

## AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Amana Church Second Sunday of Covenant Preparation Service will be live streamed from the church in Amana on Facebook or via Radio broadcast, November 15, 2020 starting at 10:00 a.m. with Elder Emilie Hoppe presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Faithfully Obeyed" No. 112

Testimony: Johan Adam Gruber, July 4, 1716, The 24 Rules, Rules 9 – 16

Scripture: Isaiah 27: 2 - 6

John 15: 1 - 17

Closing Hymn: "Heaven Earth and Sea and Air" No. 116

**Wednesday Nachtgebet** live stream on Facebook at 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday Fellowship** live stream on Facebook at 5:30 p.m.

Services also available later on YouTube.

**The Church's Thanksgiving Dinner will be take out or delivery only.**

**Please RSVP by this coming Sunday, November 15**

## COLONY ATTIC BARN PUBLIC NOTICE

The Colony Attic Barn in East Amana was created as an Amana Colonies public resource for the purpose of keeping an inventory of only historic doors, screens, and windows.

Arrangements to pick up the keys of the Colony Attic Barn must be made by calling the Heritage Society at 319-622-3567 Mon-Fri 9-4pm.

This past weekend, longtime volunteer, William Jasper, reported that a large number of modern windows had been deposited outside the building and simply left.

The Colony Attic does not accept modern doors and windows, however these are usually welcome at the Habitat for Humanity "Re-store" facilities at 2401 Scott Blvd in Iowa City or 350 6th Street in Cedar Rapids.

This notice is a reminder of the following: Windows, doors, and screens must now be evaluated prior to delivery to ensure that they are from Amana's communal era and in good shape. No modern items will be accepted.

When deposited, volunteers have evaluated the items on condition and sorted them according to window style. The Amana Heritage Society administers all deliveries and pickups from the Colony Attic Barn.

We thank the residents of the Amana Colonies for considering this reminder and hope that you will continue to help us keep Amana's special architectural heritage alive in the future!

## BLOOD DRIVE

Please mark your calendar for a 2 day Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center Blood Drive at the Amana Library, on Tuesday, December 15; 1:30-5:30 and Thursday, December 17; 2:30-6:30.

To sign up call 319-622-3192 or amanalibrary@ccaschools.org.

## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### CCA Schools Ask State to Allow At Home Instruction Due to COVID-18 Numbers

Monday the Clear Creek Amana Community School District applied for a two-week virtual learning waiver from the Iowa Department of Education. Staff quarantines among teachers, janitors and specifically, the transportation department, have made it difficult to run the buses or provide in-school instruction.

Without enough drivers to transport students to school, and the struggle to cover classes within the schools, the district made the decision to go virtual this week and will await the Department of Education's decision for approval of a two-week virtual learning waiver.

The District is experiencing rising positivity rates in both counties, with Iowa County at 18.7% and Johnson County at 14.9%. The student absentee rate is relatively low at 1.6% per the Iowa Department of Education and Iowa Department of Public Health calculation procedures. These calculations however do not include quarantined students.

CCA is experiencing critical staffing issues with, as of Monday, November 9, 13 bus drivers and 2 bus mechanics quarantined for the next two weeks. In addition, there are 5 teaching cohorts (teaching teams) quarantined at the elementary and middle schools and 165 students affected in total. As of November 9 49 teachers/staff were in quarantine or had tested positive for COVID-19.

If approved for the two-week waiver, district leaders hope to be able to return to in-person learning after Thanksgiving break. This will depend on the status of COVID-19 and the guidance the district receives from the Department of Education. The CCA School District had planned carefully for this scenario and is following its protocol.

### Iowa County 2020 Election Results By the Numbers

Here is a closer look at the results of the 2020 general election as it played out in Iowa County.

There are 12,461 registered voters in Iowa County. 9,808 ballots were cast in the 2020 general election for a 78.71 % county-wide voter turnout, perhaps one of the highest voter turnouts on record since World War II.

In the presidential race, receiving 6,009 votes was Donald Trump and Michael Pence to 3,547 for Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. Next in line were the Libertarian nominees Jo Jorgensen and Jeremy Cohen with 102 votes.

Republican Senator Joni Ernst won 5,794 votes to Theresa Greenfield's 3,541 votes in Iowa County. In the Lenox/ Iowa precinct the results were as follows. There are 2,053 registered voters in the Lenox/ Iowa precinct; over 82 % of them voted, awarding 959 to Trump/Pence and 694 to Biden/ Harris. In

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Hilton/ Washington precinct there are 1,026 registered voters. Over 78 % of them turned out to vote in this general election with 499 votes going to Trump/ Pence and 281 to Biden/ Harris. These two precincts contain the seven Amana villages.

