

## AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Combined Baccalaureate Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, May 21, 2023, starting 10:00 A.M. with Sw. Emilie Hoppe presiding.

Opening Hymn: "This is the Day of Grace" No. 88

Testimony: J.A. Gruber, Bergzabern, Oct. 31, 1716

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 11: 1 – 10

Ecclesiastes 12: 13-14

Psalms 119: 9 – 16

Closing Hymn: "This Morning Sun is Brightly Beaming" No. 274

**Song sheets will be provided.**

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.

Links to services posted online may be found starting with the gateway page:

<https://amanachurch.com/category/podcast/>

## FEATHERS IN THE WIND

I have maintained for a long long time that nurses are the unsung heroes/heroines of the medical profession. They are the ones who are willing to listen, to comfort you, to find the vein that no one else can, wipe the mess up and hold your hand when things look hopeless.

Speaking from experience I always relax more when I see a nurse come in to the room.

At the University of Iowa Hospital they send you out questionnaires asking if we would like to nominate a nurse for superior service. I wish I could remember all names of the nurses I had and nominate them because somehow they kept me "going" and even laughing.

There was the one nurse who tried to help me get my wedding ring off. It took forever until she finally went into a tool drawer and cut it off (the ring, not the finger).

A little while later I was on the operating table and someone was about to put a mask over my mouth and nose. I grabbed this man's hand and asked. Do you believe in God?"

It really startled him, but he did answer me so I told him to start praying and he could go on.

The next batch of nurses were in the urology department. I thought that strange since I could not think what that particular department had to do with the procedure I had gone through. The two nurses and I started making jokes that people wondered what was going on.

The second surgery I had a nurse who wore a tiny doll around her neck to help new mothers realize how babies need very little milk in the beginning. She was concerned over my bleeding and would take her "time off" periods to look and talk to others about what to do to help me.

Being a fussy eater I couldn't eat, however one Friday I ordered fish. Suddenly I got so sick my nurse rushed out to find something to stop the nausea. She finally ended up finding some hard candy for me to suck on. It worked!

I actually was afraid to leave the hospital. Well, I did have to return for chemo. They brought stuff to drink or make you comfortable. Even if you got sick a nurse would come with scrubs and help clean you up. Sometimes you wanted to lay on the floor and expire, but there was always a nurse that got you up again.

It is years later and I have to deal with Sara's nurse and my sleep study at our clinic. This woman is remarkable. I've had to take two tests and then, when the results came back, I was told I had to return for yet another test.

That was too much for me! I told her that at the sleep center Charlemagne had gone with me. We had BOTH told them I had worn a CPAP for years - decades even. We even brought it along, but obviously they hadn't listened.

We also explained (more than once) that the place where we had been buying the masks, filters, and hose had said we had to get a new machine. No one listened.

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## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### Amana Job Fair at the CCA High School Friday

Amana businesses are holding a mini job fair for all area high school students on Friday, May 19 at 2:30 p.m. at the Clear Creek Amana High School lunchroom in Tiffin offering a variety of summer jobs in the Amana area.

The CCA High School will help by providing transportation to Amana for jobs in the Colonies this summer. Merchants and representatives of businesses offering jobs will be on hand to talk with students Friday at 2:30 p.m. The jobs include: retail sales, crop work, camp assistant, office assistant, guest services attendant, food and beverage associates, grounds crew - lawn mowing.

### CCA Class of 2023 Awards

The Clear Creek Amana Class of 2023 held their senior awards day May 11 with the entire high school turning out to honor the graduates. Over 60 awards and scholarships were given.

Here are some of the highlights. The Class of 2023 valedictorians are: Brayden Ballard, Emily Bernacki, Max Carlson, Grace Collis, Hayden Crow, Kathryn Hennes, Weston Kuntz, Alliyah LeGrand, Jackson Schloss, Peyton Stradler, Andrew Streit, Jessi Wagner, Andon Waterbury, Matthew Wu.

