

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

In order to best care for each other, the Amana Church Society Board of Trustees has voted to require that masks shall be worn in all church buildings at all times. Masks are available at the church for those who forget to bring theirs.

Christmas Eve Service, Friday December 24, 2021 in Amana starting at 8:00 p.m. with Br. Alan Trumpold presiding.

Testimony: JF Rock Düdelsheim, December 25, 1721

Scripture: Various

Hymns: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

"Away in a Manager"

"The First Noel"

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

"Oh Come All Ye Faithful"

"Silent Night"

Song sheets provided

Christmas Day Service, Saturday December 25, 2021 in Amana starting at 10:00 a.m. with Sw. Andrea Haldy presiding.

Testimony: Excerpt, Sister Barbara Heinemann, Edenkoben, December 25, 1822

Scripture: Various

Hymns: "What Child is This"

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

"Joy to the World"

"Go Tell it on the Mountain"

Song sheets provided

The Early (German) Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, December 26, 2021, starting 8:30 AM with Sw. Kristie Yoder presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Christum wir sollen loben schon" No. 109 Seite

Testimony: Gleim, Budingen, Sept 15, 1715

Scripture: Luke 2: 25-32

Matthew 28: 16-20

Hymn: "Christum wir sollen loben schon" No. 316 Seite

Closing Hymn: "Nun kommt dear Heiden Heiland" No. 741 Seite

The Late (English) Service will start at 10:00 AM with the following hymns:

Opening Hymn: "Now praise we Christ the Holy One" No. 37

Hymn: "Now Praise We Lord the Holy one" No. 10

Closing Hymn: "Savior of the Nations Come" No. 97

The Wednesday Evening Prayer (Nachtgebet) meeting will begin at 7:00 PM in Middle.

Visitors are welcome to join us in worship at all Amana Church Services. Childcare is available during Sunday's 10:00 AM Service.

LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSING

The Amana Library will be closed from December 23 to January 2. The Library will open at 8 am on January 3, 2022. With winter approaching, please call 319-622-3192 to make sure we are open before heading out. Happy Holidays!

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Sometimes there are days that crawling in a hole sounds like a good idea.

Friday, December 17 (not the 13th) was one of those days.

The week did not begin well when the battery in the car AND the truck gave up the ghost. Merry Christmas and Ho Ho Ho!

They got fixed, but my stomach was giving me problems so I walked around with a bowl and a towel in my hand until Friday when I just took the bowl in the car with me.

Off we went with a brand new Garmin. We didn't even make it out of the driveway before "the beast" ceased working.

We went to Dennis Lukes who could not get the Garmin to work with either so he programed his in and we were off.

We got onto Hwy 80, outside of Tiffin, where

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Two Fires in our Community

Two fires in one week is too many, but that is what happened when on Saturday, Dec. 11 and Wednesday, Dec. 15 the Amana Fire Department responded to fires at a main street Amana business and a Middle Amana home.

Saturday, Dec. 11 at 7:42 a.m. the Amana Fire Department received the call that the Amana Colonies Popcorn and Ice Cream Co. on Amana's main street was on fire with smoke detected coming from the attic/ roof area. Owned by Victoria Kirby, Amana Colonies Bakery, the popcorn and ice cream shop is operated by Stephen Robinson. Robinson was in the building early that day, detected the fire and called 911. In addition to the Amana Fire Department, the Oxford, Swisher, Fairfax and Norway volunteer firemen responded to the call in mutual aid. Social media posts indicate that the business will reopen possibly this spring or early summer depending upon repairs. The building received extensive smoke and water damage as the fire in the attic was controlled and extinguished.

At 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15 an historical wood frame building on Middle Amana's back street was severely damaged by a fire that forced the evacuation and relocation of Ken Taft and the Martin and Alicia Ennor family. Both families lost everything in the fire. The Ennor family has four children. Gofundme pages have been established for both Taft and the Ennors by their friends and family. The Amana Church Society is collecting monetary donations. To make a donation, please indicate that it is for the Middle Amana fire victims, make checks payable to the Amana Church and mail to Amana Church, PO Box 103, Middle Amana, IA. 52307.

