

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, August 18, 2024 starting 8:30 A.M. with Br. Jon Childers presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Ich glaub' an Dich" No. 461 Seite 456

Testimony: Christian Metz, Homestead, February 19, 1867

Scripture: II Corinthians 12:8-10
Psalm 81

Closing Hymn: "Der Gnadenbrunn fließt noch" No. 143 Seite 136

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

Opening Hymn: "I Trust in Thee" No. 82

Closing Hymn: "The Well of Grace Still Flows" No. 83

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, August 21, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the Middle Amana fire station.

AMANA LIBRARY HOURS

Monday 9:00am-3:00pm

Tuesday 9:00am-6:00pm

Wednesday 9:00am-12:30pm

Thursday 9:00am-6:00pm

Friday 9:00am-6:00pm

Saturday 9:00am-Noon

Call 319-622-3192 if you have any questions.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Do you ever put your feet on the floor and think, "oh, heck, its morning and I would sooner be back in bed"? Instead, there are things to do like that horrid word, CHORES!

Wouldn't it be nice to soak in a nice long bubble bath, but that would mean cleaning the bathroom afterwards. How about a nice dinner, but then you have all the dishes to do. You get the picture.

Today, my problem is really minor, but it looms large in my life. You see, I have these "items" that are taking up space that should be gotten rid of before I move on. Here is an example: a couple of years ago I bought an adult tricycle. I thought that if I rode it I would get much needed exercise. Well, it is in good shape, but I feel like I am pedaling a truck when I use it. I have taken it to the bike shop and had it worked on. It works perfectly, but not on gravel. Getting it on the trail at Amana requires a lot of muscle to get it into the truck, muscle I do not have. Now what? I cannot give it away.

Then there is the massage chair which is wonderful, but my family feels that I should get rid of. It's been months since I have used it, so I honestly do not know if it still works.

Then there are my crafts. I refuse to give them up, but "those who will go nameless" have put some of them on the top of the shrank where I cannot reach them.

I had eight years of cancer treatments that have left me weak and broken, but I want get back to living again. I know it will be slow. I know that I am cranky. I also know I am old, but I want to have a life again.

If you, or someone you know, wants a trike, let me know.

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Iowa Plein Air is Labor Day Weekend

The Amana Arts Guild hosts the Iowa Plein Air Art Competition, Aug. 30 - Sept. 1, Labor Day weekend, an outdoor painting challenge with cash prizes for judged works that has become so prestigious it attracts artists from across the midwest.

Come watch or paint. There's the Kids Paint Saturday, Sept. 1 from 2 - 4 at the Gallery on Main Amana open to all kids (no registration required) who wish to paint their own plein air masterpiece.

The Iowa Plein Air, popular since Jenise and Ithiel Catiri of Catiri's Art Oasis first hosted the event almost two decades ago, is a big deal for midwestern painters. Kristie Yoder, AAG president explains, where else can you combine painting with meeting and making new friends. "It's a great way to see special scenes and areas in Amana," while meeting and talking with other artists, honing skills and enjoying your painting time in a supportive atmosphere. Plus there are the cash prizes and the Art Party which is always a fun evening out.

There is a "Quick Paint" contest too with prizes for small size, 5 by 7 inch, paintings done in a set amount of time, creatively capturing the mood or essence of a scene in a snapshot, small frame. These too will be offered for sale and prices for these smaller canvases will be very enticing.

Artists have the opportunity to paint virtually anywhere outdoors in the seven villages during Iowa Plein Air. Lunch for the artists on Friday is "grab and go" provided by the event hosts. Saturday they serve the artists breakfast. Then Saturday night it's the Art Party where artists and the public mingle, talk art and celebrate.

To paint, register online at amanaartsguild.com - look under their classes and events tab. Check out the rules and details. Cash prizes will be awarded. Judging is by professional artists. And there is a "People's Choice" award.

Not painting but want see the paintings and meet the artists? Come to the Art Party on Saturday, Sept. 1 at the Amana Performing Arts Center. Appetizers and drinks will be served by Peppercorn Food Co. and this will be your chance to see all the work created over the weekend. \$25 per adult. For registration and tickets to Plein Air events. Check the AAG website under their events and classes tab. Or call 319-622-3678.

Establishing a "Community of Grace"

In 2025 it will be Amana's 170th anniversary as a community. Between now and next summer, we'll be publishing several stories about the community, its founding and first decades.

Roughly 80 percent of the seven villages were constructed in a 15-year-period between 1855 and 1870.

That meant that they built 7 churches, 55 kitchen houses, hundreds of large homes, 7 school houses, 7 general stores, two woolen mills with water power and warehouses, a calico printing operation, three sawmills, a brickyard, lime kiln, multiple breweries, 7 ice houses, 7 bakeries, 7 smokehouses and many craft shops, two large flour mills, plus the granaries, dairy barns, stables and hay barns. They built a 6 ½ mile canal complete with dams, sluices, bridges and wheel houses.

