Amana Society Bulletin

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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Covenant Preparation Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, November 16, 2025 starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Betsy Momany presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Nichts soll mich von Jesus trennen" No. 720 vs 1-5 Seite 715

Testimony: Br. J. A. Gruber, July 4, 1716 (Rules 9-16)

Scripture: Ephesians 4:11-16,
Hebrews 12:1-14
Psalm 34:1-14

Closing Hymn: "Nichts soll mich von Jesus trennen" No. 720 vs 6-10 Seite 715

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

Opening Hymn: "The will of God is always best" No. 125

Closing Hymn: "Hark, dear souls, do listen closely" No. 100

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.

The live link for the 10:00 A.M. service is --- https://www.facebook.com/theamanachurch

Please join us on Thursday, November 27 for our Thanksgiving Dinner starting at 11:30 am. If you would like to volunteer to help with the meal please let Betsy Momany know (busterb@southslope.net; 319-530-0436). To reserve to-go meals please call the Amana Church office at 319-622-6155 or email mchurch@southslope.net by November 23rd.

Thank you!

AMANA FIRE DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The monthly public meeting of the Amana Fire District will be held Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the Middle Amana fire station.

AMANA HERITAGE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UNDERWAY

The Amana Heritage Society collects, preserves, and interprets the 300 years of cultural heritage of the Amana Colonies. We strive to be the historian of our community, growing our collections and ideas, and making them available to our community and visitors. In order to carry out this important mission, we seek the support of our membership and try to make it grow. Your annual membership is vital to our current and future success. Please consider supporting Amana's heritage by becoming, or remaining, a member today. Visit us at https://amanaheritage.org/ to purchase an online membership or give us a call at 319.622.3567 for more information. Help us to keep Preserving Our Heritage and Sharing Our Culture.

AMANA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Spaghetti Supper

Friday, November 14th
5:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

MIDDLE AMANA FIRE STATION
2725 K Street, Amana

Dine In or Carry Out Available
Free Will Donation

Food Drive Collection at Colonial Manor Nursing Home.
Non perishable food donated to those who are in need this holiday season. We will be collecting in November, December and January at our facility. Questions/concerns Contac Joey. 319-622-3131

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Thanksgiving Dinner at the Amana Church

The annual Thanksgiving dinner at the Amana Church in Amana is open to all. Dine – in with friends and neighbors or carry-out a meal on Thursday, Thanksgiving day, Nov. 27. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. at the Amana Church, located in the center of the block north of the Chocolate Haus.

The Amana Church will have its annual covenant service at 10 a.m. at the Middle Amana Church. Everyone is welcome to worship and to dinner.

The dinner is being prepared by Amana Church volunteers and youth group members. Turkey, a second entrée for those who do not care for turkey, mashed potatoes, side dishes and dessert will be served. If you wish to reserve a carry-out meal please call the Amana Church office at 319-622-6155. before Nov. 24. No reservation required for dine-in.

LOVE Network Trees Spread Joy
December 1 Gifts Need to be at the Trees

The Iowa County LOVE Network is preparing to share the joy of the holiday season and their work is much needed as many in Iowa County are experiencing hardship.

There will be 70 to 80 gift tags on the trees located in the Amana Family Practice Clinic and the Amana Pharmacy this year, reports Carmen Grimm, a LOVE Network volunteer. Also please note that the gifts should be returned to the tree before Monday, December 1.

December 1 all of the gifts will be collected for distribution before Christmas.

If you are unfamiliar with the LOVE Network trees. Here's how it works. Christmas trees are placed at the Amana Family Practice Clinic, the Amana Pharmacy, First Trust and Savings Bank, Williamsburg, Mercy Family Medicine of Williamsburg and various churches. Each tree has many gift tags on it. In October professional social service and health providers hand out applications for assistance. The family or individual applies and indicates what they need most. These are collected and gift tags created for the trees. Each gift tag shows the age, gender and item requested with information such as the size needed. For example a gift tag might read: hooded sweatshirt for boy. Children's size x-large or adult size small.