The Middle Amana fire was detected by Martin Ennor on the ground floor of the residence. One volunteer firefighter received an injury while on the scene and Ennor was said to have suffered smoke inhalation. Norway, Fairfax, Marengo and Williamsburg volunteers responded to the Middle Amana blaze in mutual aid.

Sunday evening, the Amana Fire volunteers responded to a call for aid from the Fairfax volunteer fire department and so the long week concluded.

Chris Herr, Amana Fire Department leader, urges all to please check your smoke detectors, replace batteries and make sure they are operational. Smoke detectors can save lives. He added that should you have a fire, get yourself and your family out of the building as quickly as possible.

Winterfest Chilly Fun Saturday Jan. 22

Yes, come Saturday Jan. 22 we hope to celebrate our Amana Colonies Winterfest. Details for the Amana Freezer Run are set. The 5k Freezer Run/ Walk will be held at 10 a.m. with registration starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Carding Studio at the Amana Woolen Mill / Hotel Millwright in Amana. You'll be able to register early on line at the Amana Colonies Winterfest page or show up the day of the race to register. Hosted by the Amana Colonies Trails, this is a fund raiser for the Amana Kolonieweg Recreational Trail. Race fee is \$30 for early registration and \$35 after January 18. Registrants will receive a race time gift.

Amana Christmas Traditions

The 24th, 25th and 26th were holidays in communal Amana, each day celebrated with special worship services and hymns written especially for Christmas eve, Christmas day and the 26th. Work was set aside and only those essential chores such as feeding livestock and cooking were seen too.

Christmas dinner was prepared and served in the communal kitchens on Christmas Eve, the

day usually set aside for family gift exchanges. Christmas Eve mid-day meal in all the kitchen houses consisted of creamed chicken and mashed potatoes topped with toasted bread crumbs, peas or buttered carrots, stewed plums and cherries and apple sauce. On Christmas Day oyster stew was a much anticipated treat. For those who did not care for oyster stew, the cooks may have prepared a split pea or chicken and dumpling soup. Stollen, a sweetened yeast bread made by the village bakery or sometimes in the kitchen houses, was distributed to each household for Christmas.

Christmas cookies, baked days before by moms and Omas who went (on their assigned day) to the village bakery to do all their Christmas baking at one time in the big, stone hearth, were served along with hot, spiced wine or hot tea. The variety of cookies and candies was astonishing and because cookies were basically only ever baked at Christmas and at Easter, moms and Omas made many dozen cookies to last for several weeks. Homemade candies, like fudge, divinity and molasses treats, could be made at home on the stove, while chocolates, peppermints and other candies were purchased at the village general stores.

Indeed the village general stores played a very important and festive role in ordering and distributing all of the good things associated with the holiday. The general storekeeper and his clerks, many weeks in advance, ordered German storybooks, dolls, toys and games, sent away for barrels of oysters and oyster crackers, extra sugar, raisins, cocoa and spices, chocolates and hard candies. Additionally, this might be the only time one could purchase fresh oranges, whole nuts in shell and Whitman chocolates in the general stores. All of these items were sold to Amana communal members at cost and residents used their annual allowances to make their purchases. As the allowances were by necessity only adequate, grownups often made gifts for their children and for one another. Sleds and ice skates (blades fashioned by the blacksmith) were popular gifts. Handmade doll furniture, doll houses and toy wagons were other typical gifts.

Music, both in church and played at home among family members, gave the festivities their warmth. Out came the zithers, guitars and harmonicas, songs long remembered were sung as extended families gathered around the Christmas tree or the pyramid in the "good room."

O Tannenbaum, o Tannenbaum,
Dein Kleid will mich was lehren:
Die Hoffnung und Beständigkeit
Gibt Mut und Kraft zu jeder Zeit!
O Tannenbaum, o Tannenbaum,
Dein Kleid will mich was lehren!

So they sang, and the lyrics, timeless and true, ring with joy today as they did yesterday.

