

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The New Year's Eve Service will be in the Middle Church, starting at 6:30 p.m. December 31, 2022 with Br. Jon Childers presiding.

Opening Hymn: "As Once Again the Year Is Ended" No. 160, all verses

Testimony: Ursula Mayer, May 10, 1716

Prayer: Ursula Mayer, Ronneburg, May 10, 1717

Scripture: II Corinthians 4

Psalm 6

Closing Hymn: "I Trust in Thee" No. 82 v. 1-2, 6, 10-12

The New Year's Day Service will be in the Middle Church January 01, 2023, starting 10:00 A.M. with Br. Alan Trumpold presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Help Us, Oh Lord! Behold, We Enter" No. 273

Testimony: Johann Carl Gleim, Büdigen, September 15, 1716

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 30: 6-12

Acts 1: 7-8

Acts 8: 4-8

Acts 9: 19-22

Closing Hymn: "To God the Anthem Raising" No. 238

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.

AMANA SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 6:00 p.m. **Tuesday**, January 3, 2023 in the Amana lift station.

COLLECT BIG G RECEIPTS FOR EDUCATION

The Amana Elementary is excited to be 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 Foods, Marengo until March 31, 2023. 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, donated by the store! Please submit your receipts by April 5. Thank you!

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Some people keep journals or diaries. Then there are people who keep files.

It happens to be the end of 2022 and I wish I had kept a journal or a file for at least the beginning of the millennium.

So much has already happened to the world, this country and us individually and what have we to show for it?

Remember the fear people had when 2000 would come and the computers along with everything else electronic with a program that incorporated a date/time element, and everything would crash? So you remember how the television stations would post the festivities around the world (mostly with fireworks) and lots of songs and cheering because the whole new millennium was about to begin and the computers had not crashed.

Now what?

Then came 9/11 and everyone seemed to freeze at least in the United States. Suddenly we felt vulnerable so many of us put out of American Flags and prayed. We stood still in disbelief and wondered what next.

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May you have a Productive and
Happy New Year!
May you realize your dreams and aspirations

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

A Few of Our Unsung Heroes from the Year 2022

At this point in the year we like to think about the year past and the year to come. Right now, let's say a thank you to all those people who made things happen this year. These are the unsung heroes who take on the job, show up and make it happen. This list is long, very long and while we can't possibly name them all right here, for there are so many, let's remember a few of them and when you meet them, say "Thank you!"

Indeed you have many people in your life who make your world better, brighter, happier, easier and when you see them in the days or weeks to come, please remember to say, "Thank you!"

The Amana Fire Department, volunteers all. The Amana First Responders, volunteers all. The Iowa County Emt's and Iowa County Sheriff's Department. They are the men and women who come at the call, on the double, when you help. Our Amana Community is fortunate to have such men and women, dedicated and true, at our service.

The Amana Society Service Co. How many of us saw them hard at work in the frigid cold when a water main froze in Amana last week? How many saw them re-assemble Main Street after the truck careened off bridges and walkways, knocking out an electric substation and cable box? The ASI Service Co. team is one of a kind and we are fortunate.

The Clear Creek Amana teachers and staff. We just said goodbye to Elsie Sayers who was the smiling angel in the principal's office for nearly forty years. She was our kindly friend helping every kid who needed help and making everyone, from the senior-most staff member to the youngest pre-school child feel welcome and valued. We are going to miss you Elsie.

The volunteers who make and serve the food at our festivals. There is a whole raft full of volunteers who don aprons and cook the food to feed the folks who come here for a good time. In June during a very hot AC Wurst Fest Ramona Hoppe, age 92, was dishing up the grilled bratwurst alongside her Homestead Welfare Club friends at the Market Barn. Judging from the smile on her face, she was having as much fun as the tourists sipping cold brews and sampling wurst. Volunteers make the world go round around here.

The shop owners and retail workers in the Amanas who open the stores, sweep the walks, shovel the snow, take care to provide useful, good and worthy products, are friendly and kind, who welcome all and serve the public with a smile.

The UPS, FedEx, Amazon and US Postal workers. When so much of our day to day life requires stuff shipped to us (from critical medicines to Christmas toys) we are fortunate that our supply chain concludes with these worthy helpers.

