

## AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

To best care for each other, masks shall be worn in all church buildings at all times. Masks are available at the church for those who forget to bring theirs.

The Early (German) Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, November 28, 2021, starting 8:30 AM with Br. Mike Shoup presiding.

Opening Hymn: "O Mensch! Wie ist dein Herz" No. 841 vs 1-5 Seite 833

Testimony: Johann Friedrich Rock, Hibachi, September 25, 1730

Scripture: Ephesians 4: 17-24  
I Samuel 16: 4-13

Closing Hymn: "O Mensch! Wie ist dein Herz" No. 841 vs 6-10 Seite

The Late (English) Service will start at 10:00 AM with the following hymns:

Opening Hymn: "Consider Man That Heart of Thine" No. 90 vs 1-5

Closing Hymn: "Consider Man That Heart of Thine" No. 90 vs 6-10

Saturday Evening Fellowship, will meet in Amana at 5:30 PM.

Thanksgiving meals can be picked up at 11:30 in the Kitchen in Amana or, curb side, at the east end of the church on the Alley side.

### Special Memorial Service

On Sunday, Nov. 28 at 4 p.m. the Amana Church will hold a special memorial service in recognition of those who have died this past year and a half; during a time in our extended community, when families were unable to gather for traditional visitation and funeral services due to the COVID pandemic. All are invited.

This worship service in praise of our Holy Father is meant to acknowledge and sustain, uplift and comfort us all. It will be held at the Amana Church in Amana. Please wear a face mask to Amana Church services and events. Thank you.

**Visitors are welcome to join us in worship, at all Amana Church Services.**

### LOVE NETWORK TREE

With cold weather to get us in the mood for the holidays, the LOVE gift card tree is set up at the Amana Family Practice.

There are 60 young people in need this year with cards on the tree. Most are asking for very basic needs like warm clothes, boots, gloves, and socks.

Please help spread the word that the tree is now up and cards available now. The important date to have the gifts chosen is DEC 9th this year.

If anyone has any questions at all about the process of the gift tree please contact Carmen via email at [carmen.grimm@gmail.com](mailto:carmen.grimm@gmail.com) or feel free to call or text 319-389-3694.

Thank you for all your support over the years and have a great start to the holidays this year!

### FEATHERS IN THE WIND

It's been almost twenty-three years since my mother died. At the time I was amazed at how strong I was and could take charge of things I would never have been able to years before. I figured it was because of how mom had gotten sick in 1988 and declined from then on. Things just were not the same anymore. It was as if God was preparing us for the inevitable.

Christmas came and it was AWFUL even though almost a year had gone by.

Now it is decades later and I still "talk" to her in my imagination and long for her in my heart. I so wish she would be putting Thanksgiving dinner together and we could all sit around the table again knowing full well that mom would be stealing glances at dad and he at her when topics got argumentative. My sister and I would know they would squeeze each other's hand to reassure one another or just give a brief smile of assurance.

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## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### 7 Colony Emergency Siren System

Soon we can sleep a little easier knowing that the seven villages have an emergency siren system linked to the Iowa County Emergency notification system.

The Federal Signal, outdoor warning sirens were installed last week, one in each Amana village, and will be tested in about two or three weeks. The sirens were erected by the Iowa County Emergency Management Department. They chose the location of each siren's site based upon operational requirements, the location of the nearest electrical power source and the layout of the village.

Josh Humphrey, Iowa County EMD director, explained that these are audible sirens that are designed to be heard from a mile away. The sirens in Amana and Middle Amana are larger and meant to be audible from even further away.

As he noted, "They are currently up but not online yet. The vendor will be coming back to do a start-up and 3 minute audible test on them in the next few weeks. Once they are online the county does siren testing once a month on Sundays at 6 pm through the severe weather season. That is the only audible testing that will be done." He added that his department will publicize the day and time of the tests so that residents will be aware.

Humphrey said that the sirens would be sounded in the event of three kinds of emergency situations, primarily, "70 mph plus forecasted or observed winds; tornado warning for Iowa County; 2 in diameter hail forecasted or observed. They are outdoor warning sirens so they are designed to get you indoors to shelter for these types of events."

The sirens are activated by radio from Iowa County central dispatch in Marengo, the same system that we call in the event of a 911 emergency. The radio/ computer activation system allows the county central dispatch to turn on and turn off the sirens as required in each situation.

