

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, August 27, starting 8:30 A.M. with Br. Peter Hoehnle presiding.

Opening Hymn: "O heil'ger Geist, kehr' bei uns ein" No.794 Seite 783

Testimony: Christian Metz, Hohenstaufen, August 17, 1838

Scripture: Romans 12:1-8
Psalm 149

Closing Hymn: "Prufet alle falsche Geister" No. 878 Seite 865

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

Opening Hymn: "O Holy Spirit, Enter In" No. 79

Closing Hymn: "Prove Ye, Prove Ye Every Spirit" No. 158

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.

Links to services posted online may be found starting with the gateway page:

<https://amanachurch.com/category/podcast/>

AAG FRIDAY STUDIO TOUR - THIS FRIDAY.

Friday, August 25 come tour the private art studios of esteemed artists living and working in our seven villages. See the places where masterpieces are born, and enjoy live art demonstrations. 4 PM to 8 PM. There are paps available at the Gallery on Main in Amana and at the Amana Colonies Visitor Center. Free to the public

AMANA LIBRARY HOURS

Monday 8:00-3:00	Tuesday 8:00-6:00
Wednesday 8:00-1:00	Thursday 8:00-6:00
Friday 8:00-6:00	Saturday 9:00-noon

The Library added 18 new titles to our catalog. Full list on page 3.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

There once was a book that had a title "You Can't Go Home Again." I beg to disagree. The Colonies have always been "home" to me, and I keep returning sometimes much to the consternation of my family.

That first week of college began well enough although waiting in line for meals for a very, very long time was not to my liking. Then came the classes and the assignment of having to read over 50 pages in ONE CLASS alone in one day was horrifying. (In those days I read very slowly.) Needless to say, when the weekend came, and I could go home I was more than ready.

I would fight my parents about remaining on campus until I finally got my wish to become a commuting student the middle of my freshman year.

When I got a job in the Quad Cities, I managed to make the trip home within less than an hour and a half on weekends. This was when the speed limits on the Interstate was over 80 MPH. Then came the times of real stress when parents got sick, we had cancer diagnosis, children had problems, deaths of people we loved and cared about. These were the times when people came from out of nowhere to offer support and shoulders to lean on.

To me the Colonies have meant a place of security. Sure, I will complain and mutter, but when I need help there will be people I can depend on. The church has taught me to believe in God's mercy and I do trust I Him through all the cancer scares, deaths, job losses, etc. There seems to be a plan to all of this.

Which we mortals are not aware of.

As has been said, "God's plans are not our plans."

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

New Amana Playground Planned

After years of hearing from colony moms and dads that a playground with a public picnic area alongside it would be a very welcome addition to the Amana Colonies, the Amana Colonies Convention and Visitors Bureau board is working with the Amana Society, the Amana Community Chest, the Amana Colonies Historic Sites Foundation, Amana Colonies Trails and the Amana Heritage Society to build a new park and playground in Amana.

The playground project was announced last month by Stacey Colledge, executive director of the ACCVB.

With the goal of raising \$291,000 for the playground equipment and its installation, fund raising is now underway. An account at Bankhaus in Amana has been established to receive donations and so has a Go Fund Me page. To donate, you may drop off your donations at the Bankhaus in Amana or visit gofundme.com and search for Amana Colonies Playground.

The short term goal is to get an application in to the State of Iowa's Rural Enrichment Grant program which has an August 30th deadline. At least \$10,000 is needed before August 30 as a match for the grant application of \$30,000. So donations are needed right now to help earn this grant award.

Designed by Themed Concepts of Hugo, Minnesota, a park/ playground design firm, the Amana Colonies Playground will be an attractive playground that blends into the village with a design that engages kids. The theme is a stone and wood barn and mill with a faux water wheel. The play barn and mill features platforms, a tube slide, six foot and seven foot slides; a mini-rock wall climber, a grape trellis climber along with produce basket stepping stones and tree-like swing set. In creating their design, they took the suggestions of local residents and Amana Heritage Society staff members, while they surveyed the site and studied photos of Amana.

To see drawings and photo concepts and to read about the playground's features go to the Amana Colonies Playground Facebook page.

It's hoped that with additional donations an off-the-leash dog park can be added at one end of the park, an addition that will surely please dog lovers.

