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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, January 12, 2025 starting 8:30 A.M. with Br. Alan Trumpold presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Nun freut euch , liebe Christen-G'mein" No.733 vs 1-5 Seite 728

Testimony: Barbara Heinemann, Schillerhammer, April 4, 1822

Scripture: Luke 10: 38-42
Psalm 103

Closing Hymn: "Nun freut euch , liebe Christen-G'mein" No.733 vs 6-10 Seite 728

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

Opening Hymn: "I know my Lord, that to be blest." No. 93 vs 1-10

Closing Hymn: "I know my Lord, that to be blest." No. 93 vs. 11-14

The Wednesday Evening Prayer Service (Nachtgebet) begins 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.

Links to services posted online may be found at: *https://amanachurch.com/category/podcast/*

AMANA FIRE DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The monthly public meeting of the Amana Fire District will be held Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the Middle Amana fire station.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

It has been the happiest season of all – BAH HUMBUG! At least not this past Christmas. This is one to be put in the books as really an upside Christmas for me.

It began early when I decided that I was going to get everything ready before the holidays so that I could sit back and enjoy myself. It is a foolish thought, I know, but I thought that if I took things slow and steady everything would fit into place.

It was the week before Christmas when Charlemagne but on his snow boots to go and feed the birds. (It is actually feeding squirrels, but if he wants to believe birds I will let him dream). Suddenly, the door slams open and he yells at me that third of our maple tree has broken off from the trunk and is lying across the backyard.

The good news is that no one was injured. The bad news is that a large part of the back yard has this huge tree branch across it and we cannot do anything about it until the weather improves.

Charlemagne then decides to check the rest of the grounds, only to find that going down our front steps is dangerous. He came back in with a sore right side, a bloody handkerchief, and one of the biggest black eyes that I have seen. As he was bandaging his right hand, not allowing anyone to touch or look at it, I decided that I had better get Christmas cards done.

The trouble was that I had ordered cards that one could put together by folding and gluing. This was not a "wise idea" at all, since I had just finished knitting for the church bazaar and my hands were shaped like claws. People got cards that they could put together themselves, or put in a wastebasket because, after one, I was ready to hurt small animals.

THEN Charlemagne informs me that the dishwasher is not working correctly, and that he thinks the clothes dryer has died. The dishwasher just needed a screw tightened, but the clothes drier required two doors be taken off before it was fixed.

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Amana Colonies to Celebrate 170th Anniversary

This year 2025 is the 170th anniversary of the founding of the seven Amana villages.
Ideas are being circulated as to how the Amanas might acknowledge this anniversary.

Jon Childers, Amana Heritage Society, Executive Director, reports that the AHS will be hosting a "community groups and nonprofits brainstorming meeting" so that our local groups can be part of planning and so that new events can be conceived or new themes and activities for existing events and festivals can be created.

Some of the planning may very well extend into 2026 when America will be celebrating a nationwide anniversary.

"Our American anniversary, 1776-2026, is coming up next year, so we also want to talk about ways we can incorporate the birth of our nation and national themes as well," Childers.

The idea is to find entertaining and educational ways to celebrate our anniversary as a community in Iowa and to look forward as we celebrate an anniversary as a nation.

Do you have an idea you want to share? Would you like to help? Ideas and volunteers are welcome and needed. Give the Amana Heritage Society a ring or email at amanaheritage@southslope.net or email Emilie Hoppe at zhoppe@southslope.net

TKM Announces 2025 Theatre Calendar

It's exciting to see the 2025 shows in production at the TKM Theatre. Its board of directors and creative helmsmen, Deb Kennedy and Tom Milligan have quite a year planned. There are excellent musical events, original comedy, new shows and a couple of theatre classics to entertain us all in 2025.

Take note parents, do not miss the opportunity to sign your kids up for the June 9 – 13 youth camp at the Amana Performing Art Center. See their website at tkmtheatricalproductions.com for contact information and details. Also go the website to learn more about each show.

And yes, you can help as the nonprofit is seeking volunteers to help out at shows and more. Be part of this exciting endeavor in the Amanas today.