The sirens were installed at a cost of over \$163,000. Iowa County received a federal Homeland Mitigation grant through Iowa Homeland Security. This grant was matched by an Amana Society contribution of \$24,000, a \$1,500 donation from the Amana Colonies Sportsmen's Club of Homestead, along with a donation from the Amana Community Chest that will be made once the annual Community Chest fund drive has concluded. Residents who wish to make an individual contribution may do so via the Amana Community Chest. The Amana Society Service Co. helped install the sirens and will be donating their electrical power.

"This project was a joint effort and we are very grateful to the Amana Society and Russ Eimers for their help in installing the sirens and their contribution to the project," said Humphreys.

Greg Luerkens, Amana Society president, said that ASI is grateful to Chris Herr, Amana Fire Department, for bringing this important community safety project to the Amana Society and for working to facilitate the donation.

Tannenbaum Forest Opens

### Amana Heritage Museum is Open

The elves were busily decorating trees at the Tannenbaum Forest Monday and Tuesday this week as the forest opens Friday 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

It will be open Saturday, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free will donations at the door will be donated to the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital to help bring a

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## Introducing Madelyn Kussmann, PA

Madelyn Kussmann is a Physician Assistant joining Compass Memorial Family Medicine as the provider for the Colonies Clinic. She previously worked as In Urgent Care at Genesis Health System in the Quad Cities. She is a Vinton, IA native and attended Taylor University for her undergraduate degree, followed by Butler University for her Master's in Physician Assistant studies before returning to Iowa to start her professional career. Welcome to the Compass family, Madelyn!



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People would always say how good dad was to mom. That's true, but they never knew the other side of the story. Dad would bring people home and she would always welcome them with good food and interesting stories.

Mom may not have gone to college, but she read and loved poetry. One time my college professor was at our house and for some reason spoke about Geoffrey Chaucer. Mother recited the first part of "Canterbury Tales" in the old English nearly knocking my professor off the chair.

She also knew more than the first stanza of the "Star Spangled Banner" and had my sister and me reciting poems by Longfellow before fourth grade. Having us learn our Christmas verses was a real problem though.

Mom never felt loved. Her mother died before she was even three weeks old so her grandmother and aunt raised her. She always felt that certain people blamed her for her mother's death. It wasn't until daddy came along that she truly knew love. Like my Charlemagne and me, they lived only a few miles apart and knew each other, but never dated.

Daddy did not want to marry until he got out of the Navy. So in February of 1946 my Grandpa Peter, Uncle Carl and mother drove up to Minneapolis to meet his train.

The next month, on her birthday (March 19) they got married in Uncle Carl's living room by Dr. Mortal and moved in upstairs where Charlemagne and I still live. The next day daddy went back to work on the farm.

She had a determination to have her daughters educated no matter what the price. The oldest one was a problem since she had issues reading, so mother would practice with her every day and allow her comic books.

The oldest daughter was not at all athletic while the youngest one was in basketball, chorus and band.

The irony is that both daughters are avid readers and have married good men who put up with their stubbornness.

When mom died our father would go to her grave on a daily basis. Jim Honn had an antique store right next to the cemetery and would watch because he was concerned dad might fall. Dad would get back into the car and go to my Tanta Linda Selzer and talk for a few minutes, then go home.

Five years later he would join mom.

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**USED BOOK SALE**

The Amana Library is having an ongoing Used Book Sale in the periodical room: Monday 8-3, Tuesday 8-3, Wednesday 8-1, Thursday 8-3, Friday 8-3. There are a lot of great books to choose from - cook books, gardening, fiction, non-fiction, kid's books. Are you an Isaac Asimov or Patricia Cornwell fan? We have a box of each of their books. What a find! We would like to thank everyone who has donated books to our sale. If you have any books to donate, they may be dropped off during the above hours. If you have any questions, call 319-622-3192.

**Reunions, social gatherings, business meetings?**

**The Homestead Welfare Club (4215 V St Homestead), offers an exceptional 1100 sq ft meeting or gathering room in our historic 1860's home.**

**It includes a mini kitchen, tables and chairs for 80+ persons inside, and a shaded back yard for outdoor activities including picnic tables and small shelter.**

**Rental is \$75 /day or for \$100 /day includes a full-service kitchen.**

**Call 319-622-3620 for details and scheduling.**

**TANNENBAUM FOREST NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

Deck the Halls! This year our Amana Colonies Tannenbaum Forest will be open at the Festhalle from Friday, Nov. 26 until December 19, Fridays, Saturday and Sundays.

