

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.

New Year's Eve Service, Friday December 31, 2021 in Middle starting at 6:30 p.m. with Sw. Emilie Hoppe presiding.

Testimony: Christian Metz Dec 24, 1843, Middle Ebenezer

Scripture: Isaiah 61
Psalm 66

Hymn: "Once Again a Year Has Ended No. 70 (We will open with two verses and close with the last three verses)"

New Year's Day Service, Saturday January 01, 2022 in Middle starting at 10:00 a.m. with Br. Tony Berger presiding.

Testimony: Christian Metz, February 2, 1867
Scripture: Acts 9:1-18
Psalm 24

Hymn: "Help us, Oh Lord! Behold we enter" No. 273 (We will open with three verses and close with the last three verses)

The Early (German) **Sunday Service** will be in the Middle Church Sunday, January 02, 2022, starting 8:30 AM with Sw. Elly Hoehnle presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Heut ist der Tag des Heils" No. 416 vs 1-4 Seite 414

Testimony: Ursula Meyer, Ronneburg, May 3, 1717

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6, Matthew 2:1-12
Psalm 72:1-14

Closing Hymn: "Nun danket alle Gott" No. 728 Seite 723

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

Opening Hymn: "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise" No. 252

Closing Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God" No. 90

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.

Food Pantry Winter Hours

The Amana Food Pantry is adjusting its winter hours for Wednesday pick up. Our new time for picking up food bags on the second Wednesday of each month will now be from 4:00-5:00 p.m. This time will be in effect for January, February, and March. Sunday hours will remain the same: pick up on the last Sunday of the month at 11:00-noon.

AMANA SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 6:00 p.m. Monday Jan. 03, 2022 in the Amana Sanitary lift station.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

It's strange how one plans for Christmas so far in advance and how the anxiety rises with each day. Once Christmas arrives everything seems anticlimactic and you seriously wonder if it was all worth it.

Certainly those gifts seem of little value because in the process of buying them we forget the true meaning of Christmas and those gifts wrapped in such bright paper really pale in comparison to the real gift that was wrapped in swaddling clothes.

I so often think of the songs we sing at this time of the year and wonder at their meaning.

That star in the East which the shepherds saw and the Magi would follow. Did no one else notice the brightness and glory of it?

Surely others must have seen it and marveled at it.

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Jan. 3 Information Meeting on CO2 Pipeline in Amana

The corporation Navigator Heartland Greenway has proposed a large scale, carbon capture pipeline system to cross a part of Iowa County and the company has set up a public meeting in Amana on January 3 to share information about the pipeline.

The public meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 3 at the Price Creek Event Center in Amana. This is one of 36 meetings scheduled in Iowa for this project.

To learn more about the project go to www.heartlandgreenway.com. Also check out the Facebook back of Iowa County Supervisor Abigail Maas. Maas shared a map of the proposed pipeline route through Iowa County and the information Navigator sent to the Iowa County Supervisors on her Facebook page.

The Amana Society acknowledged last month that the currently proposed route goes through a corner of Amana Society lands west to northwest of West Amana. (See map page 2)

The CR Gazette reported Nov. 26 that Navigator has said that they would consider using eminent domain – if granted permission from state regulators – as a last resort if it can't obtain voluntary easements. Recent meetings held elsewhere in Iowa have prompted protests by landowners and conservationists.

According to a letter sent to the Iowa County Supervisors by Navigator Heartland's Monica Howard, "This pipeline system ...will capture carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions from local facilities before those emissions reach the atmosphere and transport the CO2 safely via pipeline to permanent and secure underground sequestration site in Illinois." The local facilities are Iowa ethanol and fertilizer plants, according to the CR Gazette.

A brochure from the corporation notes that pipeline will ultimately capture and store about 15 million metric tons of CO2 per year once fully expanded. As the Des Moines Register reported on Sunday, they use pressure to liquify the carbon dioxide, transport it and then inject it deep underground where it will be sequestered.

