# Amana Society Bulletin

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### AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Covenant Service will be in the Middle Church Thursday, November 28, starting 10:00 A.M. with Br. Alan Trumpold presiding.

Opening Hymn: "I Am Thy God" No. 67

Testimony: Christian Metz, West Amana, January 30, 1858; Ursula Mayer, Ronneburg, March 28, 1715

Scripture: Deuteronomy 11:1, 8
Deuteronomy 29: 9-15
Hebrews 8: 7-12

Hymn: "Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear" No. 171

Closing Hymn: "All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" No. 102 vs. 1, 4, 5, 8

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, December 01, 2024 starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Emilie Hoppe presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Non Kommt Der Heiden Heiland" No. 741 Seite

Testimony: C. Metz, Marienborn, Dec. 13, 1833

Scripture: Luke 1: 1 – 23
Isaiah 40: 28 – 31

Closing Hymn: "Lobe Zion, deinen Gott" No.642 vs 1-4 Seite

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

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

Closing Hymn: "Zion Praise the Lord thy God" No. 68

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.*

Services on-line may be found at the gateway page: *https://amanachurch.com/category/podcast/*

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### AMANA CHURCH HOLIDAY EVENTS

**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 Program**mSunday, 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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### SERVICE COMPANY HOLIDAY HOURS

The Amana Society Service Company will be closed Thursday November 28th and Friday November 29th due to the holiday. In case of emergency we can be reached at 319-622-3053.

Please have a fun & safe holiday! Let's Gobble until we Wobble!

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### LOVE NETWORK

It is time again to help folks in Iowa County have a happier Christmas. The LOVE gift card tree is up at the Amana Family Practice and Amana Pharmacy. The steps for picking a card and returning the gifts are the same as in years past. Please note though that the date to return the wrapped gifts is December 2nd, a bit earlier this year. Please contact me, Carmen Grimm email carmen.grimm@gmail.com or 319-389-3694 if you have any questions.

Thank you! Have a great holiday season.

## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### TKM's Holiday Comedy Coming Up Plus the Big Band Swing Event You've Been Waiting For

With two weekends of performances, you won't have to miss this fun, new show by TKM Theatrical Productions at the Amana Performing Arts Center. It's Dec. 6 – 8 and Dec. 13 – 15: Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m.

"A Murder for Christmas" is making its world premier right here with an all – star cast featuring: Lisa Margolin, Marcia Hughes, Duane Larson, Eric Dunlap, Ron Gilbert, Jennifer Beail, Brie Bevins, Joey Lepire, Dana Jensen, Michael Raabe, Ken Van Egdon. Directed by Tom Milligan. On December 6, opening night, Karen and Alex Schaeffer, who wrote this creative, witty show will be in the audience and you'll have the opportunity to meet them.

Tickets are $25. Email deborahkennedy@live.com or go to the TKM Theatricals website.

This is a hilarious, whodunit about a small community theatre group's annual performance of the Dickens classic, "A Christmas Carol." When it all goes horribly awry and a murder is discovered on stage, not even Jacob Marley knows how this is going to unfold. In steps the local legend B movie actress, Cassidy Sheridan, to save the day, and her career. The ghost of Christmas past, present and future and a whole lot of funny stuff make this a holiday comedy to savor.

Sponsored by Amana Family Practice Clinic and Tidbits.

It's not too late to get tickets for Rod Pierson's Big Band Holiday Show with Craig Boche at the Amana Performing Arts Center Sunday, Dec. 1 at 2 p.m. There is only one show so don't miss it. The big band sound and Christmas holiday favorites – what could be more enjoyable? This is chance to get into the holiday "swing" of it. Email Deb Kennedy at the address listed above.

### Tannenbaum Forest Opens Friday

Over 70 merchants and nonprofit groups have decorated trees for the annual Tannenbaum Forest and that's got to be a record. This might be our most festive forest yet.

There are many new, fun theme trees that will surprise you. But most lovely of all, is the stable built for our Nativity. Thank you Dennis!

This year the donations will be split between the University of Iowa Stead Family Childrens Hospital and several local Iowa County charities. This decision will be made by the Amana Colonies Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors.