You select gift tags from the tree, fill out the short form and leave with the clerk/ office. Then you purchase the item requested at a store of your choosing. Place in a box and wrap in festive holiday wrapping. Return the gift to the tree for collection December 1. All of these items will be picked up by volunteers and given to the families.

Here's another way you can help. The Iowa County LOVE Network also collection monetary donations for the purchase of gift cards for essentials and groceries. These cash donations are collected and gift cards purchased before December 1. If you would like to make a donation mail to Claudia Kleinmeyer, 158 Circle Drive, Williamsburg, Iowa, 52361.

The LOVE Network is a 501.c3, nonprofit charity, and donations are tax deductible.

AAG House Walk and Open House at New Gallery During Prelude to Christmas

The Amana Arts Guild is hosting an open house to celebrate their new gallery in Amana across from the Amana Visitor Center.

Stop by Friday, Dec. 5 from 5 till 7 p.m. at the new gallery to see how the Amana Arts Guild has created this fun shopping space for the work of local artists and handcrafters. You can make it part of your Prelude Friday celebration as the gallery is located just west of the Tannebaum Forest on 46th Avenue, just steps away from other shops and venues.

And hey good news, the AAG is once again hosting its Christmas House Walk on Saturday, December 6 and Sunday, December 7. Tickets are $20 and include entry into an exclusive raffle to win an Amana-made traditional white and green, free standing Christmas pyramid. This beautifully crafted wooden pyramid is on display now at the High Amana Store. You can enter via your house walk ticket or purchase raffle tickets separately at the High Amana Store or the Guild Gallery in Amana. The pyramid drawing will held later in December.

This year during the house walk there will be a craft pop-up market at the Amana Arts Guild Folk Life Center in High Amana featuring traditional Amana crafts such as tinsmithing, basketmaking, needle crafts and others. Local crafters will be displaying their work, showing how these traditional colony

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HOME FOR SALE

4307 220th trail, Formally Abbi's cottage. Could continue as an overnight or long-term w/3potential rentals. Could convert suite back in the garage. 3 to 4 bedrooms. Finished basement, two laundry rooms, new furnace and AC, new hot water heater. This is a well maintained home. Contact Janice at 319-654--4297

SERVICES

Fall garden plowing, leaf collection, lawn aeration, and stump grinding. Call Rob Jeck at 319-622-3308

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crafts are done and selling items too; so this is another neat chance to do some holiday gift buying.

The AAG Prelude house walk is Saturday Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 7 noon until 4 p.m. Buy tickets at the AAG Gallery or at any of the homes.

Homes on the house tour:

The Myers home in Upper South. Once the Amana Society Bakery, this huge historic building is being renovated and reclaimed in a unique and imaginative way as a family home with space for the Myers' active kids and busy homelife.

The McCarty home in Middle Amana. The McCarty's have created a warm and inviting home in this beautifully maintained, communal-era home on Middle Amana's "back street." Charmingly decorated for the season.

The Robert Brost home in West Amana. In the former sandstone bakery in West Amana this is perhaps the oldest home on the tour now fully restored by the Brosts with highly creative inspirations, including some recent renovations.

Just two doors away the West Amana village blacksmith shop will be open during the house tour and this unique spot in the village harkens to a bygone era. Craftsman will be on duty sharing his work.

The Rhodes home/ Rawson's B and B in Homestead is an 1862 former communal kitchen and one of Amana's most successful bed and breakfasts. Fully restored with lovely period touches and antiques, this charming brick home will prompt your own creative inspiration.

Big Band for Christmas

If you have not seen this band and these performers on stage you are in for a real treat. It's the Rod Pierson Big Band with Craig Boche at the microphone at the Amana Performing Arts Center for one show only only Sunday, November 30th at 2 pm.