2021 Remembered in Bulletin Headlines

Here at the Amana Society Bulletin, we've combed through 51 weeks of news to bring you the top news stories in the Colonies for the year 2021. Here are the headlines and in some instances the lead paragraph:

Jan. 9: 2021 "Colonial Manor and Lakeview Village Residents to Receive Vaccines." Dosages of the Pfizer vaccine will be brought to Colonial Manor and Lakeview Village by Walgreens Pharmacy on January 13.

Feb. 19, 2021 "Derecho Impact Still Being Felt." The total damage estimates have ranged from \$7.5 billion (Insurance Journal, Oct. 2020) to \$11 billion according to the NOAA and the US Department of Agriculture, the bulk of that was in the State of Iowa.

Feb. 25, 2021 "Where to Get a COVID-19 Shot in Iowa County." Call Now to Be Placed on a Waiting List."

April 1 "Amana Water Tower Comes Down." April 5 – 7 the Amana water tower was taken down. That same week construction began on the Middle Amana Park restrooms destroyed by the August derecho.

April 9, 2021 "Amana Farms – Spring 2021." Amana Farms moves its headquarters to Homestead.

April 22, 2021 "It's Official: Iowa's Winter 20-21 Was Severe."

April 30, 2021 "Maifest is Here!" It's back. Maifest is this weekend in the Amanas after a hiatus in 2020 due to the Covid shutdown.

June 25, 2021 "Fire Erupts at Golf Course Condo." The Amana Fire Department responded to a fire at the four unit condominium, Colony Oaks, at the Amana Colonies Golf Club, Friday, June 18 about 4:30 a.m. Residents of the condo heard noises and smelled smoke, discovering a fire in progress and calling for help. The fire spread very quickly and the condo was fully engulfed when volunteers from the Amana Fire Department arrived minutes later.

July 2, 2021 "CCA School Superintendent Search on Pause." With a new school year in the offing, the Clear Creek Amana Board of Directors has opted to hire an interim superintendent for 2021-22.

July 15, 2021 "Eco Park Phase 1 - Disc Golf Course." Plans for an Eco Park along Price Creek near the village of Amana are being developed with the first phase, the installation of a disc golf course, receiving grant funding from the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa. The foundation awarded the disc golf project \$15,000 this summer for installation of the 18-hole course north of Amana between Highway 151 and the Amana Meat Shop, along Price Creek.

July 22, 2021 "Small Engine Plane Crash in Amana." The Iowa County Sheriff's Department reported that Robert Garrett, 45, walked away uninjured from a small engine plane crash near the Amana Airport, Monday July 19 at 2:10 p.m.

Sept. 3, 2021 "COVID by the Numbers in Iowa - Infections Increase Locally" Over 97 percent of those with "severe disease from the COVID delta variant" are unvaccinated, according to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

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Sept. 23, 2021 "CCA Masks Decision." September 14th the Clear Creek Amana School District board voted 5 to 1 to not require masks in CCA schools at this time.

Sept. 23, 2021 "Farm to Table the Amana Way." Amana raised premium beef can be bought farm direct - in Homestead at new Amana Beef facility next to farm office.

Oct. 8, 2021 "Oktoberfest One for the Books!" Record year posted at Amana's Oktoberfest with excellent weather and huge crowds. Popular events at new Hotel Millwright.

Oct. 15, 2021 "Donation to Save Lives Much Appreciated" Compass Memorial donated five Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) to be placed in the Amana Colonies.

Oct. 15, 2021 "Amana First Responders Rise to the Challenge." Amana First Responders had just two members. Today, led by volunteer director Lucas Miller of South Amana, the Amana First Responders has 4 fully trained, first responders who are doing the job, and 3 more individuals who are completing their EMT (emergency medical technician) training at Kirkwood College so that they will soon be added to the rotation of Amana First Responders.

Oct. 31, 2021 "Colonies Family Medical Clinic to Open November 1."

Nov. 5, 2021 "Amana Church Receives National Sacred Spaces Fund Grant." The Amana Church was one of just 15 faith communities across the country (included in this program was the National Cathedral in Washington DC) to be chosen for the program and receive a grant. The grant will be used for rehabilitation of the historical Amana Church in the village of Amana and the small Kinderschule building east of the Middle Amana Church in Middle Amana. The Kinderschule is to be used by the Amana Colonies Food Pantry.