The Forest opens at noon on Friday, Nov. 29 and will be open noon until 7 p.m. Saturday it is open 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m – 4 p.m.

Santa will be in the forest Friday 1 – 6 p.m.; Saturday 11 – 5 p.m. and Sunday noon – 3 p.m. Bring your cameras and share your photos.

Plum Hill Carriages will be offering horse-drawn wagon rides through the village of Amana from 2 – 6 p.m. Friday. Adults $10; kids 4 – 12 $5, children under 3 are free. Plum Hill will be here at various times in December while the Tannenbaum Forest is open.

Sunday, Dec. 1 enjoy an advent service geared to kids and grownups at 4 p.m. in the Tannenbaum Forest. We'll sing three favorites carols as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. Hosted by the Amana Church.

### We Are Thankful

Sometimes at this time of year we are so busy preparing that we forget to take a few moments to be thankful for all the blessings we enjoy as a community. So here are few things to reflect upon and give thanks for in our seven villages:

• Volunteers. In the Amana Colonies volunteers make everything happen and I mean everything. From festivals and events to holiday lighting displays and kids' clubs like Cub Scouts and 4H. We are fortunate to have so many willing hands. Volunteers sell tickets, raise funds, donate funds, pick up trash, decorate their homes, create parade floats, man the food booths, shove the snow, mend the trails, trim the trees and rake the leaves, teach the kids, sing in the choirs, dance at the festivals, carry

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**(Prelude to Christmas weekend in Amana)**

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### FEATHERS IN THE WIND

As children, we were blessed by having grandparents and a mother who read stories to us. One day, a man gifted us with a volume of Hans Christian Andersen and the Grimm brothers. Naturally, they became our favorites, and we would not let anyone stop reading unless at least one of these stories was included. Years later, I was thrilled to learn that the Grimm brothers were librarians and had set out to collect stories, especially in the Hartz Mountains.

I was also blessed to have family and friends who could, and would, tell wonderful stories of their own. So now, let me tell you a story that you can choose to believe or not.

A year ago, thanks to Jon Childers and all the research that he did on World War I, I began doing some research of my own. It puzzled me what became of the German Kaiser, who was Queen Victoria's grandson. After World War I he seemed to have disappeared, never to have been heard of again, while other heads of state involved in the war were disposed of, killed, exiled or whatever. So I asked my eldest son who replied, "He went to the Netherlands and cut down trees."

The Kaiser was born with a withered arm that he hid from view, so how could he cut down trees? What was he doing in the Netherlands?

It turns out that our son was right, and the Netherlands had given the Kaiser asylum and a nice residence, which he occupied for more than two decades. His first wife died, soon after the war, and he quickly remarried.

When people came to call, the Kaiser would give them matchsticks from trees that he had cut.

While his sons supported the Nazis, the Kaiser wanted nothing more to do with Germany. When he died, he was buried in the Netherlands. He outlived his cousins, the King of England and the Russian Czar by decades.

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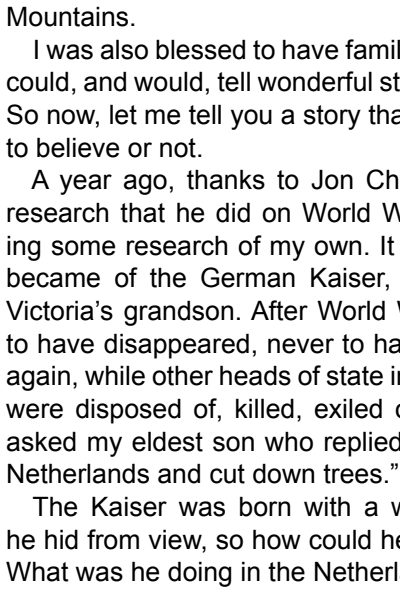



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### FOR SALE

Amana Walnut Cabinet 6 piece unit with shelving and drawers. Beautiful condition. Ph 319-530-0737

### FOR RENT

West Amana. 1 Bedroom apartment, Stove/Refridge furnished. References, lease required. 319-573-5265

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### Customer Support Associate

The **Amana Colonies Visitors Center** is seeking a reliable part-time Customer Support Associate. This position includes assisting visitors in person and via phone, tour and retail sales, and some cleaning. Must be able to count money, learn to use Square POS Register, and do some light lifting. Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday availability preferred. For more information or if interested, please contact us at 319-622-7622, stop in, or email director@amanacolonies.com.