Governor's Scholar award winners: Alliyah LeGrand and Matthew Wu. Charles Selzer Memorial Scholarship to Melanie Matrise. Robert Van Cleave Scholarship to Audrey Rice. Mary Swenka Scholarship to Olivia Miller. Amana Society. Scholarship awards to Cameron Kimm and Olivia Miller. Glenn and May Wendler Scholarship to Payton Stradler. DeAnna Kellenberger Arts Scholarship to Natalie Stewart. Gold Scholarship from the University of Arkansas to Emily Bernacki. University of Iowa Scholars Award to Hayden Crow. Mt Mercy Presidential, Legacy and Athletic Scholarships to Jack Downs. Oxford, Knights of Columbus Council Scholarships to Cameron Kimm and Mary Macumber.

National Merit Scholarship for the University of Alabama to Matthew Wu. University of Missouri Awards to Charlotte Watson. Mt. Mercy NHS Scholarship and Cheer Scholarship to Mary Macumber. Central College Scholarships to Andrew Streit. UNI Panther Purple Award to Cameron Kimm.

### Blast Off with the Amana Church's Summer VBS

Coming up in just a few weeks it's the Amana Church's Summer Vacation Bible School, being held June 19 – 23 at the Amana Church from 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

All children preschool (age 3) to 5th grade are invited to join in a cosmic quest. It's going to be a "STELLAR" week as kids learn to blast the light of Jesus with Bible stories, crafts, games, outdoor and indoor play, snacks and song. It's easy to register – simply email Penni Berger at [ptberger@southslope.net](mailto:ptberger@southslope.net) or go to the website link at <https://vbspro.events/p/amana2023>

### Arts Share Summer Camp for Kids

The University of Iowa Arts Share and Grant Wood Art Colony programs are offering a week-long arts camp for children in 1st through 6th grades. These half-day sessions will feature workshops in the visual arts, music, movement, drama and creative writing. Classes will be Monday through Friday, June 12 – 16 from 8:30 a.m. – noon at the University of Iowa Theatre Building, 200 N. Riverside Drive, Iowa City. Cost is \$175 for the week. Children are grouped by age. Snacks will be provided. To learn more or sign up contact 319-335-1618 or email [artshare@uiowa.edu](mailto:artshare@uiowa.edu)

### Clover Day Camps at Williamsburg Extension- Outreach Center

The ISU Extension is offering daylong workshops for kids at the Williamsburg Extension Office this summer starting June 6. These one-day workshops for kids focus on all sorts of fun STEM skills or confidence building fun. Workshops start at 9 a.m. Cost is \$25 per child. Contact the Iowa County Extension office in Williamsburg at 319-668-1052 to sign up or go on their website. Their office and outreach center is located at 223 W. Welsch Street in Williamsburg. Here's the list:

- Grades K – 1 Tuesday June 6, Steam'n through the Seasons. Observe nature and more.

- Grades K- 1 Tuesday, June 13 Art and Stem LIT to Go. Hands on tour of Iowa with crafts and STEM fun, kid - focused on the state of Iowa.
- Grades 2 – 3 Tuesday, June 20 Fizz, Bubble, Goo – Create amazing chemistry experiments!
- Grades 2 – 3 Tuesday, June 27, Sprouting up Science. Roll up your sleeves and learn to grow food.
- Grades 4 – 6, Thursday June 15, On their Own and Ok. Gain confidence and learn home alone skills on how to handle emergencies, prepare healthy lunches and snacks, practice safe use of electrical devise and boredom busters.

### GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Announcing the graduation of Amelia Rose Pereira from Iowa State University on May 12, 2023. Amelia Completed a Bachelor of Science in Supply Chain Management with a minor in Management.

Proud parents are Horace & Angie Pereira of Middle Amana

**Tomato and Pepper plants for sale - many varieties**

**Pam's Country Floral & Flower Farm**

**3203 120 Street, Amana  
2 miles North of Casey's  
East Side of Hwy 151**

**May Hours:  
Friday 3:30-6:00PM  
Saturday 9:00-11:30AM**

### Lily Lake Clean-up

Plans are coming together for the 2<sup>nd</sup> clean-up of the Lily lake. The community is invited to help clear out brush and small trees along the shoreline and improve the visibility of the lake.

