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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, December 29, 2024 starting 8:30 A.M. with Andrea Haldy presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Sey mir doch gnädig, O mein Gott!" No. 917 v 1, 2, 4, 7 Seite 905

Testimony: Christian Metz, Hambach, Jan. 1, 1828

Scripture: Ezekiel 36: 24-29
Psalm 51

Closing Hymn: "Sey mir doch gnädig, O mein Gott!" No. 917 v 9-12, 15 Seite 905

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

Opening Hymn: "Arise My Heart, Turn To The Lord" No. 6

Closing Hymn: "Take My Life and Let it Be" No. 267

The New Year's Eve Service will begin at 6:30 PM in the Middle Church with Elder Kristie Yoder presiding.

The New Year's Day Service will begin at 10:00 AM in the Middle Church with Elder Peter Hoehnle presiding.

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

COX SANITATION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Due to the Holiday Cox Sanitation will be picking up garbage in the Amanas on Thurs. Jan. 2nd.

THE ESSEN WAGEN SERVES HOME DELIVERED MEALS

The Amana Church, in conjunction with Colonial Manor, sponsors the Amana Essen Wagen, which provides a hot noon meal to home-bound, adults or their adult child, delivered to your home (even to your chair!) each weekday, except holidays. Enjoy not cooking and enjoy visiting with one of our volunteer drivers.

Please contact Colonial Manor at 319-622-3131 to sign up for this service. You can register for a short time while recuperating at home, or on a permanent basis. The suggested donation per meal is $4.00.

ROBERT VAN CLEAVE (RVC) SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The RVC Scholarship committee is pleased to announce that the Winner of the $1250.00 2024 scholarship went to Reese Stockman of Homestead.

Reese is Granddaughter of long time Amana school employee Pat Kellenberger, shown below awarding Reese her Scholarship.

To all 2025 CCA seniors, apply for the Award its well worth it the effort to win over $1000. 00.

HELP THE LIBRARY - SHOP AT BIG G

We are Excited to inform you that we are partnering with Big G Food Store in Marengo, in an incredible program that allows us to earn FREE classroom equipment and supplies.

Here's How You Can Help!

Shop at the Big G Food Store from September 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025

Save your receipts and send them to school with your child or drop them off at the Amana Library.

Your receipts will earn us points for free classroom equipment and supplies, donated by the store.

Please submit your receipts (the date needs to be on the receipt for it to be valid) to our school by April 4, 2025. Thank you!

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A Traditional Christmas in the Hahn Kitchen, Middle Amana

This photo was taken 1907/8 in the upstairs apartment later occupied by the Bill Metz family. Bill's mother, Lisette Louise (Hahn) Metz, was born in 1909.

Left to right: Lina (Zuber) Hahn holding son Wilhelm Georg, and father Georg Friedrich August Hahn holding son Carl Friedrich.

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Entree served with mashed potatoes & gravy and vegetable of the day unless otherwise noted [*] No Substitutions

Also...Join us for Prime Rib every Thursday a 12 oz cut of Prime Rib with your choice of Potato and salad. From starting at 5 pm, while it lasts.

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FEATHERS IN THE WIND

(Originally printed in 2014)

I would like to say (especially to those who mourn during this holiday season) I wish you the peace and love that only God brings. Know that you are in out thoughts, hearts, and especially our prayers. You are not alone.

I still do not have the house decorated, presents wrapped, or cookies baked. Perhaps an elf will come and just do all these chores for me, or I could have "Christmas in July." If I could do that I could find more bargains!

It seems as if Thanksgiving was later than usual so Christmas just appeared out of no where.

This year I decided that since I write to you each week via the column you know what has been happening. We are grateful for the cards you send and promise I will get back to you via the internet as soon as possible. We wish you wonderful memories and most of all PEACE on Earth.

I wish for peace now more then ever. We are all growing older and some of use are getting "wiser." What seemed so important to us years ago are of little or no consequence now just because maybe some of use have come to the realization that the packages, food, and parties are not as important as showing and being loved by others.

Isn't that truly what Christmas is about? Peace and love that only someone or something larger and more powerful the we mere mortals can ever imagine?

When you think about it, Christmas day comes only a few days after the winter solstice. Centuries ago people thought that because there was less and less sunlight and the world was growing cold thus providing less food; the world was coming to an end. Back then these people would make bonfires trying to regain the light and warmth that was daily fading away.

Slowly a benevolent source did bring back light and warmth with renewed growth. Once again there was hope!

So often I will look at snow silently and softly drift from the sky. Each snowflake different yet all having been made by one creator.

There is a story that says, "some children see him lily while, others see him dark as night..." I thought about that when I was a child and think of the baby Jesus as looking just the way we personally would like him to appear.

What does it matter? What matter is that Jesus came for all people. So on this day we wish you the love God sent that holy night.

B.S.H. and Charlie

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Food Drive Collection at Colonial Manor Nursing Home.

Non perishable food donated to those who are in need this holiday season.

We continue to collect in December and January, at our facility. Questions/concerns? Contact Joey 319-622-3131

AMANA AREA FELLOWSHIP

Next Sunday Church Services :

January 5th &

January 12th

at the Amana Performing Arts Center

www.amanaareafellowship.org

HELP WANTED

Ackerman Winery is seeking an enthusiastic and experienced Tasting Room Manager to oversee our tasting room operations. The ideal candidate will have a passion for hospitality and a strong background in customer service. This full-time position requires weekends. To find out more, visit Ackermanwinery.com/careers or email resume to info@ackermanwinery.com

FOR RENT

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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

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May Your New Year be full of Joy & Contentment