- Feb 14 – 16 "Murdered by the Mob" Dinner Theatre at Fireside Winery, 1755 P Ave. Marengo, A roaring 20s murder mystery by James Daab. Firesidewinery.com for tickets.
- March 28 – 30 "Over the River and Through the Woods" at Amana Performing Arts Center. A comedy by Joe DiPietro. Can family dinners get more uproarious?
- May 24 FunkDaddies at the Amana Performing Arts Center Courtyard. Food trucks and dancing with the incomparable FunkDaddies. Freewill donations welcome.
- June 9 – 13 Youth Theatre Camp Amana at the Amana Performing Arts Center. Contact Deb Kennedy to register your kids. 9 a.m. – noon. "Bravery in the Backyard" the week's end performance.
- August 22 – 24 "Pump Boys and Dinettes" a smash hit musical at the Amana Performing Arts Center. Those Double Cupp sisters pour out their hearts to the gas station crew next door.
- Sept. 26 – 28 "The Odd Couple" by Neil Simon at the Amana Performing Arts Center. The classic comedy about mis-fit roommates who make it work.
- October 31 Halloween Party with Winifred and the UNDeads at the Amana Performing Arts Center. Get your costumes ready as we dance the night away. Free will donations welcome.

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Don Krauss (Sr.)
is celebrating is
96th Birthday on
January 14th
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His address is:
Don Krauss
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Grinnell, IA 50112

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 January, at our facility.
Questions/concerns?
Contact Joey 319-622-3131

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Last, but not least, our son's husband, Justin, brought food enough for two lunches and a big supper. Now that is nothing to complain about.

Charlemagne and I have the casseroles that we had planned to serve for Christmas, so anyone who wants to come for a visit, please do not use the front door, look out for the tree in the back, and give warning that you are coming.

So the bad turned out really well.

B.S.H.

FOR SALE

Shares of Amana Society Inc. New Class A Common Stock for sale. If interested, email cr1900@yahoo.com.

FOR RENT

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

ACCORDION

Some years ago, a friend from Western Germany left with me an "Sibylla Brand" accordion that I believe was her grandfather's. I am wondering if anyone in Amana would have interest in it. Please contact Sandra in Cedar Rapids at 319 213 6047

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.

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- Nov. 7 – 9 "Girls Weekend 2 – the Bachelorette!" by Karen Schaeffer. Amana Performing Arts Center. A backwoods cabin, a party for the bride to be and oh my, every signal gets crossed as starcrossed love has its way.
- Nov. 30 "A Swingin Christmas" with Rod Pierson Big Band and Craig Boches. Do not miss this show. Period. 2 p.m. on Nov. 30 at the Amana Performing Arts Center
- Dec. 5 – 7 and 12 – 14 "Holiday Show Fruitcake" by Jonesy McElroy at the Amana Performing Arts Center. Tis the season for hilarity.

Winterfest is Saturday Jan. 25

The Amana Freezer 5k, the Winterfest Wine and Beer walk, our Amana best beard contest and chili cookoff plus Brittany Sword entertaining at Millstream Brewing Co are on the schedule for the 2025 Amana Colonies Winterfest to be held Saturday, January 25.

Sponsored by Hills Bank, WRH, Inc. and Compass Memorial Healthcare, Winterfest further details will be announced as the event approaches, but here's what we know now.

The bonfire will keep us warm as the Amana Volunteer Fire Department serves their excellent chili from collector festival mugs starting at 11 a.m. at the Market barn. This is a fund raiser for the Amana FD so please show your support. Winterfest games of dubious skill for all ages will be offered 11 – 2 at the Market barn, along with chain saw art and treats. Trim that beard now and plan to register for the Best Beard Contest to be held at 2 p.m. at the Market barn. Visit colony breweries and wineries to take part in the annual Winterfest warm-up sipping stroll.

Then at 6 p.m. the party adjourns to Millstream Brewing Co. as recording artist Brittany Sword performs pop indie/ alternative rock and some of your favorite covers.

