

## AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early (German) Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, January 05, 2020, starting at 8:30 AM with Elder Mike Shoup presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Was Gott Gefällt" No. 1030 Seite 1010

Testimony: C. Metz, Armenburg, July 6, 1834

Scripture: II Peter 1: 1-11

Closing Hymn: "Jesu! Deine reine Liebe" No. 511 Seite 507

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

Opening Hymn: "Sink Not Yet, My Soul, To Slumber" No. 142

Closing Hymn: "Thou Light of Gentile Nations" No. 261

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

The Wednesday Evening Nachtgebet will begin at 7:00 PM in Middle.

**Visitors are welcome to join us in worship at all Amana Church Services. Childcare is available during Sunday's 10:00 AM Service.**

## CONGREGATE MEALS

Join us Mondays for food and conversation at the Fellowship Hall in the Amana Church. Doors open at 11:00 o'clock, we serve at 11:30.

Cost is only \$5.00. No age restrictions.

For Reservations call Donna Trumpold by noon on Friday.....319-622-3218 or 319-560-6285.

**Jan 6:** Pepper Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Scandanavian Veggies, Strawberry Banana Medley

**Jan 13:** Breaded Fish, Sweet Potato Wedges, Peas & Mushrooms, Tropical Fruit Salad, Chocolate Pudding

**Jan. 20:** No Meal Martin Luther King Day

**Jan 27:** Roast turkey, Sweet Potatoes, Escalloped Corn, Cinnamon Applesauce, Pumpkin Bar

## AMANA SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 5:00 p.m. Monday, January 6, 2020 in the Amana Sanitary lift station.

## ACLUD BOARD of ADJUSTMENT 2 OPENINGS

Here's your opportunity to be a part of your local government! The Amana Colonies Land Use District Board of Adjustment currently has two (2) vacancies.

The **Board of Adjustment** hears appeals filed by property owners under specific circumstances. If you would like to learn more about the duties of the Board of Adjustment, please call the ACLUD Administrator at 622-3840, or email: [aclud@southslope.net](mailto:aclud@southslope.net).

If you are interested in applying for this opening, please complete the application available in the Land Use District office or online at: [www.aclud.org](http://www.aclud.org)

## FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Beginning a New Year is like looking at a clean chalkboard. It is clean and fresh and ready just waiting for new ideas, but one still sees the markings of former writing.

In my case I see the valleys of loosing some very special people, but having the hope, the hope that they are in heaven and reunited with those souls they loved and no longer in pain. Though I miss them I know eventually I too will be there with them because when God sent Jesus he brought his glory (another word for love). We know that Christ lives though all believers so we have to keep believing in that love.

The cancer that I (and some of my friends) got, not to mention, heart disease, etc. was no fun by any stretch of the imagination. Now, some of us are battling aftereffects which make our friends just wonder if we will ever be normal again.

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## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### Tannenbaum Forest Best Year

Amana's Tannenbaum Forest closed Sunday, Dec. 22 after a record-breaking season that included a marriage proposal.

Yes, a couple from eastern Iowa became engaged after the young lady was asked by her boyfriend to climb into Santa's sleigh for a photo op. There with the merry lightings twinkling, he proposed and she said "YES!" fulfilling the couple's Christmas wish right on the spot as Santa looked on, all smiles.

This year the forest had 45 decorated Christmas trees, a decade high, and saw a big bump in attendance. The busiest day of all was Prelude Saturday with the entire Prelude weekend a record breaker.

Over 16,000 people toured the forest with more than 6,000 seeing it during the Prelude weekend.

While donations were strong, the amount of money to be donated to the Stead Family University of Iowa Children's Hospital will be finalized in the next couple of weeks as bills (for propane, rental of heaters, supplies, employee time, etc.) are paid.

Last year the Cassidy Bringle, events director, gave a check for \$10,000 to the hospital, on behalf of the Amana community.

David Rettig, Amana Colonies Convention and Visitors Bureau executive director said, "It was a wonderful event, with so many businesses and organizations getting involved. We are grateful to the volunteers that help to staff the Tannenbaum Forest, we couldn't do this without them. It is a true community event and we are proud to be a part of it."

