

## AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

Amana Church services are live streamed from the church in Middle on FM 93.5 and Facebook. Limited in church attendance offered.

The **Palm Sunday** Service will be in Middle Sunday, March 28, 2021, starting at 10:00 AM with Elder Tony Berger presiding.

Opening Hymn: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" No. 242

Testimony: Br. Christian Metz, Armenburg, July 6, 1834

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-14  
Psalm 23

Closing Hymn: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" No. 186.

The **Holy Week** Service will be in the Middle Church March 29 - April 1, starting at 7 p.m. Song Sheets will be available.

**Monday**, Elder Tony Berger

Opening Hymn: "O Son of God From Eternity"  
Scripture: John 13

Hymn: "If Thy Beloved Son, O God"

**Tuesday**, Elder Betsy Momany

Hymn: "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

Scripture: John 14

Hymn: "Salvation Unto Us Has Come"

**Wednesday**, Elder Peter Hoehnle

Hymn: "Flow My Tears, Flow Still Faster"

Scripture: John 15 & 16

Hymn: "Oh, Come Ye To The Righteous Vine"

**Thursday**, Elder Mike Shoup

Hymn: "Greatest High-Priest, Savior Christ"

Scripture: John 17-18:27

Closing Hymn: "Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light"

## AMANA SOCIETY, INC.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The Amana Society is pleased to announce that Jon Childers, Stuart Geiger, Guy Wendler, and Kurt Reihmann will be on the ballot for the 2021 Amana Society, Inc. Board of Director's election. The election will be held on Monday May 17th, 2021 and absentee ballots will be mailed to each shareholder in mid-April.

### ACCVB HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND

The Hotel/Motel Tax Fund has marketing money available for local non-profit organizations. These funds are to be used for marketing purposes only and to a target market of potential visitors that will stay overnight. This would be a geographic area that is a distance of 100 miles or greater from the Colonies.

If your non-profit organization would like to apply for a portion of these funds please email David Rettig at [director@amanacolony.com](mailto:director@amanacolony.com) or stop by the Visitor Center to receive an application. The deadline to apply for 2021 funding is April 15th.

### FEATHERS IN THE WIND

In the 1950's there began a great housing boom all over the U.S.A. because of the G.I. Bill. Even the Amanas got caught up in it.

Suddenly "suburbs" like Boys' town and eventually Girls' town sprung up south of Main Amana. North and west of East a few new homes were built. A new school, Lakeside Elementary, for all the new babies and a long with it houses to the East of the school.

High Amana was not to be outdone would begin to building houses up the hill that once had prevented sandstone houses from being built up its slopes.

People in West and Upper South would build houses on the outskirts of town - one even boasting a swimming pool which had a flag pole that had a flag when flown would allow the children of South to come swim in a real cement pool.

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## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### COVID-19 Vaccines in Iowa

The Iowa State Department of Health has opened up those who are eligible for vaccines to people ages 16 to 64 with pre-existing conditions who are or might be at an increased risk. The Center for Disease Control has a list of those conditions for persons under the age of 65 that are at an increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19. To check that list go to [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus). The list includes those with cancer, heart disease and heart conditions, obesity or severe obesity, smokers, type 2 diabetics, sickle cell disease, Down syndrome, those with chronic kidney issues, organ transplant recipients, COPD, those with weakened immune systems and those who are pregnant.

After April 5 all Iowans will be eligible, Gov. Kim Reynolds said in her March 17 news conference. Iowa is expecting an increase in vaccine doses available in April. Again availability of vaccines will determine how quickly Iowans may expect to receive their dose.

Those over the age of 65 are encouraged to call Compass Memorial Healthcare and the Iowa County Department of Health for a vaccine appointment if you have not already done so. Both sites are now taking names for the "waiting list" for those under the age of 65. You will be called as vaccine doses are available. When that call comes depends upon the vaccine supply. In Iowa County call:

- Iowa County Health Department 319-741-6422,
- Compass Memorial Healthcare, Marengo, 319-642-5543.