The nurses, doctors, pharmacists and aides

who held our hands, gave us good advice, vaccinated us and saved lives, one person at a time. May we never, ever take for granted how fortunate we are to live in a community where good health care is easily, readily available and where friends take care of us.

To every single person who created, worked on, distributed, administered, or somehow made the COVID vaccines happen. Do not for one moment underestimate the number of lives that vaccine saved. In our hour of great need the Lord sent us help.

The folks at Casey's. What would we do without Casey's? From the hot pizza we love to the donuts and coffee we crave to those darn subs we are gonna miss, we depend upon Casey's and the employees there make our community brighter.

So let us sing praises to the good Lord above and His helpers here below, each and every one.

George Berger is turning 90!

Please join us at an **OPEN HOUSE** for George on **Saturday, January 14, 2023** from **1 to 4 pm** at the **Amana Elementary School cafeteria**.

Enter through the Library doors. No gifts please, but cards are just fine.

Refreshments will be served. Stories will be told and he is looking forward to seeing you!

If you can't make the reception, you can send him a note or card at George Berger, 508 Q St, Box 165, South Amana, IA 52334 or call him at 319-622-3174.

Lakeview Village

Two duplexes for sale located on Amana Retirement Community Campus. Same floor plan 2BR, 2 Bath, 1 stall garage. #3002 F Drive and 609 30th Drive. Must be 55 years of age or older.

Please contact Tanya Strong at (319)622-3551 for details.



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How about a very long unresolved conflict in the Middle East? Had Vietnam come back to haunt us again? How could we resolve this problem when even Russia had pulled out? What was happening to all our vets?

Then, out of no where came news of a virus. It was "just a flu" - nothing serious. We soon learned differently when China closed down an entire city.

People began to get sick in Europe and then in New York. People began wearing masks, hospitals filling up, and people died!

All of a sudden the Spanish Flu of the early twentieth century is brought to attention and what was a rumor was REAL and, worse of all, TERRIFYING.

We walked around with masks, washed hands and finally got vaccines if we chose. Yes, the restaurants, bars, shops, etc. would close - some never to re-open.

Then came the January 6th Capital Insurrection. Democracy in the cross-hairs. Thanks to some brave souls votes were counted and a new president was declared despite to protesters.

Yes, all things have been big changes in our lives.

The question now is what do we do now?

B.S.H.

FOR SALE

Pure bred Brittany puppies for sale, 2 males available. Call/text Kayla 319-430-0020

WANTED/WANTED TO BUY

BUYING All ANTIQUES; Toys, signs, Furniture, Crocks, Paintings, textiles, automotive, oddities and the unusual. Any condition. Fair cash prices paid. Call or text 319-270-1251/Jack Cirkl.

FOR RENT

For Rent room with shared bath and common area South Amana. No smoking, references, background check. Call Larry at 319-540-9351

Amana Elementary School and Community Library

Stuff the Stocking Fundraiser

Dear Library Patron,

Amana Library patrons and AES students are able to access many services through our library including a variety of reading materials, computers, and internet access.

Your donation to the library will enable us to expand and maintain these services and continue to stay current with evolving technology. We also plan to continue updating outdated shelving and furniture in various parts of our space as well as getting new computers soon.

The Amana Library Foundation considers the future needs of the library. You may also choose this option for your donation. Please consider making a donation for current materials or to 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. You may also use this link to make your donation online.

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**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-Noon**

Contact Information:

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Phone Number: (319) 622-3192

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Amana Library, 3023 220th Trail, Amana, IA 52203



AMANA HERITAGE MUSEUM

KAFFEESTUNDE BEGINS JANUARY 8TH

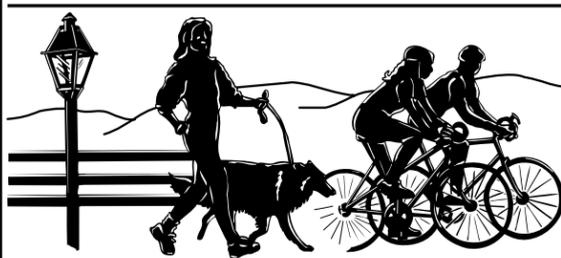
Join us at the Amana Heritage Museum's auditorium each Sunday afternoon at 3pm this winter beginning January 8th for fun German conversation and perhaps some short educational videos. We hope to enjoy a weekly dessert and coffee and practice our German. Please contact the museum at 622-3567 or heritageprograms@southslope.net for any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

For Rent, 4215 V St Homestead.

