

# Alliance Historical Society NOW & THEN



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## Annual Meeting set for Nov. 30

*Program to focus on new book about Union Avenue UMC*

After two years of compiling the history of the Union Avenue United Methodist Church, Karen Perone and the History Committee of the church are ready to unveil their book, titled "This is Our Story: A History of Union Avenue Church."

A book launch for the congregation will be held in conjunction with the Alliance Historical Society's annual meeting on Wednesday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the church's sanctuary.

Karen Perone, the church historian and president of the Alliance Historical Society, will offer a presentation and slide show on the history of the church. Copies of the book will also be available for purchase and pre-ordered books can be picked up at that time.



The Union Avenue Methodist Church's History Committee has been working on compiling a book of the church's history, which will be the topic of the Alliance Historical Society's annual meeting on Nov. 30. The committee includes (front) Kathy Kramer and Karen Perone; (back) Jim Perone, Mike Patterson, and Kim Lewis. Karen Perone, president of the Historical Society and primary writer of the book, will be the keynote speaker at the annual meeting.

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## Historical Society Plans Trivia Night Fundraiser

So what do you know?

The Alliance Historical Society is offering everyone a chance to test their memory and knowledge with a fun Trivia Night event slated Tuesday, Oct. 25, at A-Town Burgers and Brews from 6 to 9 p.m.

The Society fundraiser will challenge teams with six rounds of 10 questions each, in categories including general knowledge, movies & TV, sports, cartoon characters, geography, and of course, local history.

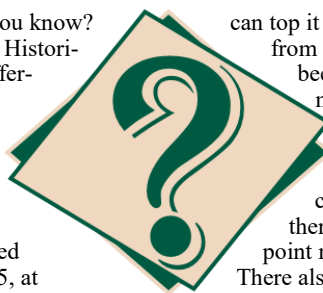
Admission is \$80 for each four-person team and includes visits to A-Town's burger bar, sides and drinks not included. Competitors

can top it off with a cold one from A-Town's selection of beers on tap, a fabulous milkshake, or soft drink from the cash bar.

Teams can purchase Mulligans and there will be a double point round of questions. There also will be 50-50 drawings, gift card prizes, and more.

To register your team of four go to [alliancehistory.org/trivia-night](http://alliancehistory.org/trivia-night).

Table sponsors, as of Sept. 30, are Astoria, Robertson Kitchen and Bath Supply, Cassaday Turkle Christian Funeral Home, University of Mount Union, Consumers Bank, Goris Properties, and Alliance Area Chamber of Commerce. Question round sponsors are Astoria as well as Rotary and Kiwanis clubs.

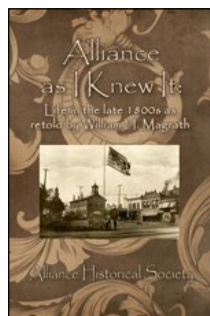


### Open Hours At Mabel's

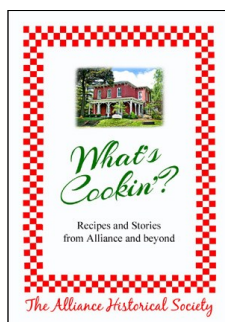
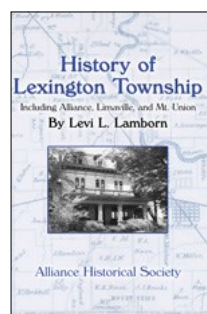
The Society announces that monthly open hours will be held every first weekend of the month during which tours of the Mabel Hartzell Historical Home and Alliance History Mini Museum will be offered. Reservations are required for these first-weekend open hours.

Tours will be given at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. sharp on both Friday and Sunday as well as 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. sharp on Saturday. Those wishing to take a tour should visit our website to book a tour.

The suggested donation is \$5 per adult. Children under 12 years old and members are admitted free.



Copies of our award-winning books are available for purchase at Rodman Public Library, Nest on State, and the Alliance Area Chamber of Commerce, or from our website.



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Dottie West and Dorothy Chapman check out local history in the Mini Museum at the Mabel Hartzell Historical Home on the afternoon of Sept. 18. The Museum was open for free tours that day when the Society held an ice cream social.