Proceeds from this Christmas event will benefit the patient care programs at the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital. Dollars raised help provide comforts for the kids and families during their stay at the hospital - toys, books, videos, craft items and stuffed animals, comfy socks and hats.

Yes, we sure could use volunteers to help greet visitors to the Tannenbaum Forest. If you would like to volunteer please contact Emilie Hoppe at 319-350-0869 or via email at zhoppe@southslope.net. Leave your name and phone number. Face masks will be worn by all volunteers and we are strongly urging all who come to the forest to wear a facemask.

**WANTED/WANTED TO BUY**

BUYING All ANTIQUES; Toys, Furniture, Crocks, Paintings, Advertising Signs, and Weird Items "any condition." Buying Entire Estates, call for fair pricing. Please call 319-270-1251.

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**REMINDER CONCERNING SOUTH DUMP**

The area commonly referred to as the "South Dump," is private property and only for the use of Amana Society (AS) stock holders living within the Amana Colonies. The "dump" may be under 24 hour photo surveillance and closed without notice if ASI and DNR rules are violated.

**Absolutely No burning.** Burning is dangerous and not compliant with DNR Regulations.

**Only** organic compostable yard refuse is allowed. Users will remove plastic bags or other containers used to transfer yard waste. Lumber, and other building material, & trash dumping is absolutely **NOT** permitted.

Using the dump is a privilege, not a right, and all dumping will end if Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) and Amana Society rules on what may be dumped or the burning ban are violated.

If you witness violations of these rules, please report, to A.S.I. Conservation at 319-560-2459.

The Iowa County Landfill is now accepting yard waste.

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little cheer to patients at the hospital. Donations help provide for stuffed animals, toys, books and craft items, plus comforting things like fuzzy socks.

We saw some very imaginative trees being decorated Monday. These are HUGE trees this year so don't miss seeing the forest as we know it will be one of our best yet.

Have you visitors coming to town? The Amana Heritage Museum will be open this weekend with the "Generations of Amana Art" exhibit on display. It will be open Friday – Sunday, as will the High Amana Store. While at the Museum pick up a J. Prestele Art Kit, hand craft, DIY for adults and older kids. Price is just \$10.

**ART GUILD NEWS**

Saturdays at the Amana Arts Guild Gallery on Main at 4502-200th Trail Amana. Hours are 11am-6pm.

- November 27th: Sandy Walton will felted and wool items, handmade wool/felt "babies", crochet caps and original watercolor wreaths.

- December 4th: Kate Otto will be here with ornaments and decorations made with wheat and some tin ware items.

**LOTTERY TICKETS AREN'T CHILD'S PLAY: Age-Appropriate Gifts are Better Options for the Holidays and other Occasions**

The 2021 holiday gift-buying season is upon us. Some adults may purchase lottery or scratch-off tickets for the children in their families as a last-minute gift or because they struggle to think of other options, but research indicates that early exposure to gambling activities like lottery play increases the risk of gambling addiction later in life. Large numbers of young people report having their first gambling experience around 9-11 years of age, and adult problem gamblers report gambling onset between the ages of 10-19. Data from the 2018 Iowa Youth Survey shows that 27.9% of 11th grade students had gambled for money or possessions--42.4% of male students and 13% of female students.

The Gift Responsibly Campaign is organized by the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) and the International Center for Youth Gambling Problems and High-Risk Behaviors at McGill University and raises awareness about the risks associated with adults giving lottery tickets to children as gifts during the holidays. According to NCPG Executive Director Keith Whyte, "The evidence clearly shows that exposure to gambling as a youth increases the probability of gambling problems later in life. Regardless of what time of year it is, adults should find gift options for children other than lottery tickets."

Instead of lottery or scratch-off tickets, consider purchasing these gifts instead:

- Art supplies
- Board games
- Bubble bath
- Candles
- Candy or snacks
- Card games
- Gift cards or money
- Homemade goodies
- Journals or notebooks
- Mugs or reusable water bottles
- Nail polish
- Picture or chapter books
- Phone case
- Puzzles
- Quality time with a favorite activity
- Self-care products
- Stuffed animals
- Toy case
- Video games

If you feel either you or someone close to you might have a gambling problem, help is available 24/7 by calling 1-800 BETS OFF or visiting [www.Yourlifeiowa.org](http://www.Yourlifeiowa.org).

Prelude Behavioral Services also provides problem gambling treatment in Iowa County. Call 319-351-4357 or visit [www.preludeiowa.org](http://www.preludeiowa.org).

*The Prelude Behavioral Services Prevention Team*