Several Amana colony residents have told of receiving COVID-19 vaccines at HyVee Pharmacies, Walgreens and CVS Pharmacies outside of Iowa County. Amana residents have traveled to Linn County, Johnson County, Polk, Blackhawk and Burlington counties to receive shots. They used the HyVee, Walgreens or CVS websites to schedule their appointments.

If you don't have access to a computer and need help obtaining a vaccine appointment, call 211. This is the Iowa COVID hot line. When you call you may have to wait for an available helpline assistant, but once the assistant is on the line, he or she, will work with you to schedule an appointment through HyVee Pharmacies.

This reporter called 211 on Tuesday and spoke with a vaccine appointment assistant. She explained that she offers direct help in obtaining an appointment for those over the age of 65.

The 211 assistant offers Iowans under the age of 65 online resources and helps them walk through online sources or gives them phone numbers they may call. She offers additional help to those who do not have computer access. The assistant said that while some days there are no appointments available, HyVee is working hard to increase the number of appointments available.

It appears that the supply of doses is increasing in Iowa. As of March 23, over 1,240,250 doses have been given to Iowa residents. By this weekend, it's expected that nearly one-half million Iowans will be vaccinated fully against COVID-19. In early April Iowa is expected to receive over 200,000 of the single dose Johnson and Johnson vaccine, Gov. Kim Reynolds said in her March 17 news conference.

The first vaccines were administered to Iowans working in health care and living in nursing facilities in December.

### Amana RV Park Springs into 2021

Coming off of the biggest year ever in the history of the Amana RV Park and Event Center, the park will open for the 2021 season on Thursday,

April 1.

Jamie Scott, RV Park manager, is excited for the year to come as the park has added 65 full hookups. The park now offers 375 full hookups. A fact that makes it attractive to large RV events such as the giant Allegro Rally sponsored by Tiffin Allegro coming to the Amana RV Park June 14 - 18. Over 320 large, luxury style RVs are expected with a whopping 800 people on site for the event.

"Last year was our best year ever! We're so looking forward to 2021 with the Iowa Renaissance Festival back for two days, three camping clubs booked for Maifest weekend. . . This year we've added 65 full hookup camp sites, an entire new section that's amazing!" said Scott. "It's going to be a great season."

"We are seeing the reservations," Scott added.

Some of the things on their schedule for 2021: ten bridal couples will have their wedding receptions at the Morton or Pioneer buildings at the RV Park, four in October 2021 alone. If you are keeping count, between the Hotel Millwright and the Amana RV Park there are 30 wedding receptions planned for the coming months in Amana. Add those to be held at Price Creek, the Festhalle and the Amana Colonies Golf Club and Die Heimat Next Door and it's clear that the Amana Colonies are wedding central in eastern Iowa.

Here's another neat note: the Hoosier Creek Conservation Banquet will be at the RV Park this

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## Easter at the Amana Church

Please invite family, friends and neighbors to join in celebrating Easter! Everyone is welcome to all services and events. View on line via the Amana Church Facebook page or attend in person. Face masks will be worn at all services/events and please follow our COVID policy.

### Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 28, 10 a.m. at the Middle Amana Church, in Middle Amana

### During Holy Week & on Easter

#### **Holy Week Prayer Services**

March 29 - April 1, Monday - Thursday, 7 p.m. at the Middle Amana Church

#### **Good Friday Worship Service**

Friday, April 2, 7 p.m. at the Middle Church

#### **Easter morning rolls, coffee & juice**

Sunday, April 4 9 a.m. out of doors (weather allowing) at the Amana Church, Amana

**Easter Egg Hunt** for the kids *after* the 10 a.m. Easter Worship at the Amana Church, Amana

### **Easter Sunday Worship**

Easter Sunday, April 4, 10 a.m.

at the Amana Church, in Amana

Or join us on Facebook at the Amana Church Facebook page.

### ***Feathers from page 1***

We, in Homestead, would unite the upper and lower parts of town with new homes by taking the former orchards and kitchen gardens and replanting them with trees.

There was one house however that was rather inconspicuous and perhaps overlooked on the far east side of town owned by Dr. H. G. Moershel.

It seem to go up overnight and the people who moved in did not make much of a fuss.