The Homestead Welfare Club offers an exceptional 1100 square foot setting in our historic 1860 home for family reunions, social gatherings, or business meetings. It includes a mini kitchen, tables and chairs for 80+ persons plus a 1/2 acre private, beautifully shaded back yard perfect for outdoor activities. It includes picnic tables and small shelter. The cost is \$75 per day. An additional 500 square foot full-service kitchen is available for an additional \$25. Call 319-622-3620 for details

Looking ahead & being hopeful for 2023:

Amana Kolonieweg



Amana Colonies Recreational Trail

Trail Etiquette

- Motorized vehicles (including snowmobiles and ATVs) are prohibited from using the trail.
- Please wear a bike helmet.
- Go with the flow! Stay to the right.
- Allow faster moving bikers & walkers to pass on your left.
- Signal turns and stops, and announce yourself when passing someone on the trail.
- When stopping on the trail, step aside so others can pass you safely.
- Please clean up after pets if necessary and please keep pets on leashes.

PLEASE RESPECT PROPERTY OWNERS' LAND - DO NOT LITTER OR DISTURB LIVESTOCK OR WILDLIFE.

Kolonieweg use is monitored by volunteers and the local law enforcement officials.

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OBITUARY

Elsie M. Sayers, age 84, of Middle Amana, passed away at her home surrounded by her family, on Thursday, December 22, 2022. The Funeral service was Tuesday, December 27, 2022, at the Middle Amana Church with Elder Mike Shoup officiating. Burial was in the Middle Cemetery, Memorials may be directed to the Amana Church Society and the Amana Church Benevolent Giving Committee, of which she was a member. Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo assisted the family with arrangements.

Elsie is survived by her children Cindy (Kevin) Walter, Dan (Chris) Hollrah, and J. Brian (Lorrie) Hollrah; six grandchildren Lacie (Tim) Blattner, Abbie (Taylor) Maxfield, Rebecca Hollrah, Anneli (Tim) Ginader, and Sara and Andrea Hollrah; five great-grandchildren Gavin and Nora Blattner, Raylen Maxfield and Lucy and Henry Ginader; and her sister Marlene Trumpold.

Also surviving Elsie is the Mac Sayers family, Vicki (Bob) Davidson, Jim (Vanessa) Sayers, Carla (Chuck) Myers, Adda Sayers (Therese Judge), Susan Bell, Nancee (Dale) Herman, and Justin (Sheila) Sayers; 16 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Mac Sayers, former husband Duane Hollrah, and her brother-in-law Melvin Trumpold.

Elsie Marie Hahn was born October 29, 1938, in Middle Amana, Iowa, the daughter of William G. and Susanna M. Reihmann Hahn. She graduated from Amana high school with the class of 1956. Elsie was a lifelong member of the Amana Church, and a multi-generational Sunday school teacher. She was secretary for the Amana Elementary School for many years. Elsie enjoyed playing the piano at church and at home while singing with her grandchildren, gardening, and baking cookies.

Elsie especially enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Onlinecondolences: www.klosterfuneralhome.com

Food Drive Collection at Colonial Manor.

Non perishable food donated to those who are in need this holiday season. We will be collecting in December and January at our facility. Questions/concerns Contact Joey at 319-622-3131

Amana Area Fellowship Night of Worship

Please join us for an evening of food, fellowship, song and a message from the Bible.

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Potluck 6:00-6:30

Music and Message 6:45

New series: The Road to the Cross

January 12th – The Rescue Mission

February 9th – You Are God's Passion

March 9th – It Is Finished

April 13th – Easter Message

visit us at: www.amanaareafellowship.org

Middle Amana Woolen Mill Fire