Sponsored by Compass Memorial Healthcare with TKM Theatrical Productions this is a holiday concert filled with hoppin' and rockin' holiday tunes that will get you into the holiday spirit. The Rod Pierson Big Band is a 13-member band comprised of world class musicians and a legendary music library of swing, big band, jump, ballad and contemporary tunes. With long term stints with The Glenn Miller Orchestra, Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, The Moe Band, Hunter Fuertes's Vintage Orchestra and the Guy Lombardo Orchestra, Rod Pierson's jazz credits include performances with Woody Herman, Natalie Cole, John Pizzarelli and Ann Hampton Callaway. Pierson has backed popular artists such as Aretha Franklin, Burt Bacharach, The Temptations and Bob Hope. While Craig Boche has given countless performances in venues all over the Midwest. From soft romantic ballads to traditional swing, wild jump tunes, the audience will hear his vocal depth, accuracy and versatility. His velvety vocals bring a certain Rat Pack sound, swagger, and feel to our performances. The chart list includes songs & arrangements made popular by Sinatra, Darin, Martin, Cole, Prima, Connick, Basie, Bublé, Miller, Setzer, Davis, and so many more.

Call Deb. Kennedy at TKM Theatricals or go to their website for tickets. Tickets are just $25. Yes, there are group rates too for your club or business. Call 319-899-3799.

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Date: Sunday, November 16
- Time: 3:30 – 6:00 pm
- Location: Fireside Winery,
1755 P Avenue, Marengo
- Cost: Free will donation

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Amana Church Holiday Events

Everyone is Welcome.

Covenant Worship Service
Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 27,
10 a.m. at the Middle Amana Church

Thanksgiving Dinner
Thanksgiving Nov. 27 doors open 11:30 at the Amana Church.
A complete Thanksgiving meal prepared by the youth group/ church volunteers.
Dine in or carry out. If you wish to carry-out call to reserve by Nov. 24. 319-622-6155.

Advent Service at the Amana Church
Sunday, Nov. 30 at 4 p.m. at the Amana Church in Amana
An informal service to begin our Christmas preparations.

Prelude to Christmas Church Bazaar Fri. Dec. 5 & Sat. Dec. 6
Drop off donations for the bazaar Thursday 9 - 4, Friday morning 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. 6
Drop off donations Friday afternoon 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 Amana Church in Amana.

AMANA AREA FELLOWSHIP
Church Services
SUNDAYS 9:00 AM
All Are Welcome
Amana Performing Arts Center
www.amanaareafellowship.org

CHRISTMAS WREATH SALES

The Amana Boy Scout Troop 223 is offering Christmas wreaths for sale to all residents and businesses in our community for $18.00 each on Saturday November 22 door to door until our supply runs out.

If you have any questions or want to be guaranteed a wreath by pre-ordering, contact Charlotte Heishman at 319-622-3039. Thank you.

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jvanzante@southslope.net

Dear Families and Friends,

The Amana Elementary School is excited to inform you that we are participating in an incredible program that allows us to earn FREE classroom equipment and supplies!

Here's how you can Help!

Shop at Big G Food Store in Marengo from September 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026

Save your receipts (the date must be on the receipt to be valid) and send them to school with your child

Your receipts will earn us points for free classroom equipment, donated by the store!

Please submit your receipts to our school by April 4, 2026. Receipts can also be dropped off at the Amana Community Library.

Thank You!
Amana Elementary School

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OBITUARY

Ronald Haldy, January 25, 1943 — October 21, 2025. A Graveside service will be held 10:30 am, November 28, 2025, at the Main Amana Cemetery. Powell Funeral Home and Cremation Services is caring for Ronald and his Family.

Ronald Duane Haldy was born January 25, 1943, in Cedar Rapids. He was proceeded in death by his parents Herbert and Louise Haldy and his younger brother, Leslie Haldy (March 2007). He is survived by his daughters, Lisa Wnek (Tim) and Heidi Guckenberger (Rob). He has 4 granddaughters and a grandson (Caitlin, Danielle, Parker, Temperance, and Duncan).

Ron graduated from Amana High School in 1961. He was very good at baseball and lettered all 4 years.

Ron was extremely gifted and talented; we considered him a master woodworker with all the unique and creative pieces he made over the years. He started his career in woodworking at Krauss Furniture and later went on to work at Schanz Furniture before retiring.

Ron enjoyed the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing. He was an avid Hawkeye fan and especially enjoyed cheering on the Iowa football and basketball teams.

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