The people were from that exotic place called, Chicago, and we (the children) all sort of wondered why anyone would want to move to dull old Iowa after living in Chicago. After all we knew that Sondra and Carolyn Dittrich's aunt had moved to Aurora and Carl Moershel lived in Chicago and they only came back for visits - not to live here.

It seems that the Rice family had begun a friendship with the elder Dr. Moershel and his wife many years ago and kept up the friendship even into the next and next generation when Clarence and Elsie rice ready to retire a decision was made to move to Homestead to live near Henry and Henrietta Moershel

A small white frame house was built on a concrete base along with a one stall garage. there didn't seem to be much fuss made when they moved in, but then again we were very young children who only cared if new children moved in .

Later we would learn an interesting story it seems that when the Chicago fire occurred in 1871 the race patriarchs owned a bakery. As the fire spread people were racing by the bakery trying to save themselves and what they could of their valuables.

The elder Mrs. Rice took all the money out of the cash register and put it in an apron and ran with her family needless to say upon returning there was nothing left so they had to start all over again.

Ironically on the same day in Wisconsin a fire occurred doing much more damage than the one in Chicago but that is another story.

The Rices that lived in Homestead became very much a part of the town. Mrs. Rice even became a hostess at Zuber's restaurant one would always recognize her with her perfectly coiffed white hair with ringlets on top.

Now the house has had a complete transformation and is owned by Dennis and Elaine Zuber the Little White House has now become brown and lots of beautiful trees and plants grow around it.

Sometimes I wish we would have put before and after pictures into the book. I wonder what the first residents would think.

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### PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes were due March 1st. If you don't have automatic payment through an escrow account the tax may be paid at the Iowa County Treasurer's Office at the Court House in Marengo, or on-line at Iowa Tax and Tags. Just click on your county, type in your last name, select your property/properties and pay. Easy, almost painless.

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weekend on March 27; over a dozen dog competitions are scheduled including the large AKC Amana Colonies Cluster Dog Show, September 2 - 6.

Camping rallies come in all sizes and some weekends there are multiple small to medium sized rallies planned. Maifest weekend May 1 - 2 there will be three different camping clubs on site. Oktoberfest, always a busy weekend for the RV Park, already has two clubs reserving campsites.

Events include our favorite Beckster Fest June 4 - 6 at the RV Park. The 18th annual Beckster Fest will host the Mark Vyhldal Orchestra, Carol and the Keynotes plus the always swinging Gary's Ridgeland Dutchmen and of course, the hostess, Barefoot Becky will be performing with the Ivanhoe Dutchmen Friday night June 4.

The Iowa Renaissance Festival is May 29 - 31 and June 5 - 5 at the Middle Amana Park, while the Allis Chalmers Reunion is June 19 -20 at the Middle Park. The highly popular Firecracker 4th of July Antique Show will be back the grounds and in the air-conditioned buildings, July 3 - 4. Plus the Cedar Valley Rock and Mineral Show Sept. 18 - 19 is returning.

### AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT

#### Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting March 8, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom App. (Draft, Slightly Abridged)

I. Call Meeting to Order. ACLUD BoT President Lynn Trumpold called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. L. Trumpold, Laura Kay Sheely, Andrew Conquest, Bruce Trumpold, Cherie Hansen-Rieskamp, Joe Parcell, and Administrator Elly Hoehnle. Ithiel Catiri was absent. Also present were several members of the public.

II. Set Agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

III. Review/Approve:

a. February 8, 2021 public hearing minutes. Motion, to approve minutes carried 6-0. Sheely stepped out of the meeting.

b. February 8, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Motion to approve minutes carried 5-0.

Sheely returned to the meeting.

c. February 22, 2021 special meeting minutes. Motion to approve the minutes carried 6-0.

IV. Welcome visitors and allow citizens to speak on items not on the agenda. Jason Miller asked if there are any ACLUD requirements to reinstall his sidewalk after his water pipe burst and part of his sidewalk was removed during the work. There are no ACLUD requirements to install a sidewalk.

V. Review/Approve March disbursements. Motion to pay the bills carried 6-0.

VI. Review/Approve February Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve the February Treasurer's Report carried 6-0.