It's a very ambitious goal as Colledge said, but she hopes to open the park in mid summer 2024. That depends, of course, on fund raising.

Colledge explained that her board has heard from many residents over the years that a playground was needed, both for community residents and for families who visit. "It was something that has come up so often over the years, and we thought, now let's make it happen."

"The park and playground is a vital resource to make people feel a connection with their community. Public places to relax and interact build a stronger sense of community, which is vital for our younger generations that flock away from rural communities. . ." she said.

Colledge and the ACCVB is spearheading the project with assistance from the Iowa County Community Development group which has provided help with grant writing. The Amana Historic Sites Foundation and Amana Colonies Trails have both been involved in planning for long term maintenance, while the Amana Heritage Society has assisted with the educational elements of the playground design.

The Amana Society has pledged to provide the land for the park and playground and has written letters of support for the project to potential grant agencies. The Amana Community Chest has assisted with initial seed money.

"Every donation, whatever the size \$5, \$50, \$500 will be needed," Colledge told us, adding, "It's very heartwarming to see how the community has embraced the playground project. I'm very encouraged. We have a long way to go, but I'm confident we will get there as long as we can keep the momentum going."

For more information on the project, updates,

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On behalf of the estate of Ramona Hoppe, the contents of the house located at 4109 V Street, Homestead, Iowa, will be sold. Due to the large number of items in the estate, Three Sales Events will be held.

1st Garage Sale (Outdoor Only)

Friday, Sept. 1: Noon - 4 pm
Saturday, Sept. 2: 9 am - 4 pm
Sunday, Sept. 3: 9 am - 3 pm
Monday, Sept. 4: 9 am - 3 pm
Kitchen, Garden, General Household, Tools, Costume Jewelry, Some Furniture, Books, Amway (New Old Stock)
More Items Added each day of Sale

2nd Garage Sale (Outdoor Only)

Friday, Sept. 15: 9 am - 4 pm
Saturday, Sept. 16: 9 am - 4 pm
Sunday, Sept. 17: 9 am - 3 pm
Kitchen, Garden, General Household, Tools, Costume Jewelry, Some Furniture, Books,
More Items Added each day of Sale

Indoor Tag Sale

Numbers Required for 1st Day of Sale Only.
Numbers Issued at 10 am
Thursday, Sept. 21: Noon - 5 pm
Friday, Sept. 22: Noon - 4 pm
Saturday, Sept. 23: 9 am - 4 pm
Sunday, Sept. 24: 9 am - 4 pm
Antiques, Primitives, Old Amana Furniture, Oil Paintings, Quilts, Amana Rugs & Runners, Tools, Tool Chest, Parlor Stoves, Costume Jewelry, Amana Advertising, General Household Items



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I remember when I was in second grade and having to take part in some kind of community event. Our elementary teachers had to teach us the words and music to the song "Faith of Our Fathers." It was painful to say the least because it was slow and did not make much sense to children who were under the age of 10.

Now that I am an old woman, I do understand why that song was chosen. Our forefathers did endure a lot of persecution in Europe and the USA. Even I, when I was in college was teased because of my "accent." In grad. school, I had a prof, who constantly humiliated me, but I had learned to go on knowing full well that I had a community behind me.

I will never be awarded huge prizes or such, but I have known the love of a community that unites with one another through all sorts of trials and tribulations and for that I am truly grateful.

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and ways to donate, the ACCVB has set up a Facebook page www.facebook.com/AmanaColoniesPlayground. Addition information can also be obtained by contacting the Amana Colonies Visitor Center at 319-622-7622.

Amana Population Numbers

According to most recent US Census the population of the State of Iowa is 3.1 million. Officially the population of the seven Amana villages have a combined population of 1548. Village by village the colony population from largest to smallest is: Middle Amana 543 persons; Amana 388; South Amana 165; West 140; Homestead 135; High Amana 113 and East Amana 64.

Iowa County has a population of 16,475 men, women and children. It's population is estimated to have dropped by about 200 persons since the most recent census. It is the 45th largest of Iowa's 99 counties. The median income in Iowa County is \$64,720 and 6.6 percent of Iowa County families live in poverty according to the US Bureau of Statistics.

