospect Avenue and East Wisconsin Avenue in the Village of Pewaukee. There is no admission fee. Donations are accepted.

The Pewaukee Area Historical Society

(PAHS) is a non-profit, charitable, educational organization founded to research, collect and preserve the history of the Pewaukee area. PAHS invites anyone who has an interest in the history of the Pewaukee area, its people and the community, to become a member.

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