**Date: June 3, 2023 (rain date 6/10/23)**

**Time: Plans & prayer 7:45**

**Work 8:00-10:00 a.m.**

**Meeting Place: Picnic table area  
Supplies to bring: Gloves, weed whackers, loppers, pole saws, tubs/basets, chain saws, insect repellent and anything else you like to work with.**

This service project is organized by the Amana Area Fellowship and approved by the Amana Society Inc.

**Questions: contact Les Ackerman  
3129-330-8713 or**

email [info@amanaareafellowship.org](mailto:info@amanaareafellowship.org)  
[www.amanaareafellowship.org](http://www.amanaareafellowship.org)

ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS!

### Madelyn Kussmann, PA

Madelyn Kussmann is a Physician Assistant at Colonies Family Medical Clinic. Madelyn provides care for the entire family - including routine well child checks, annual physicals, and assessing diagnosing and treating illnesses and injuries.



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**ACLUH HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION Meeting Notice & Tentative Agenda of the Regular Meeting, Monday, May 22, 2023, 6:30 p.m. At the ACLUH office-4304 220th Trail Amana & Zoom link**

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Set Agenda
- III. Review/Approve April 24, 2023 Minutes
- IV. Welcome visitors and allow citizens to speak on items not on the agenda
- V. Discussion/Action on the following permit applications in a Historic Preservation Zoning District:
  - a. 2023-030. Eberhard Grosse-Strangmann agent Gerald Rieskamp / 110 220th Trail South Amana/ HP-A/Storm damage on old barn/wagon shop. Replace sheeting as needed, architectural asphalt shingles of same color as existing.
  - b. 2023-032. Les and Linda Ackerman / 207 220th Trail South Amana / HP-R / Replace five windows with 9/6 vinyl. 3 windows at 28" x 53 1/2" and 2 at 28" x 61". Remove & Replace wooden deck with a concrete pad.
  - c. 2023-033. Harry and Laura Holmes / 2704 220th Trail Middle Amana/ HP-R / Property has been used as a rooming house since at least spring of 2021 w/o having change of use approval.
  - d. 2023-034. ASI / 506 Highway 6 Trail South Amana / HP-C / Storm damage to roof of building which is a mechanics shop. New roof and asphalt shingles in same color as original.
  - e. 2023-036. Cody Massey / 5213 C St East Amana / HP-R / 1950s built house on a HP-R lot. All new windows on first floor. New vinyl siding. Remove concrete steps on south entrance and build a 12' x 16' pressure treated wood deck.
  - f. 2023-040. Ron and Paula Blount / 5211 D St East Amana / HP-R / Reshingle entire house and one outbuilding due to storm damage. Color Storm Gray, no visual change.
- VI. Other Business
- VII. Administrator's Report (if applicable)
- VIII. Adjourn

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**THANK YOU COMMUNITY CHEST!**  
We would like to thank the Amana Community Chest for the funds that we recently received. We appreciate their support every year at this time. We use the funds to help pay for our special guests that visit the library for our Summer Reading Program. With their help, we are able to provide our families with educational, engaging, and fun events for FREE! The Community Chest's support shows how much they value the quality of the programs we bring to our library. Helping to promote a love of reading with our children is so important and we are thankful they choose to do that every year!

**For Rent; The Homestead Welfare Club**  
**4215 V St Homestead** offers an exceptional 1100 square foot setting in our historic 1860 home for family reunions, social gatherings, or business meetings. It includes a mini kitchen, tables and chairs for 80+ persons plus a 1/2 acre private, beautifully shaded back yard perfect for outdoor activities. It includes picnic tables and small shelter. The cost is \$75 per day. An additional 500 square foot full-service kitchen is available for an additional \$25.  
**Call 319-622-3620 for details & scheduling**

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Well, this nurse did. She called and was told that they didn't take our insurance. That news was new and interesting since they sure had been taking our money for years!