Down ticket Ashley Hinson was the winner in Iowa County for the US House of Representatives District 1 with 6,041 to incumbent Abby Fineknauer's 3,543 votes.

Republican Dawn Driscoll beat Democrat Ivy Schuster for the State Senate District 38 seat, 6,483 votes to 2,900. In statehouse district 75 Republican Thomas Gerhold overtook Democrat Ruby Bodeker 1,458 to 858 votes. In the District 76 statehouse race Republican incumbent David Maxwell hung on to his seat handily beating Democratic challenger Sarah Smith 4,467 to 2,337.

Though hotly contested in the Republican primary, once that June primary was in the books the general election of the Iowa County Supervisors was assured. Both Republican newcomers Abigail Maas and Alan Schumacher won Supervisor seats. Maas received 5,126 votes and Schumacher got 4,709 votes. The Democratic challenger Chris Montross earned 3,730 and was not elected. Independents Earle Hall got 941 votes and Rick Rodgers received 828.

Meanwhile popular Iowa County Sheriff, Republican Robert Rotter earned his place as Sheriff winning re-election, joining County Auditor Jessica Stohlmann in re-election in 2020.

Elected to the Iowa County Ag Extension Council were Sean Wetjen, Marcia Kilgard, Scott Axmear and Justin Sayers. Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners elected were Larry Wetjen, Stewart T. Maas and Vanessa Spratt.

### Tannenbaum Forest to Open Thanksgiving Weekend, Joy to the World

With modifications for this year of COVID-19, Amana's holiday happening, Tannenbaum Forest will open Friday, November 27 at 11 a.m.

Yes, the magic of Christmas, volunteer support and good planning will create this timeless fantasy forest for eastern Iowa. This year, once again, donations from the Tannenbaum Forest will benefit the Stead Family University of Iowa Children's Hospital. A free will offering, plus donations raised will be given to the hospital for use to resupply their craft and toy closets, buy new childrens' books and dvds, and to supply children with comforting plush toys, warm slippers and socks, robes and those basics they may not be able to bring with them as they seek treatment at the hospital.

This year there will be no food or beverage served in the forest. Facemasks and or face shields will

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**Jerry Tarvin will be 81 on the 22nd of November**

### RUG WEAVING ONE DAY WORKSHOP

Make a rug in one day! December 29th from 9AM-5PM or until rug is done. You may bring your own prepared material or material will be available to purchase for \$15 for a 3 foot rug. Bring your own food and drink, a refrigerator and microwave will be available to use.

The rug could be useful in your home or it would make a great gift. This activity will be held in the weaving studio located at the Amana Arts Guild Center in High Amana. Enrollment is limited. For more information and to register call Linda Grabau 319-530-0127. Cost \$50 per student.

## Lakeview Village

### Assisted Living Apartments

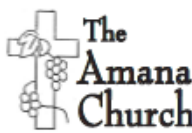
- ❖ Meals Provided
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- ❖ Activities

### Units Available

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## Holiday 2020 Worship & Events

# Covenant Worship Service

Thanksgiving Day, Thurs. Nov. 26 at 10 a.m.  
in AMANA In-Person and on Facebook Live. COVID-19 precautions in place

### Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving Nov. 26, 11:30 at the Amana Church CARRY-OUT or DELIVERY ONLY  
RSVP's for the Dinner are due by November 15 via [mchurch@southslope.net](mailto:mchurch@southslope.net) or call the church at 319-622-6155.

### Prelude to Christmas Cookie Club

While we can't have our Christmas Bazaar and Cookie Walk this year, we are hosting a Christmas Cookie Club! Donate to the church's youth ministry and receive 2 or 4 doz. of assorted, pre-packed candies, cookies and treats on Dec. 5, 2020. Or opt not to collect your cookies and have them donated to others who need a lift in spirits and sweet joy. Donate a bit more and receive a chance to win a GOLDEN ticket - the winning ticket holder will be able to choose for themselves, 2 big boxes of cookies before the doors open to the Cookie Walk in 2021. Go to our Amana Church webpage [www.amanachurch.com](http://www.amanachurch.com) look for the "Cookie Walk Store" to make your donation! Please donate before Thanksgiving. Then plan to pick up your box of assorted treats on Prelude Saturday, Dec. 5, 10 - noon.  
**\*Are you baking for the cookie club? Please have your cookies/treats at the church before Fri. Dec. 4, 9 a.m.**



**OBITUARY**

Isabella Marie Schaefer, age 91, of East Amana, passed away, Sunday, November 8, 2020, at the Mercy Hospice House. A graveside service was held at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at the East Amana Cemetery. The family received friends at the cemetery prior to the service at 12:30 p.m. Memorials may be contributed to the Amana Church, Amana Heritage Society or ARC of SE Iowa. Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo, assisted the family with arrangements.