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**AMANA AREA FELLOWSHIP**
**Sunday Church Services**
**@ 9:00 a.m.**
**Next Services:** ***December 1st & December 15th***
**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE DEC 22ND**
*at the Amana Performing Arts Center*
www.amanaareafellowship.org

### AMANA SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 11, 2024 in the Amana lift station.

**AMANA LIBRARY THANKSGIVING HOURS**
**Wed & Thurs, Nov 27 & 28 - CLOSED**
**Fri. & Sat., Nov 29 & 30**
**OPEN - 9am-Noon**

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**Large Items - Tuesday 4:30 P.M.**
**Small Items- Wednesday 11 A.M.**
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### QUOTE

"All the greatest things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom; justice; honor; duty; mercy; hope."
~Sir Winston Churchill

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meals to the homebound, feed the stray pets and water the flowers.

• For the mid-summer rain. In the midst of a mind – boggling drought it rained. Six whole inches just when we thought we wouldn't ever see rain.

• For quality health care. With our local family clinics and caregivers so responsive and caring and world-class clinics at the University of Iowa and in Cedar Rapids, we are among the best served anywhere.

• For our arts – cultural nonprofits. When you think of what our community nonprofits accomplish from restoring and preserving buildings, to telling our Amana story and sharing it with thousands, to entertaining us and showcasing the many talented people in our community, to filling up the Lily Lake, our Amana Heritage Society, Amana Arts Guild, TKM Theatrical Productions, Amana Colonies Trails, Inc and Amana Colonies Historical Sites Foundation improve our quality of life.

• Our local Amana Society Service Co. How many times did you hear the lightning crack or the ice on the window pane and rest assured that you would still have electricity to keep your frig cold and your heat on? That's due to the service we receive here from our local utility providers and the teamwork, community – first attitude they exhibit.

• Our visitors. How many jobs, full and part time, exist here because our seven villages attract visitors? How much money is generated to pay fuel taxes, sales taxes and property taxes because we host tourists? We should be thankful for each and every one who wants to come see our community.

• Our neighbors. We may not agree on everything, but we agree that the Amana Colonies are a very good place to call home. And should you ever need them, you have friends and neighbors who will help.

### AMANA ARTS GUILD COOKIE CUTTER CLASS

Join us on December 7th and learn how to make the Amana Cookie Cutters! In this tinsmithing class you will learn the history of the cookie cutters. You will then cut the tin and solder it to take home 2 Amana cookie cutters! The class will be taught by Angela Tjaden and will be held at the original Blacksmith shop in West Amana. Cost is $50 per person and will be held on December 7th from 12:30 - 4pm. If there is enough interest a morning class will also be held. Call Angela to reserve your spot! 319-521-9990.

**Amana Community Library**

## *Stuff the Stocking Fundraiser*

The library provides many services to patrons including various quality reading materials, computer and internet access, special programs, and much more. Your donations enable us to expand and maintain these services. This year we would like to use the funds to purchase metal frames for our summer StoryWalk. A StoryWalk is an outdoor activity that combines reading a children's book with physical activity that can be enjoyed by any age!

The *Amana Library Foundation* considers the future needs of the library. You may also choose this option for your donation. Please consider donating to current library needs or the Amana Library Foundation. Both donations are tax deductible under 501 (c)(3). Fill out the bottom portion and use the addressed envelope to return. OR scan the QR code below.

***Library Hours:***

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*Tuesday: 8 AM-6 PM*
*Wednesday: 8 PM-1 PM*
*Thursday: 8 AM-6 PM*
*Friday: 8 AM-6 PM*
*Saturday: 9 AM-NOON*

***Contact Information:*** ***Heather Fox*** - Library Director
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