Charlie's Saturday Morning Market
Plants, Produce, Cookies
10:00 A.M. - Noon

Amana Area Fellowship Night of Worship
Please join us for an evening of food, fellowship, song and a message from the Bible.
Thursday, September 7, 2023
Amana Performing Arts Center
Potluck 6:00-6:30
Music and Message 6:45
Continuing Series: Jesus' Letters to the 7 Churches - Book of Revelation
Message: Letter to the church in Sardis - Rev. 3:1-6
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Hey there's a "kids paint" at the Gallery on Main on Saturday Sept. 3 from 2 – 4 p.m. for all budding artists.

Bulletin Deadlines:
Articles & ads - Tues. 5:00 PM
Small Ads/articles - Wed. Noon

FOR SALE

100 Shares of New Class A Amana Society Inc. Stock. If interested please contact: Hills Bank and Trust Company Attn: Claire Murphy, Trust Officer at 319-654-8107

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ACLUD NOMINATION PAPERS DUE SEPT 8

The annual election for the Amana Colonies Land Use District (ACLUD) trustees will be held Tuesday, October 3, 2023.

Nomination papers are available by appointment only at the ACLUD office at 4304 220th Trail, in Amana. Papers are also available at the Auditor's Office in the East Courthouse Annex at 970 Court Avenue in Marengo between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

The deadline for filing nomination papers is September 8, 2023 at 4:30 PM in the Auditor's Office.

Please note the polling hours for this election will be from 12:00 Noon until 8:00 PM at the Middle Amana Fire Station.

For further information contact the ACLUD office at 319-622-3840 or the Auditor's Office at 319-642-3923 option # 0.

Sample ballots for this Special Election will be published in the Pioneer Republican the week of September 11, 2023.

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Pre-registered voter registration deadline is Monday, September 18, 2023 for this election. Pre-registered voters are required to provide an approved form of identification at the polling place before receiving and casting a regular ballot. Voters who are not pre-registered – such as voters registering to vote on election day – and voters changing precincts must also provide proof of residence. A voter who is unable to provide an approved form of identification (or prove residence if required) 1) may have the voter's identity/residence attested to by another registered voter in the precinct, 2) prove identity and residence using Election Day Registration documents, or 3) cast a provisional ballot and

CCA HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS DUE

The Clear Creek Amana Community School Foundation is seeking nominations for the CCA Hall of Fame by September 1st. The Hall of Fame recognizes individuals for their service and contributions to the CCA school district in the areas of volunteerism, professional education, outstanding support for the district and its students. Thus far the foundation has inducted 48 individuals into the Hall of Fame. To nominate someone, write a letter of support, with the nominee's full name, please note if the person is living or deceased, address specifically why this person should be considered, any information that would help the committee make a decision such as volunteer contributions, career information, education success, professional success, support to the district, its students or the foundation. Please send the nominations to CCA Foundation via email – ccafoundation@ccaschools.org or mail to PO Box 30, Oxford, IA, 52322. Clear Creek Amana Community School Foundation.



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- Simply Lies by David Baldacci
- Storm Watch by CJ Box
- The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne
- Horse by Geraldine Brooks
- Pink Lemonade Cake Murder by Joanne Fluke
- The Hill We Climb by Amanda Gorman
- The Wager by David Grann
- Twyford Code by Janice Hallett
- Making of Another Major Motion Picture by Tom Hanks
- The Villa by Rachel Hawkins
- Happy Place by Emily Henry
- Never Never by Colleen Hoover
- The House of Eve by Sadeqa Johnson
- Golden Spoon by Jessa Maxwell
- Only Survivors by Megan Miranda
- Someone Else's Shoes by Jojo Moyes
- 23rd Midnight by James Patterson

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provide proof of identity/residence at the county auditor's office by Noon on Thursday October 5, 2023. Election Day Registrant attestors must provide an approved form of identification. For additional information about providing proof of identity and/or residence visit:

<https://sos.iowa.gov/voterid>

or phone (319) 642-3923 option # 0. Voters are still encouraged to register by September 18, 2023 in the auditor's office if your residence has changed.

Anyone wishing to vote absentee before election day may do so by stopping in the Auditor's Office Monday thru Friday 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM starting September 13, 2023. Voter Registration Forms and Absentee Ballot Request Forms are also available by mail or on the Iowa County website at

www.iowacounty.iowa.gov.

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