

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

Masks are requested but not required in all Amana Church Society buildings.

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, June 05, 2022, starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Emilie Hoppe presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Christe, Mein Leben Mein Hoffen" No. 106 Seite 99

Testimony: C. Metz, Sept. 14, 1861

Scripture: Phillippians 4: 1 – 9

Psalm: 122

Closing Hymn: "Ein Feste Burg ist unsere Gott!" No. 235, Seite 227

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

Opening Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress is our God" No. 11

Closing Hymn: "Christ Thou Art My Life and Hope" No. 20

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.

MIDDLE AMANA SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT NOTICE "FLUSHABLE WIPES"

Recently, the Middle Amana Sanitary Sewer District was damaged by "flushable" wipes getting caught in our pumps. Please!! DO NOT flush wipes of any kind. Even those wipes labeled as "flushable" are NOT compatible with sanitary sewer systems and must **not** be placed into the sanitary sewer system through toilets or drains.

Damage caused by the wipes is expensive and will ultimately increase rates. Flushing wipes and similar items can also clog residential lines and cause serious damage to your home.

Thank You,
Middle Amana District Trustees
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FIREWORKS DONATIONS

Please consider a donation to the Amana Community Fireworks fund. All donations are used to provide our annual fireworks show over the Lily Lake. You can mail your donation to Amana Community Fireworks, PO Box 11, Amana IA 52203.

Thank you!

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

When I first began writing this column I said it would be called "Feathers" because it would deal with the many floating around in my brain.

Today is a good example, beginning with the previous notice of hate crimes especially the one in Buffalo followed by yet another school massacre in Texas.

Then there is talk of legislation some which prohibits teaching things to young children that aren't even being taught in elementary schools, and others regulating gun purchases that won't see the light of day.

I am more than a little anxious going into any crowd of people considering that there might be someone out there with a weapon and a grudge.

This brings me to another concern. I have

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Ice Cream Social Sunday Afternoon

Sunday, June 5 at 4 p.m. the Amana Church hosts an ice cream social for all at the Amana Church (meeting house) in the village of Amana as it begins a fund drive to raise money to restore the church and rehab the Kinderschule.

The Kinderschule in Middle Amana will be the site of the Amana Colonies Food Pantry. The Amana Church will receive a long list of upgrades including a new handicapped ramp and new entryways, repairs to windows (which has been an ongoing project) and new siding.

Historians Jon Childers and Peter Hoehnle will talk just a few minutes about the buildings and some very good news will be shared about the project. The Amana Church will be open cellar to attic for you to see.

The ice cream social (with ice cream sundaes) begins at 4 p.m. The talk will be at 4:30 and last just about 15 minutes.

Open House for Newly Re-Imagined Historic Site

The Communal Kitchen Museum in Middle Amana has been redone top to bottom by the Amana Heritage Society staff and opened June 1.

An open house was held Tuesday evening so that Amana Heritage Society members and Amana colony residents could see the historic site before it opened to the general public.

The Ruedy Kitchen had been operated as a museum for decades by Fred and Marie Ruedy who were living there in 1932 when the communal way of life ended in the Amanas and they bought the house. Marie, known as "Ma" by all who loved her, had cooked in the communal kitchen and she and her husband were raising their four kids in the house. The Ruedy family, preservationists and story tellers at heart, kept the kitchen and dining room wing just as it was. They did not remodel it for living quarters, as was being done all over Amana, and instead welcomed visitors to tour the communal kitchen and dining room preserved almost exactly as they had been that day in April 1932 when the kitchen houses in all seven villages closed forever.

"They essentially closed the doors and then re-opened them to anyone who wanted to see what the communal kitchen was like. . . We are so very grateful to the Ruedys, Fred and Ma and to the entire Ruedy family. They saved this precious piece of our heritage. And they have shared it with us," said Jon Childers, Amana Heritage Society, Executive Director.

The Amana Heritage Society operated the kitchen house museum for many years for the family and then in 2019 purchased the property.

"We are now incorporating the entire residence, the kitchen, the woodshed, the washhouse, the hen house plus the cooper shop across the street into one historic site so that visitors will be able to see a slice of Middle Amana communal village life," he said.

The site now includes four household exhibits: The Herr sisters' 1860s living quarters; the Ruedy family apartment circa 1900s; and the Ruedy family apartment circa 1960s. Plus the living quarters of Ernst Kompenhans, a bachelor farmer who lived here for many years.

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AMANA SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 6:00 p.m. Monday June 06, 2022 in the Amana Sanitary lift station.



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Wednesday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Friday as needed



AMANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' BREAKFAST

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Since that time many attempts at cultural genocide on off-reservation boarding schools, initiated by Richard Henry Pratt who coined the phrase, “Kill the Indian, save the man.” In 1925 there were 60,000 children housed in these places stripped of their native clothing, hair and language and given the equivalent of an eighth grade education. This went on from the 1870’s to the mid twentieth century.

What did we do about it? NOTHING!

We had no idea that these children were being separated from their families and abused. We all thought they were being “civilized.” (Check out “This Tender Land” by Wm. Kent)

This is exactly why we have to teach people (not only in school) our history, warts and all. We have made mistakes in our lives and it is our duty to learn from these mistakes and try to make things better.

Yes, “hate” is a 4 letter word, but so is “love.”

B.S.H.

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“All Amana houses, big as they were, were shared spaces and they all have generational transition stories like this. This house truly shows how colony families adapted over time. How life evolved here,” Childers explained.


In addition the site includes a replica of the village print shop and book bindery. Soon work will include renovations of the village cooper shop across the street.

The Ruedy Kitchen House will be open Monday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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.

Amana Arts Guild
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Mon, June 6th, 6-8 pm, High Amana
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Dinner 5pm - 9pm
Wednesday - Saturday

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ReStore - Revive - Renew
Save Amana’s Sacred Spaces

Ice Cream Social

A Scoop of Community with a
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Sunday, June 5, 4 pm

Amana Meeting House

in Amana

4 to 5 Ice Cream & Open House

4:30 to 4:45 Program



