Amana Society Bulletin

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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Covenant Preparation 24 Rules Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, November 24, starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Kristie Yoder presiding.

Opening Hymn: "O dass ich tausend Zungen hatte" No. 758 vs. 1-5 Seite 748

Testimony: Johann Adam Gruber, Budingen, July 4, 1716 (Rules 17-24)

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 13:3-14
Psalm 119:57-64

Closing Hymn: "O dass ich tausend Zungen hatte" No. 758 vs. 6-10 Seite 748-9

The Late Service will start at 10:00 A.M. with the following hymns:

Opening Hymn: "Who Seeks The Truth, That Beacon Bright" No. 36

Closing Hymn: "O Light That's Ever Bright" No. 147

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

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

AMANA CHURCH HOLIDAY EVENTS

Everyone is Welcome

Covenant Service Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 28, 10 a.m. at the Middle Church

Thanksgiving Dinner, Thanksgiving Day Nov. 28, doors open 11:30 at the Amana Church. A complete Thanksgiving meal provided by the youth group and friends. Call to the church office by Nov. 22 to reserve your meal, 319-622-6155.

Advent Service in the Forest Sunday, Dec. 1 at 4 p.m. Tannenbaum Forest, Festhalle, Amana. An informal service to begin our Christmas preparations.

Prelude to Christmas Church Bazaar Fri.-Sat. Dec. 6 & 7 Drop off donations for the bazaar Thurs. 9 - 4, Friday AM or call for pick up. Thank you.

Friday Noon - 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. At the Amana Church in Amana.

Prelude to Christmas Cookie Walk Saturday, Dec. 7. Drop off donations Friday or Saturday morning before 9 or call for pick-up. Thank you!

At 9 a.m. pick up cookie walk tickets. Cookie walk starts at 10 a.m. at the Church in Amana.

Sunday School Christmas ProgrammSunday, Dec. 22 10 a.m. at the Church in Amana All community worship service with the Sunday School children.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Tuesday, Dec. 24, 8 p.m. at the Middle Amana Church. An informal, come as you are, carol service by "candlelight."

Christmas Morning Worship Wednesday, Dec. 25 10 a.m. at the Amana Church. Welcome Our Lord with Praises and Song

New Year's Eve Prayer Service Tuesday, Dec. 31 6:30 p.m. at the Middle Amana Church

New Year's Day Worship Wednesday, Jan. 1 2025 at 10 a.m. at the Middle Amana Church

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FEATHERS IN THE WIND

The Amana Arts Guild Founders Day Dinner was quite an event for us this year. We had been going annually, but lately had missed a few of them, and it was nice to be back.

Charlemagne was delighted with the pork, creamed potatoes, beets, and nut cake. He gave the meal the highest rating he could which was to say, "it was as good as my mother's."

My poor husband drew the short straw when he married me. The first meal that I made was barbequed chicken. I was foolish enough to ask if we should invite his family over, since his father was in the hospital and I was sure that my new mother-in-law would appreciate a meal cooked by someone else for a change.

Luckily for all concerned, Charlemagne said to wait and see how things turned out before making hasty decisions. He was so right! The meal did not go well. First, there was smoke coming from the stove, then the vegetables did not heat properly, and, finally, the chicken was all charred on the outside and raw on the inside.

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Tannenbaum Forest Opens Next Friday, Advent Service in the Forest is Sunday, Dec. 1 at 4 p.m.

We can't believe it, but elves are busily at work at the Festhalle this week and Monday – Tuesday of next week. Opening day is Friday, Nov. 29, the day after Thanksgiving.

If you have signed up to decorate a tree, the Festhalle will be open Monday, Nov. 25 from 11 a.m. – 8 p.m; Tuesday, Nov. 26 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Here's something to look forward to besides the inventive trees: this year Dennis Hahn, Amana, has constructed a new barn scene for the Nativity which is always a feature of the Tannenbaum Forest.

The forest is open from noon – 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 30; Saturday 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Santa Claus will be at the Forest Thanksgiving weekend. Here are his hours: Friday Nov 29 from 1 until 6 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Don't forget that Sunday, Dec. 1 at 4 p.m. everyone is welcome to join in celebrating an advent worship service in the Tannenbaum Forest.