### The Little Dog that Found Home

A couple of days before Christmas, Facebook posts in the Amanas circulated the news that a male, tri-color, chihuahua had been lost in the village of Amana. The dog had recently been adopted by a cancer survivor. She and her family had been traveling through Amana on their way to visit family for the holidays.

When she stepped from her car in Amana near the Ackerman Winery, the little dog, who was still getting used to his new owners, slipped from her grasp and ran off.

After alerting several local merchants who called neighbors in Amana and the ACCVB office, the dog was spotted near the Festhalle. Several Amana residents tried to capture the little fellow, now very frightened and no doubt, cold, but he eluded them all and ran into the grass north of the "tent barn." He was last seen in the grass near Price Creek and some worried he wouldn't last the night in the cold.

Now Amana merchants and locals used Facebook to let others know that a dog was lost in Amana. After hours of searching, but still hoping the little guy would be recovered, the dog's new owner left her name and address with several merchants and Safe Haven of Iowa County was contacted.

The next day several local residents again looked for the dog and after another worrisome day, it began to look as if he was lost. Then lo and behold, he was spotted near Highway 220 between East Amana and Amana and later by Price Creek. With this news of a sighting, Safe Haven volunteers were able to live trap him in Amana. They took him to Safe Haven, fed him, and kept him warm. The dog's owner was contacted and she and her family joyfully returned to Safe Haven to reclaim their new family member, just in time for Christmas.

## Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Ramona Hoppe!

Please join us in celebrating Ramona's 90th birthday on January 8, 2020.

Greetings may be sent to:

**Ramona Hoppe**  
4109 V Street,  
Homestead, IA 52236

## Top Bulletin 2019 News Stories

Here are some of the stories that were considered big news in the Amana Colonies as reported in the "News and Notes" of the Amana Society Bulletin.

- Turkey Trot in Lakeside. Beginning in December and continuing into January a quartet of wild turkey's slowed traffic and annoyed neighbors near the Lily Lake as they refused to leave the area. Despite capture, relocation, they persisted until the last turkey was shot after being hit by a car.

- Lakeside Family Home Damaged by Fire. Feb. 19, 2019. The Angelo and Sierra Jones home at 3210 220th Trail, Lakeside, was severely damaged by fire. All escaped, though a family pet was lost in the blaze.

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We probably won't, but that's alright, we learned we had friends we never thought we had - the "rocks" we could cling to in our times of need. The "bear of a man" who shaved his head, the people, who brought food, the people who would just listen, the angels who somehow came into the ICU, the husband who went to all the doctor and infusion sessions, the son who gave up a good job and came home to help out and literally pick his mother from the floor when she would fall and then keep her friends informed as to what was going on and those who cared even when I was the crankiest. Those were/are the valleys.

The good part is having friends who are quiet and just plain care and don't pass judgement.

We all have heard the phrase "God does not give us more than we can handle."

Now add this - "He gives us the means to get through the tough times."

I am sure that many people who have had to deal with the war or other acts of terror feel as if they can't go on. That was not God, but (as one man said) evil, the devil acting through men.

It takes time and LOTS of strength to get past the anger and the hatred. You have to forgive people like he and just understand we are fighting a war against evil whether it be terror, politics, sickness, our own minds, or whatever. With your understanding and especially your prayers, we shall overcome and be stronger in a new and good way.

This is where the chalkboard comes in, so that we can write - "I believe in God and the goodness and love He has bestowed on us ALL if we just turn to Him."

B.S.H.

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**AMANA ART GUILD WINTER PAINTING CLASS**

Come to the Amana Art Guild and enjoy the pleasure of exploring and painting your own ideas.

Greetings Everyone! My name is Kathleen Frimml, and I am honored to be teaching/facilitating The Amana Arts Guild Winter Painting Class this year. I am a 20 year veteran Art Instructor. I specialize in acrylic painting, but I have worked with most media including drawing, ceramics, sculpture, paper mache, and many others. I have a B.A. from the University of Iowa in Fine Art, as well as a minor in K-12 Art Education. I have exhibited in several shows, and am a working artist selling my work at various shows and online.

I welcome you to paint away the 'winter blahs' with me, and add some much needed color to these barren months. I encourage you to bring any materials you would like, and I hope to make some beautiful art work together!