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THANK YOU

The Carroll Zuber family wishes to express our deep gratitude to all who kindly shared their prayers and condolences. Most especially, we thank the Amana Church Society, Elder Tony Berger, the Vorsänger and Elly Hoehnle. Thank you too, Bill Leichsenring and the Ox Yoke Inn. Additionally, we want to recognize the Amana First Responders; their prompt and reassuring presence eased our minds.

Carroll loved our community very much and it is in these times, that we recognize our deep dependence upon one another and with faith in the Lord, acknowledge our need for community.

Thank you all,
Janet Zuber, Brad and Carol Zuber,
Emilie and Bob Hoppe,
John and Julie Zuber
and our children.

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and Community Library
Stuff the Stocking Fundraiser**



Dear Library Patron,

Amana Library patrons and AES students are able to access many services through our library including a variety of reading materials, computers, and internet access. Your donation to the library will enable us to expand and maintain these services and continue to stay current with evolving technology. We also plan to continue updating outdated shelving and furniture in various parts of our space.

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Library Hours:

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Contact Information:

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amanalibrary@ccaschools.org

Phone Number: (319) 622-3192

Website: <http://www.ccaschools.org/>

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**AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Notice and Tentative Agenda of the Regular
Meeting December 27, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
via In Person and Zoom**

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Set Agenda
- III. Review/Approve November 22nd Minutes
- IV. Welcome visitors and allow citizens to speak on items not on the agenda
- V. Discussion/Action on the following permit application(s) in a Historic Preservation Zoning District:
 - a. 2021S-090. Thomas and Becky Ehltz, 4512 220 Trail, Amana. HP-C. Application for a Change of Use Permit in a Historic District.
 - b. 2021-92. Jason Ludovissy, 2515 J St, Middle Amana. HP-R. Application for a Demolition Permit
- VI. Other Business.
 - a. Election of HPC Chair and Vice-Chair
- VII. Administrator's Report.
- VIII. Work session. Continue review of ACLUD Zoning Ordinance.
- IX. Adjourn

Notice to Demolish

Notice is hereby given that Jason Ludovissy has filed Application # 2021-92 for a permit to demolish the structure at 2515 J St Middle Amana. All interested parties are encouraged to attend the upcoming HPC meeting.

Good Tidings
May the spirit of the holiday
season bring happiness
& warmth to your home
throughout the year.

In observance of
Christmas and New Year,
we will not be open
**Dec 24-26 &
Dec 31 - Jan 03**

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they were doing road work. Naturally we took the wrong route and ended up in someplace in Iowa City we do not often frequent.

We finally gt to Hwy 6 and then back to Hwy 80 and we're off, again. Let me tell you the "excitement" of the landscape of Iowa, Illinois, etc. is not thrilling unless you hit something just as you get on a bridge to Peoria. THEN the car shakes and you look down into the river wondering if those swimming lessons were worth it.

We make it across the bridge and headed for Bloomington (Ill).

A large semi motioned for us to get to the side of the road. You guessed it - the tire was gone and we were running on a rim!

Another Christmas present - when will it ever stop?

We have been sitting here with this nice patrol man waiting for someone to tow us into Bloomington - it's been at least half an hour and I'm wondering if I'll miss the wedding - not they they'll miss me.

This was written as we are sitting in our car, which is on the bed of the tow truck speeding along to the tire shop.

B.S.H.

Well we dropped the car off at Discount tire where we called Peter who then came and got us, took us to his hotel where we changed clothes, received a call from the tire shop, figured we had enough time, went back for the car and arrived in time for the wedding.

Charlie

**THE OLD TESTAMENT WALK THRU IS BACK!
It's been 6 years and about time to do it again!**

The Amana Area Fellowship is pleased to announce this 8 week study meeting **Thursday evenings, at 7-8:30 PM, beginning January 13, 2022 at the Price Creek Event Center.**

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Whether you've never done this or just need a refresher, come join us in this enlightening, un intimidating, and fun study of God's dealing with mankind through the ages. Bring your friends!

Questions: Please contact us at: 319-573-1947 or info@amanaareafellowship.org
www.AmanaAreaFellowship.org

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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Other key duties include fund-raising, marketing and community outreach. The position reports directly to the Board of Directors.

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- Board Governance
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