Also don't forget you can sign up to help in the Tannenbaum Forest. Volunteers are needed to greet visitors at the front door. Go to: https://tinyurl.com/tannenbaum2024 to sign up as a volunteer. It's fun, easy and very festive to volunteer at the front door. While there are folks signing up, but there are open time slots most weeks, especially the last two weekends of the event.

The LOVE Network Trees are Up

There are two special Christmas trees in Amana that have an important job to do. The LOVE Network trees in the Amana Family Practice Clinic in Amana and in the Amana Colonies Pharmacy help Iowa County families have a merrier Christmas.

This year because the need is greater than ever, two trees have been set up. One is in the Amana Colonies Pharmacy and one is in the Amana Family Practice Clinic in Amana.

Our LOVE Network volunteer, Carmen Grimm, reports that there are about 65 cards on the trees this year – cards asking for gifts for kids, teens and grownups.

This year the Iowa County LOVE Network volunteers went back to having adults Christmas wishes on the cards on the trees and they have reached out to area nursing homes to ask any of their residents (who might not otherwise have family in the area) might need or like a gift. Each gift wish is collected and written on a card with enough details (like size) to make it easier to shop.

This year the date to return the wrapped package to the tree is December 2. So please go right now and pick a card from the tree. Then shop for the item written on the card. Return the package, wrapped, with the card attached, to the tree before December 2. The Amana Clinic will remain open until 8:30 p.m. on December 2 so that any one who needs too may leave their LOVE packages.

Thankful for the Amana Colonies Food Pantry

The Amana Colonies Food Pantry operated by volunteers of the Amana Church at the Middle Amana Church has received a bountiful harvest this fall.

The AC Food Pantry gives free food to anyone in need the second Wednesday of each month from 4 – 5 p.m. and the last Sunday of the month from 11 a.m. - noon. About 20 – 30 families and individuals, some 80 people, regularly receive food from the Amana Colonies Food Pantry so replenishing the pantry is an ongoing job.

Saturday, Oct. 19 the pantry received a huge donation from the annual "Scouting for Food" campaign led by the Amana Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. This year the Scouts brought in 2,450 pounds of food. Residents in all seven villages made the donations that were picked up by our local scouts and their parents. All the food was brought to the food pantry in the cellar of the church where it was weighed, sorted and put away.

Two local businesses have stepped up to help too. The Ox Yoke Inn is donating special Thanksgiving "Ox boxes," complete turkey dinners for the

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I soon realized that I had to listen to my mother and actually "read" the cookbook. Cooking took work!

I did learned that I had a mother and a mother-in-law who could make a meal out of the most unlikely things, thanks to their training in the communal kitchens. It was nice, for an evening, to be reminded of those legendary kitchens once more at the Arts Guild event.

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families and individuals who regularly come to the pantry. Prepared at the restaurant in Amana these will be brought to the food pantry for distribution.

Meanwhile the Amana Meat Shop and Smokehouse, Amana regularly donates meats to the Amana Colonies Food Pantry. The Amana Meat Shop contributions have made it possible to provide quality meats to those in need on a regular basis.

Pantry organizers Annie Trumpold, Penni Berger and Kristi Yoder are very grateful for these contributions and for all the many local residents donate food or support the food pantry with contributions from their gardens. Cash donations help buy bread, fresh fruit, milk and eggs. They note that support of the AC Food Pantry has been wonderful since day one.

More good news - the fund drive to Restore Revive Renew the Amana Church's sacred spaces has been successful. Supported in part by a $70,000 grant from the National Fund for Sacred Places, a program of Partners for Sacred Places in collaboration with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the fund drive is very nearly over and the Amana Church has raised enough to restore both the Amana Church in Amana and the Kinderschule in Middle Amana.

The Kinderschule will be repurposed as the new home of the Amana Colonies Food Pantry. Once the Kinderschule work is completed, the food pantry will no longer be in the cellar of the church but moving to the ground floor with more room for freezers/ refrigerators, prep tables and shelving. This fall Sandersfeld Construction has stabilized the Kinderschule structure and replaced the broken / worn siding. Interior fixes will be made with new electrical wiring and a new HVAC system. New windows, doors, exterior lighting and other fixes will be completed before spring. In the spring the sidewalk on the south side of the Middle Amana Church will be extended and widened.

Donations for this project were received from all over the country, from friends, neighbors, local residents and local businesses too. Every single donation has helped move this project forward.