## Mabel Hartzell Historical Home visitors enjoy ice cream, taste of local history

The Alliance Historical Mabel Hartzell Home was a busy place on the afternoon of Sept. 18 when it was open for free tours of the Mini Museum along with a free ice cream sundae bar supplied by A-Town Burgers & Brews.

The activity was part of Ohio Open Doors events held across the state to explore Ohio's heritage. Historic buildings and fascinating places across the state opened their doors for tours and events as part of the Ohio History Connection's annual event.

The Mini Museum features local history artifacts, the 1910 Alliance car, and the current exhibit

"Advertising Novelties of Alliance Businesses." Tours of the Mabel Hartzell Historical Home were also available.

The event was sponsored by the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs of Alliance, Astoria, and the Ohio History Connection.

The Mabel Hartzell Historical Home is available to hold small gatherings and meetings and tours are available through the Historical Society's website at [alliancehistory.org/hartzell-home/visiting](http://alliancehistory.org/hartzell-home/visiting).

Appointments may also be made by calling 330-736-1116 or emailing [alliancehistory@yahoo.com](mailto:alliancehistory@yahoo.com).

## Meeting

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"I would like to thank the members of the History Committee," said Karen Perone, noting the members included Kathy Kramer, Kim Lewis, Mike Patterson, and Jim Perone. "I thank them for all their work in researching, interviewing, writing, and indexing during this project. Without their help, I would still be reading microfilms and gathering information."

Topics in the book include the start of our congregation, vacation Bible school, preschool, a circuit rider who inspired a Disney movie, women of note, and who could forget

## Pre-Order Your Copy of 'This is Our Story'

If you are interested in pre-ordering a copy of "This is Our Story," please fill out this form and submit it with a check for \$10 to Chris Lamb in the church office. This will ensure that we will order enough copies for the November 30 program. **Make your check out to Union Avenue UMC and mark the memo line: History Book.**

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The book is divided into 17 sections and includes, in addition to the main history, timelines of events and pastors, music and worship, small groups, missions, and biographies of the church's ministers. A comprehensive name index and many photographs are included to help locate specific information in the 250-page book.

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via our website, [www.alliancehistory.org](http://www.alliancehistory.org)



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# Mabel's serves as set for student production

If you're looking for a Victorian backdrop in Alliance, you can't get much better than the Mabel Hartzell Historical Home.

Some University of Mount Union students found that out when they used the historic Carnation City landmark owned by the Alliance Historical Society as a set to film some scenes for a 15-minute film on Thursday, April 14.

It is believed to be the first time that the Mabel Hartzell Historical Home – located at 840 N. Park Ave. and built in 1867 by Matthew Earley – was used as a theatrical set.

"The house is gorgeous," said Rachel Vaughan. "This is absolutely what we were looking for."

Vaughan was leading a group of four other Raider Student Media crew members in producing footage for "The Romantics," a short screenplay she wrote that starred herself as well as Brady Pierce.

Vaughan, a resident of Minerva, said the piece is not set in any particular year.

"It's not really a depiction of history," said Vaughan. "It's a depiction of a romance writer's idea of history."

Pierce, general manager of Raider Student Media during the 2021-2022 academic year, noted that "The Romantics" was the latest in a number of projects the club had produced for Studio M, the group's YouTube channel, including "Freeman Hall," a seven-minute film in which a group of students discover a DVD from 1992 that contains something sinister; a sing-along video for Christmas, and a short piece titled "A Single's Guide to Valentine's Day."

Overall, Raider Student Media, a student-led extra-curricular organization, also encompasses WRMU (91.1 FM) and The Dynamo, the university's radio station and newspaper, respectively. In all, approximately 30 students are active in Raider Student Media, according to



**Students from Mount Union used the Mabel Hartzell Historical Home as a set for a production in April 2022.**

Pierce, including three others who were part of the behind-the-scenes crew at Mabel's – Mint Baston, who is from the Columbus area; K Carson, who is from the Austintown area; and Hunter Miday, of Louisville.

None of the students had visited the Mabel Hartzell Historical Home previously.

"We were desperately searching for somewhere to film the older scenes," explained Vaughan. "I googled historical homes, and I was so surprised that I found this so close. We reached out and got permission to use the home, and I am so excited that we did. It was absolutely perfect for what we needed."