Isabella is survived by a son, Kirby (M. Theresa) Schaefer, of Main Amana; two grandchildren, Aaron (Shana) Schaefer, of Iowa City and Katherine (Jonathan) Ron, of Iowa City; five great-grandchildren, Yael, Noa and Lior Ron, August and Orson Schaefer; a sister, Violet Harman, of Main Amana; a cousin Lee Herr; and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth in 2012, her parents Paul and Lillie Rettig, and a son Reed in 2020.

Isabella Marie Rettig, was born July 2, 1929 in Middle Amana, the daughter of Paul and Lillie (Herr) Rettig. She graduated from the Amana Schools in 1946 and continued her education at Chillicothe Business College. Isabella and Kenneth were united in marriage on June 26, 1948. They made their home in East Amana. Isabella worked at Amana Refrigeration and at the Amana Society. She and her husband owned and operated the Little Amana Winery where she worked for 30 years until retirement. Isabella was a member of the Amana Church. She was an avid church volunteer and a Sunday School teacher. She enjoyed quilting, flower gardening and being a homemaker.

Online condolences may be left at [www.klosterfuneralhome.com](http://www.klosterfuneralhome.com)

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**VETERANS' ECHE**

**"2020 Veteran of the Year"**

2020 has been an extremely difficult year. Each month I'm cautiously optimistic that things will calm down. And each month has brought with it more trials and tribulations. Thankfully we are at that time during the year where we can focus on something (or someone) that has brought about some positive changes to Iowa County.

On behalf of the Iowa County Commission of Veterans Affairs, we would like to announce the "2020 Iowa County Commission of Veterans Affairs: Veteran of the Year Award" is Mr. Jeff Meier.

Jeff joined the US Navy and served from 1991-1994. He, and his wife Gwen have been married for 21 years. Jeff has worked at Kinze Manufacturing for 25 years. Jeff has volunteered with Iowa County Rescue for 10 years. Jeff continues to support and advocate for Gateway Park here in Marengo, and is on the Friends of Iowa County Conservation and has been a volunteer in that capacity for 15 years.

Congratulations Mr. Jeff Meier, On behalf of the Iowa County Commission of Veterans Affairs, we thank you for your continued service.

**Tricare**

Tricare Standard users are now under Tricare Select.

**WANTED/WANTED TO BUY**

BUYING All ANTIQUES; Toys, Furniture, Crocks, Paintings, Advertising Signs, and Weird Items "any condition." Buying Entire Estates, call for fair pricing. Please call 319-270-1251.

Wanted: Clean Fill Dirt. Contact Ron Schuerer 319-622-3843 in East Amana.

**FOR RENT**

Short & Long term rental available at Abbi's Cottage Call Betty Peterson at 319-432-8103

West Amana 2 BR Upper Apt. No Pets, Background Check, Lease. 319-227-7465 or 319-573-5265

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be required and social distancing will be the rule. Facemasks will be available for those who don't bring one to wear. There won't be choirs singing live, but there will be festive touches in the spirit of the season.

**How can you help?**

- Decorate a tree. Contact the Amana Colonies Convention and Visitors Bureau at 319-622-7010 now. The tree set-up schedule: Monday, Nov. 23, noon until 8 p.m. and Tuesday, Nov. 24, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. The deadline to sign up for a tree is Monday, Oct. 26 so do call 622-7010 as soon as possible. Families, clubs, churches, businesses and individuals are all welcome to decorate a tree. The cost is \$35 to families/ nonprofit groups, \$35 for Main Street event member merchants and \$50 for non member merchants. This pays for the tree with the remainder as a donation to the cause.

- Volunteer to help decorate the village. There will be a team of volunteers hanging roping and lights in the village of Amana on Monday, Nov. 23 at 9 a.m.