To register for the Freezer Run go to the Amana Colonies events page, Winterfest 2025 for a link to the on-line registration. Hosted by the Amana Colonies Trails, Inc. This fund raiser for the upkeep of the Amana Kolonieweg is a favorite. Advance registration is $30 with a souvenir t-shirt or Amana Meat Shop gift pack. Pre run registration takes place at the Carding Studio at Hotel Millwright. The run begins and ends in front of the Hotel. This a "no refund" race. Proceeds benefit the nonprofit Amana Colonies Trails efforts to maintain our Amana Kolonieweg so all fees are donations and greatly appreciated.

41st Annual Christmas Bird Count

Saturday, December 28, a small group of volunteers fanned out across Amana meadows, forests and river bottom as part of a national effort to count birds promoted by the Audubon Society. Volunteers across American made similar forays to count birds.

Lanny Haldy, who organizes this effort, noted that this was Amana's 41st annual count. The weather was excellent, but rain the day before made roads and pathways muddy restricting access in some areas. However, temps in the 40s and sunny weather meant the volunteers were happy to walk and to be out as long as possible. The warm temperature also mean that the Lily Lake and Iowa River were open and full of waterfowl.

Haldy notes that 43 different species of birds were sighted, including one rare sighting of a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. Forty-three is exactly the annual count's average. The most species ever seen here during a Christmas count was 50, Haldy said.

The Lily Lake had over 2,000 Canada Geese, but the biggest surprise was the high number of Trumpeter swans. Over 700 Trumpeter swans were counted on the lake, in river bottom fields and in a field just west of West Amana which had a large congregation.

"That 700 was twice that of any previous count and pretty amazing considering that 20 years ago the number was ZERO. One of our particpants commented that Amana must be welcoming all the swans in the world," Haldy concluded.

The number of song birds sighted was down a bit this year, perhaps because the warm weather meant they were scattered about.

AMANA AREA FELLOWSHIP
Weekly Sunday Church Services starting 9:00 A.M. :
January 12th & January 19th
at the Amana Performing Arts Center
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AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT (ACLUD)
Notice of Board of Trustees Meeting and Tentative Agenda January 13th, 2025 – 7 p.m. ACLUD office, 4304 220th Trail Amana, And via ZOOM link

I. Call Meeting to Order
II. Set Agenda
III. Review/Approve December 9, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes
IV. Welcome visitors and allow citizens to speak on items that are not on the agenda.
V. Discussion/Action on the following permit applications in a Historic Preservation Zoning District:

a. 2024-098 Ryan and Lyndsey McCarty / 2515 & 2601 J St. Middle / HP-R /Construct a 6X1X16 Cedar wood plank 3 board Amana fence with 4x4x8 brown treated or cedar wood posts along the front of property.

b. 2024-099 Chris & Donna Dickel / 2604 K. St Middle Amana / HP-R / Replace all windows on home with Vinyl like for like. Includes 2 upper 9/6 28" X 56" West side. 4 upper 2/2 28" x 36", 3 lower 9/6 28" X 56" North side. 2 upper 9/6 28" X 56", 2 lower 9/6 28" X 56" East side. 4 upper 2/2 28" X 36", 5 lower 9/6 28" x 56" South side.

c. 2024-055 Amana Heritage Society / 430 V St Homestead / HP-C / The old Homestead General Store. Repair failing brick and mortar on east/west/south sides of building. Repair missing and cracked stucco on north side. THIS IS FOR A GRANT APPLICATION. Kayleigh Myers has inspected the jobsite and taken pictures. Also have the contractor receipt. Need BOT approval to issue the check.

d. 2025STR-001 Holly Hastings (HC Property Group LLC) / 4403 220th Trail / HP-C /
Short-term rental application

VI. Other Business.

a. Discussion/action: Semi-Trailer parked at Price Creek Events center.

b. Discussion/action: Lothar Beyer to fill vacant seat on HPC.

VII. Review/Approve December Disbursements Report.
VIII. Review/Approve the November Treasurer's Report.
IX. President's Report (if applicable).
X. Administrator's Report.
XI. Adjourn.