Dec. 22, 2021 "Two Fires in Our Community." 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. The property is owned by Victoria Kirby and the Popcorn Co. was being managed by Steven Robinson and his family. 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.

GROWING TOGETHER VOLUNTEERS DONATE FRUIT & VEGETABLES

December 20, 2021/ Katie Sorrell, Alicia Herzog

A pandemic and severe drought challenged fruit and vegetable growers across the state in 2021, but volunteers with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach rose to the occasion.

As part of the Growing Together Mini-Grant project, 33 Iowa counties grew 91,772 pounds of fruits and vegetables that were donated to 119 food pantries and distribution sites – equal to more than 275,000 servings.

"Despite a drought and a pandemic, the volunteers were still able to plant and harvest more than 91,000 pounds of fruits and vegetables. This fresh produce is directly benefitting Iowans with low-income in both rural and urban Iowa communities," said Katie Sorrell, extension education specialist and project director for Growing Together.

Mini-grants are traditionally supported by SNAP-Ed funds. This year, however, the grants were funded by an \$85,000 gift from Amerigroup, and an additional \$36,285 from local community donations. The Amerigroup gift allows the SNAP-Ed funds that would have been spent this year, to be rolled over into 2022.

Some 267 Master Gardener volunteers contributed to this year's Growing Together projects, along with the help of more than 700 community members who were not Master Gardener volunteers. The projects also received the support of 442 youth.

ARTS GUILD SEEKS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director is the key management of the Amana Arts Guild. The Executive Director is responsible for overseeing the administration, programs and strategic plan of the organization.

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

General Responsibilities:

- Board Governance
- Financial Performance and Viability
- Organization Mission and Strategy
- Organization Operations

Basic Qualifications:

- Organizational Skills
- Effective Communicator
- Problem Solver
- Leader
- Self-driven

For further information contact the Arts Guild at amanarts@southslope.net

Applications will be taken until Jan. 15

ACLU NOTICE

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 Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting on Monday, January 10 at 7:00 PM. Meeting will be held at the Amana Heritage Society Auditorium.

THE OLD TESTAMENT WALK THRU IS BACK! It's been 6 yrs & 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.

Many of us know various Bible events and stories, but not necessarily how, where, or why they fit together. The OTWT is designed to bring understanding and meaning to the flow and context of the Bible.

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

LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSING

The Amana Library will be closed and will re-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.

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What did the angels look like? Did they have wings, were they bright lights, was their voice loud or gentle? Where the angels really God?

How did Joseph and Mary manage that trip to Bethlehem?

Surely by that time it would have been obvious Mary was ready to give birth yet they still might not have been considered married (Matt 1:24 or Luke 2:4-6, Joseph took her as his wife but they did not consummate the union until after the birth of Jesus). How did their family treat them?

This trip on a donkey would have been very hard on any person, but especially on a pregnant woman.

The constant swaying of the animal must have hurt Mary's back. Then to be in labor only to find no place to give birth. I'm sure this teenage mother would have been terrified.

Actually a stable was not a bad place. It would have been warm and the straw clean. Probably Joseph had been at other births (animals) that he knew what to do. Certainly God was there to help.

To me any birth is a miracle, but especially this one.

My senior thesis was based on child birth problems so I do know a "little" of what may or may not happen.

A woman giving birth is nothing short of a miracle even after the birth. It truly is a blessing and a bond that a mother will always have that is God's blessing.

So then, at Christmas, I wish I could talk to God and also tell him that although I am a sinner I am grateful for this miracle of goodness and love he bestowed upon us.

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Reunions, social gatherings, business meetings?

The Homestead Welfare Club (4215 V St Homestead), offers an exceptional 1100 sq ft meeting or gathering room in our historic 1860's home. It includes a mini kitchen, tables and chairs for 80+ persons inside, and a shaded back yard for outdoor activities including picnic tables and small shelter.

Rental is \$75 /day or for \$100 /day includes a full-service kitchen.

Call 319-622-3620 for details and scheduling.