- Volunteer as a "greeter." Greeters are needed to welcome visitors at the door and collect donations. Two volunteers are needed per 2 to 3 hour shift. Yes, volunteers must wear a mask at all times. To volunteer contact Emilie Hoppe at [zhoppe@southslope.net](mailto:zhoppe@southslope.net) or call 319-622-3639. Please leave a message with your full name and telephone number should you phone.



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**FEATHERS IN THE WIND**

I guess COVID has finally hit Charlemagne and me, not personally (thank the Lord), but emotionally.

The day to day routine has become so dull that one day flows into another and I look for ways to change things.

I have quite literally read hundreds of books and taken to reading the boxes of cereals. I have virtually memorized most commercials and agonized if I should call about the Medicare Advantage plans or if they are all a scam. I even organized part of my computer until I froze it up. I have been thinking and planning what to do with my hair now that it has come back fine and STRAIGHT. I think I have contacted most of my friends and relatives via phone, e-mail or letter and bored them to tears with my rather dull life. I've even come to watching nature shows on PBS.

Frankly I should be grateful to God that: we are well, that our granddaughter and son are working from home, Charlemagne has put up some of the outside Christmas decorations, the weather was so pleasant, that our oldest son has been cleaning out one of our attics and has actually found long lost items, and that the election is over (I think).

Maybe that is what is bothering me. I am glad about the election, but (I know this will surprise a lot of you) I am sincerely sorry for some of the losers, especially the President.

He may be a bully, etc., but he is human. How it must hurt to have to take a helicopter to the White House after golfing because the crowd of people blocking the streets, near the wall he erected around the mansion, rejoicing the Biden/Harris win.

It is a bitter pill to swallow when you lose. One wonders what will happen next.

I just want the Peace the Angel spoke of at Christ's birth, and know that this pandemic is at an end.

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**The Amana Print Shop**  
Please check availability by calling 319-622-3912  
email: [amanaprintshop@southslope.net](mailto:amanaprintshop@southslope.net)  
Please Wear a Mask in public & Practice Social Distancing

**BOY SCOUT CHRISTMAS WREATH SALES**

The Amana Boy Scouts, Troop 223, will again be offering Christmas wreaths for sale to all residents in our Community. The wreaths are 24" and have a red bow and 2 pinecones as decoration. These are \$16.00 each.

The distribution of wreaths is planned for Saturday November 21st starting around 9:00 am. For your convenience, the wreaths will be available immediately for you to purchase as Scouts go door to door.

If you are unable to be at home or you are accidentally missed on November 21st and wish to purchase a wreath please call one of the following: Dennis Lukes, Homestead, 622-3785;

Gary Heishman, Amana, 622-3039; or Steve Rose, Middle 622-3634. We will see that you get a wreath delivered.

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**THANK YOU TO THE COMMUNITY CHEST**

The Amana Colonies Trails would like to thank the Amana Community Chest for the monetary contribution. The money has been earmarked for trail maintenance and repair this next year.

Last year's contribution to the trail was used to repair bridge planking, replace signage along the trail and maintenance of the trail along the millrace.

Our sincere thanks to the Community Chest for the donation and to all that contribute to the annual fundraiser.

**JACKIE'S EXTRAORDINARY Christmas**  
Written by: The Hahn Sisters  
Illustrated by: Karen Phelps  
**JACKIE'S EXTRAORDINARY CHRISTMAS,** BY THE HAHN SISTERS, is available at Hahn Bakery on Wednesdays and Saturdays from November 14 through Christmas Eve. A book and 2 marzipan cookies - \$15.  
Call Hahn Bakery at 622-3439 or 622-3327 to place your order. The book is also sold on Amazon.com or by contacting the Hahn Sisters. Email: [hahnsisters2@gmail.com](mailto:hahnsisters2@gmail.com)  
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**REMINDER CONCERNING SOUTH DUMP**

What is commonly referred to as the South Dump, is private property and **only** for the use of Amana Society stock holders living within the Amana Colonies, and may be under 24 hour photo surveillance.

**Absolutely No burning** is permitted at the South Dump. Burning is dangerous and not compliant with DNR Regulations.

**Only** organic compostable yard refuse is allowed, and users **must** empty & remove plastic bags or other containers used to transfer yard waste. Lumber, and other building material, & trash dumping is absolutely **NOT** permitted.

Using the dump is a privilege, not a right, and all dumping will end if Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) and Amana Society rules on what may be dumped or the burning ban are violated.

If you witness violations of these rules, **please** report those abuses, to Amana Society Conservation at 319-213-3445.