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CHRISTMAS WREATH SALES

The Amana Boy Scouts, Troop 223, will be selling Christmas Wreaths this Saturday, November 23rd, starting at approximately 9:30 am. The wreaths are 24" and have 2 pine cones and a red ribbon. The cost is $18.00 each.

If you are unable to be home on the 23rd and wish to purchase a wreath or were missed please call Gary Heishman 319-622-3039. Wreaths will be available until inventory is depleted.

AMANA AREA FELLOWSHIP
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@ 9:00 a.m.
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& December 15th
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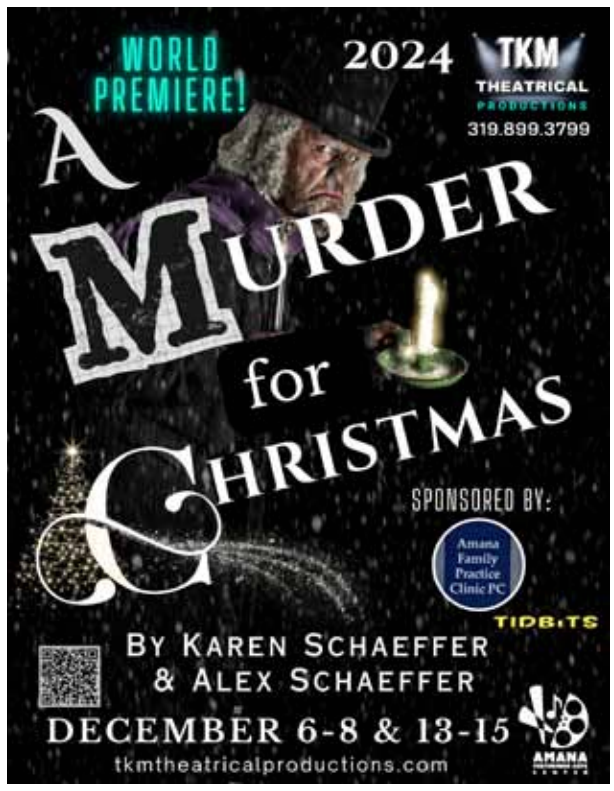

OBITUARY

Mary Ann (Zuber) Herring, passed at age 86. Funeral, Thursday, Nov. 21 from 10:30AM to 11:30AM; at Good News Church, 7415 Hickory St., Omaha, NE. Burial in St. Johns Cemetery 7506 S. 36th St. Bellevue, NE. A Luncheon will follow at the church.

Mary Ann was born and raised in South Amana, Iowa. She graduated from Amana High School. Mary Ann attended the University of Iowa as a music major and sang opera. She married Dale C. Herring, and had 5 children, 6 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. Mary Ann was very social. Family and friends were very important to her. She enjoyed spending time and traveling with her sisters. Mary Ann loved to sing, decorate cakes, and she loved decorating for the holidays.

She worked at the Marshalltown Nursing home as an Activities director, Younkers in Omaha, and as a preschool teacher at Sword of the Spirit School in Omaha. Mary Ann will be remembered for compassion and love for Jesus.

She is survived by her children, Mike and Margeret Herring, Lori and Steven Hoffart, Jay Herring, Ken Herring, Dale and Ashley Herring; grandchildren Mitchel Herring, Brandon and Jill Herring, Kelsey Herring, Shane Hoffart, Gunnar Herring, and Alexia Herring; great grandchildren Angelina Hoffart, Ivy Herring and Joslyn Herring; sisters Barbara Hollrah, and Elaine and husband Dennis Zuber and many more friends and family. She is preceded by her parents Edna and Otto Zuber, husband Dale C. Herring, Brother in-law Bill Hollrah, and grandson Joshua Hoffart.

In lieu of flowers memorials suggested, Good News Church, Sword of the Spirit School, Crescent Project, or Samaritan's Purse

OBITUARY

David Cook was born on September 25th, 1952 in Iowa City. Dave graduated from the University of Iowa and pursued a graduate degree in archaeology at the University of Nebraska.

Dave passed away on November 13, 2024, after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. He had a deep appreciation for nature, the outdoors, and the preservation of our planet.

Dave is survived by his wife Karen, son Jacob Cook (Lara) and two grandchildren. Daughter Rachael Cook (Tyler) stepson Will Douglas and stepdaughter Samantha Douglas. Sister Donna Trumpold and his nieces, nephews, and their children.

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QUOTE

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~George Washington