The location and construction of every single home, every outbuilding, every craft shop and factory building was planned by the Grossebruderat (the great council of Elders) with details determined by each village council of Elders, the head village carpenter and head stonemason.

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AMANA MEAT SHOP & SMOKEHOUSE

Come join a friendly environment with fun coworkers at the Amana Meat Shop & Smokehouse!

Currently we have an opening for a Full Time Production Associate.

This is a great opportunity to work right in the heart of Amana and help provide quality foods to our customers!

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In the seven Amanas they gave their community ethos their fullest, most complete, most colorful expression. The seven villages of Amana are in fact a creation of the Inspirationists devotion to a faith –focused, Godly life in unity, community and peace. The largest buildings were the churches. Homes looked a like for the most part as resources were shared. There were neither mansions nor hovels.

In May of 1855 while still in Ebenezer, C. Metz was inspired to state:

“The Lord speaks saying - My community is to be built by continually placing one stone upon the one already set. Then, those who follow shall build upon that as it was in the past, so it shall be in the continuation of time, until in the last times, when the great abundance of Grace shall like a flowing stream, be poured out upon all who believed . . . the community of Grace which I your Lord intend to erect is to be a continued blessing for your children’s children and all who follow. . . Therefore take God’s fearful and productive work seriously.” (Testimony: C. Metz, May 28, 1855, Nieder Ebenezer, NY.)

They arrived in Iowa only after looking at land in Kansas. The Kansas land was fertile and could be purchased in large tracts, but it was dry and timber was scarce. Most disconcerting was the fact that Kansas was embroiled in bitter and violent civil strife over slavery. “Free staters” fought slave holders. In 1854 it looked likely that Kansas would become a slave-holding state and the Inspirationists were appalled at the prospect.

Iowa, in contrast, was a “free” state and appeared to be every bit as fertile, with more rainfall, free flowing rivers and stands of good timber. Having become a state in 1846 land was for sale from offices in Iowa City, Des Moines and Davenport. County courts, government offices and offices of law were being established in these towns and there seemed, unlike Kansas, to be a civil order in place. Yet, Iowa was remote enough to appeal to the Inspirationists. It had few roads and the railway lines did not extend across the Mississippi.

To get from Ebenezer, New York, to Iowa it would take you at least two weeks in the 1850s. Longer if the weather was poor. First you walked or took a wagon to Buffalo, New York. Then you got on a steam ship to cross Lake Erie. From Detroit you might take a stagecoach or a train to Sarnia on Lake Huron and then another steamer up across Lake Huron and down Lake Michigan to Chicago. In Chicago you boarded a train for Iowa getting off at the Mississippi across the river from Clinton or to Rock Island. To save miles many took a river vessel down to Muscatine. Then you could walk or ride a stage coach or wagon to Iowa City and on to Amana.

There was no bridge on the Iowa River then so crossing it meant waiting for the water to be low enough to cross on foot or in a wagon, or traveling downstream till you found a working ferry. Eventually a river ferry was established and then a bridge was built closer to Amana but that after the first settlers arrived.

~ Emilie Hoppe

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Celebration hosted by their children.
Cards may be sent to:
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AMANA AREA FELLOWSHIP
COME ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY
Sunday Church Services
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HERITAGE SOCIETY FALL HARVEST DINNER
The Amana Heritage Society will host its annual Fall Harvest Dinner on Friday, September 13th, 2024 at the Price Creek Event Center with doors opening at 5:30pm. This Harvest Dinner raises much-needed funds to help support the Amana Heritage Society and its mission to share Amana’s special heritage and culture.

Dinner begins at 7pm and winners of the drawings and silent auction will be announced following dinner. Raffle Tickets (includes one raffle entry and two dinner tickets) are \$125, and dinner-only tickets are \$45 each.

Raffle tickets may be purchased through our website at www.amanaheritage.org, or from an Amana Heritage Society board member, by calling the office at: 319-622-3567, or emailing amanaheritage@southslope.net.

Our motto is simple: *Preserving Our Heritage, Sharing Our Culture.*

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Call 319-622-3620 for details & scheduling

QUOTES
...34 that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales 35 and put it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.
~The Bible (NIV) Acts 4:34-35

“What is wrong with Christianity is that it refrains from doing all those things that Christ commanded should be done.”
~ Friedrich Nietzsche

“The money you have gives you freedom; the money you pursue enslaves you.”
~ Jean-Jacques Rousseau

“When the accumulation of wealth is no longer of high social importance, there will be great changes in the code of morals. We shall be able to rid ourselves of many of the pseudo-moral principles which have hag-ridden us for two hundred years, by which we have exulted some of the most distasteful of human qualities into the highest virtues.”
~ John Maynard Keynes

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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.

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