VII. Discussion/Action on the following permit applications in a Historic Preservation District:

a. 2020-076, Jeff & Suzanne Conquest, 621 46th Ave. Request to modify design of south stairs on previously issued permit. Applicant noted that originally just the deck boards and stair treads were to be replaced, but the stairs fell apart during construction. The porch railings and step handrail were replaced with vertical balusters, to match the east porch. Historic Architectural Guidelines show horizontal handrails. HPC recommend the request be denied. L. Trumpold noted a few different types of handrails in town; suggested possibly remove balusters and put third horizontal board. Applicant noted safety concern with horizontal railings. Guidelines have not changed. Discussion of Historic Architectural Guidelines versus Ordinances. Motion by B. Trumpold, second by Hansen-Rieskamp, to require applicant to remove vertical balusters and replace them with horizontal boards, either 3 or 4 boards, depending on the height of the rail. Motion carried 3-2-1 with Conquest abstaining.

b. 2021-001, Jeff & Suzanne Conquest, 621 46th Ave. Replace windows, change attic vent. Applicant noted that the windows the Administrator noted the 28"x29" windows are 1/1 are 2/2. With the change in pane configuration, motion by Parcell, second by Hansen-Rieskamp, to approve the application as amended. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Conquest abstaining.

VIII. Other Business

a. Discussion/Action: Proposed Guidelines for Window Wells in



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Historic Preservation Districts. Historic Preservation commission will review and comment at their March meeting. The Board of Trustees will schedule review/approval at the April meeting.

b. Discussion/Action: Proposed Guidelines for Egress Windows in Historic Preservation Districts. Need to The Historic Preservation Commission will review at their March meeting. Guidelines should be reviewed one final time at the April Board of Trustees meeting.

c. Discussion/Action: Proposed ordinance amendments for fences (Section 31.02.050.L). Motion by Conquest, second by B. Trumpold, to set a public hearing for April 12 and to direct the Administrator to send the proposed changes to SHPO for review. Motion carried 6-0.

d. Discussion/Action: Digitizing ACLUD Records. Motion by B. Trumpold, second by Hansen-Rieskamp, to appoint a subcommittee to explore digitizing ACLUD records. The subcommittee consists of Betsy Momany, Andrew Conquest, Bruce Trumpold, and Elly Hoehnle. Motion carried 6-0.

e. Discussion/Action: Proposal for live plant sales/outdoor merchandising. Discussion of SHPO comments. Conquest sees four categories: 1. Greenery (live plant sales), 2. Hardscapes, 3. Outdoor patron spaces, 4. Special events. #1, if proposal only applicable for greenery, (seasonal permit) he supports. Does not support #2. #3 is somewhat ambiguous, create separate permit(?). #4 create a system where business can use green space two weekends per year. Looking for something easily enforceable, no ambiguity. Sheely: likes language proposed by ACLUD attorney and is ready to vote on it. B. Trumpold: need to clarify space allowed--walkways and other paths should be part of the percentage allowed to be used (30%?); display should be temporary--does not interfere with property off-season. Difficulty is finding a middle ground. Motion to move forward with the draft ordinance changes provided by the ACLUD attorney, sending it to HPC for comment and setting a public hearing fails on 3-3 vote. Motion to table this matter until the April 12 BOT meeting, carried 6-0.

f. Discussion/Action: Proposal from Janice Rawson. Due to ongoing discussion for proposals for live plant sales/outdoor merchandising, enforcement action is paused at this time. Administrator suggested that a site plan be submitted. Motion to table the matter until the next meeting carried 6-0. Administrator will provide information regarding traditional plantings to Rawson.

IX. Administrator's Report. No change at old Middle fire station. House at 2704 220th Trail being used as rooming house without applying for a change of use. Administration will follow up with both owners. The Venard deadline is March 15. At Trustee direction, the Administrator will send a letter after that date (Notice of Non-response, give them a chance to respond at April meeting.)

X. President's Report. Old Middle store: vacant for several years. Concern about condition of building. Administrator will invite property owner to participate at next BOT meeting.

XI. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn by Sheely, second by Parcell. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.