The class will meet five Tuesday afternoons from 1:00-3:00 p.m. beginning Tuesday, February 4th through March 3rd. Participants must bring their own supplies and a minimum of 5 participants is needed for this class. The cost of this class is \$50. To register, please call the Art Guild at (319) 622-3678 or amanarts@southslope.net

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**News & Notes from page 1**

• Coralville Dam Control Plan Change. March 4, 2019, Army Corps of Engineers seeks community input for changes in the lake control plan raising and or lowering lake levels and outflows. The first of several meetings was held to gather input in Iowa County.

• CCA Schools Loses 9 School Days to Winter Weather. March 4, 2019. Snowstorms in 2018 and 2019 meant that school had to be cancelled 9 days. CCA students and faculty attended school through June 7, making this the latest ever end to a school year in Amana history.

• Amana Meat Shop Adds Shipping Area. March 22, 2019. A 2,448 square foot addition to the historical Amana Meat Shop was completed under budget and on time.

• Amana Barn Landscaping Project Moves Forward. May 2, 2019. A project to improve drainage at the Feshalle barn got the go ahead.

• Hotel Millwright Progresses. May 17, 2019. The Amana Woolen Mill Salesroom opened on Main Street for the time being as the hotel project progressed with the removal of the flat-roofed 1960's era salesroom. The 65-room boutique hotel will open in 2020.

• Who Pays the bills at the Middle Amana Park? July 15, 2019. The Amana Society is charged \$600 for property tax and pays all restroom maintenance and upkeep expense at the Middle Amana Park. Local and volunteer support requested.

• Homestead Welfare Club Celebrates 100 Years. August 16, 2019. A September 7 open house at the Homestead Welfare Club will be held to celebrate its 100th anniversary. The club was formed in 1919 by village residents.

• National Park Service Weighs In Against Wind Turbines near Amana Colonies. Sept. 6, 2019. A letter from the regional director of the National Park Service expressed deep concern, citing the need for protection for the Amana Colonies from any construction of wind turbines. A wind turbine project already underway in Iowa County has prompted a public outcry against the turbines, some of which will be the tallest in Iowa. In a letter dated August 28, the Park Service asked that wind turbines not be within "sight lines" of the Amana Colonies and well beyond the "view shed and soundscape of the NHL district." A wind turbine ordinance was drafted in August, however it did

not pass the Iowa County Board of Supervisors.

• Upper South Amana Hotel Receives, \$131,500 Grant. Oct. 4, 2019. The money will be used by the Amana Colonies Historic Sites Foundation to continue fixing up the old hotel which had fallen into disrepair.

• Hurrah for Raincoats. Oct. 11, 2019. Despite a fairly significant amount of rain on Oktoberfest Saturday, the event was still crowded and very festive.

• Iowa County Board of Supervisors Deny Support to the Amana Bike Trail Projects. Oct. 18, 2019.

Asked to provide a letter of support for the Amana bike trail, the Iowa County Board of Supervisors, said no. They also declined to provide a pathway for state funding to pass through the county to the project stating that the Amana Colonies Land Use District could be that funding agency of record for any such projects. In the past Iowa County has worked with the bike trail board and the state so that trail could be funded and constructed here.

• Iowa County Adopts New Wind Turbine Ordinance. Nov. 7, 2019. After a mid-week, mid-day public hearing that was well attended despite its time, a new turbine ordinance was adopted by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors. Despite the request made by the National Park Service, the ordinance does not mention or include protection for the Amana Colonies as a National Historic Landmark and it removed previously cited protections for airports.

• Mill Turbine Restoration Project Announced. Nov. 15, 2019. A project to rebuild the engine at the hydro-electric plant owned by the Amana Colonies Historic Sites Foundation on the Amana Mill Race was announced. About \$100,000 is needed and the Historic Sites board hopes to use crowd-sourcing and local funding to raise the dollars needed so that the turbine can be rebuilt for use and the canal water levels stabilized.

• Record Breaking Prelude to Christmas. Dec. 13, 2019. Warm weather brought out the visitors to Amana's Prelude to Christmas, perhaps the busiest prelude weekend ever reported.

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