Now she too was angry and found us a new provider. I love it!

I'm here to say if you ever need a defender or helper ask for a NURSE. They are truly angels! I think they should have an unlimited supply of free chocolate!

B.S.H.

**WANTED/WANTED TO BUY**

BUYING All ANTIQUES; Toys, signs, Furniture, Crocks, Paintings, textiles, automotive, oddities and the unusual. Any condition. Fair cash prices paid. Call or text 319-270-1251/Jack Cirkl.

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**THANK YOU COMMUNITY CHEST!**

The Amana Heritage Society would like to thank the Amana Community Chest for its wonderful donation to our organization. We plan to use the funds to pay for an intern at the Communal Kitchen Museum to study our specimen books to develop interpretation and an exhibit to explore communal Amana's role in local Agribusiness. We will have an open house at the end of the summer and will invite the public. Last year, we used the money to digitize more of our multimedia collection. Our sincere thanks to the Amana Community Chest for all it does to support the Amana Colonies!

**LIVE MUSIC UNDER THE STARS!**

TKM Theatrical Productions is excited that The Midwest's Hippest Band FunkDaddies will be playing at The Amana Performing Arts Center Courtyard May 27th from 7-10pm!

Inspired by all the great Motown artists, FunkDaddies brings its own irresistible, high-energy sound and first-class stage show to audiences everywhere.

FunkDaddies has performed as the opening act for The Beach Boys, 38 Special and Grand Funk Railroad, and have been featured in the Iowa City Jazz Festival, Jass Under the Stars, Cedar Rapids Freedom Festival, RAGBRAI, Coralville 4th Fest, and many outdoor events.

See FunkDaddies in The Amana Performing Arts Center Courtyard, 39 38th Ave, Amana, on Saturday, May 27th, from 7-10pm

Tickets are \$15, please use ticket links on TKM Theatrical Productions Facebook Events Page, email deborahkennedy@live.com or call 319-899-3799.

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**MY AMANA EXPERIENCE**

I've begun helping with shipping mail order packages at the Woolen Mill, which I enjoy very much as I like to imagine the happy reaction of the recipients and the places to which these gifts travel. We sent a most interesting box a couple weeks ago that really piqued my interest. It went to a military base overseas ... somewhere. The address itself provided no information exactly where the package would end its journey, except that its final destination was a military base across the Atlantic.

I went directly to Charisse Lawrence, Amana Society Director of E-commerce & Direct Mail for answers, and she did not disappoint. Charisse told me that every Amana Society business will at least occasionally send out mail orders, but of course the Big Daddy of shipping packages is the Amana Meat Shop & Smokehouse. I may have added Big Daddy. Charisse probably did not say that exactly.

I want to start with the most staggering statistic, because you may need a moment to mentally digest this fact. I know I did: The Meat Shop shipped 52,575 orders last year. Not items, orders. Those packages went to every state in the United States, with the majority shipping to Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin. The "snowbird states" of California, Florida, Texas, and Arizona are not far behind, as Iowans will not go without their delicious Amana goodies. I for one cannot blame them. The Meat Shop will only occasionally ship to Puerto Rico, Canada, and overseas military bases, due to the high costs of shipping and perishable nature of the goods.

The highest numbers for sales volume in mail order for the Meat Shop were, not surprisingly, 2020 and 2021. Charisse tells me that the 2022 numbers were still way above pre-pandemic sales, and she expects them to stay that way. Repeat business is always high due to the tradition of sending holiday gift packages, dating back to the first Amana Society, Inc. print catalogs which began in the 1960s.

So this holiday season while you're enjoying your delicious Amana ham, you might think for a moment of so many others across the country (or maybe across the world) enjoying theirs as well. And you might feel kind of proud of our Amana products. I think you should.

Until next time, all my best,  
Amy Petta

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*We hope everyone enjoyed MaiFest 2023!  
We are proud to be a part of the  
Amana Colonies.*



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Amana Area Fellowship  
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