

## AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, December 22, 2019, starting at 8:30 AM with Elder Elly Hoehnle presiding. The Late Service will start at 10:00 AM

Opening Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Testimony: Barbara Landmann, Middle Ebenezer, December 23, 1849

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-9 and Matthew 1:18-25

Closing Hymn: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" Song sheets will be provided

The Christmas Eve Service will be in the Middle Church Tuesday, December 24, 2019, starting at 8:00 PM with Elder Alan Trumpold presiding.

Song sheets will be provided.

The Christmas Day Service will be in the Middle Church Wednesday, December 25, 2019, starting at 10:00 AM with Elder Andrea Haldy presiding.

Opening Hymn: "What Child is This"

Testimony: Excerpt Sister Barbara Heinemann, Edenkoben, Dec. 25, 1822

Scripture: Various scripture, Elder will read

Hymn: "Joy to the World"

Closing Hymn: "Go Tell it on the Mountain"

Song sheets will be provided.

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

**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 \$5.00.

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

**Dec 23:** Whole Grain Fish Patty/Bun, Rice Pilaf, Marinated Green Beans, Poke Cake, Fruit Cup

## HOLIDAY GARBAGE PICK-UP

Cox Sanitation will be picking up garbage/re-cycling in the Amana's on December 26th and January 2nd following the holidays.

Cox would be greatly appreciate if residents have their stuff out earlier than normal because there is most likely going to be a lot to pick up. Thank you S&J Sanitation - no change.

## RECYCLE CENTER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Recycle Drop Off Holiday Hours:

Closed from Monday, Dec 23 - Friday, January 3

Open after holidays on Monday, January 6

## WATER QUALITY UPDATE

On December 3, 2019 the Amana Society Service Company sent out a letter warning of excess Nitrate levels in the drinking water. Each Amana well field has a monthly requirement to be tested for Nitrates. In the month of November the reported Nitrates level at the High Amana Wellfield was above the maximum allowed limit of 10 milligrams per liter (mg/L) of water. The operating permit issued by the DNR required that all three pumps be in operation at the time the sample is drawn. We chose to not operate one of the three pumps since June of this year because we knew it had high levels of Nitrates. The operating permit did not allow us to leave that pump off to grab the sample, although that was our normal operation since June of 2019. We did grab a sample from the water tower to verify the quality of the water delivered to our customers. The results were 4.2 mg/L, which is well below the maximum allowed.

The Amana Society Service Company has received permission from the Iowa DNR to collect samples under the same operating condition that we normally operate. We expect the next sample result to be around 4.0 mg/L and no special precaution will be necessary thereafter, i.e. the concern of getting too much Nitrates goes away. We must follow the requirements of the Iowa DNR and we work with them to change the permit requirements when it makes sense for safety and accuracy. We are dedicated to provide you safe drinking water and will do our best to do so!

If you have any questions about the drinking water, electric service or anything the Service Company provides, please give us a call (319-622-3052) or stop in. We would be glad to answer your questions.

## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### Heard in the Tannenbaum Forest

This from a volunteer who served in the Tannenbaum Forest. Two small children enter the forest hand in hand with parents in tow somewhere behind them. The little boy asks the little girl:

"Is THIS where Santa lives?"

"No you silly, he lives in the North Pole!"

"Where is that?" he continues.

"Past Norway Mommy says," she answers.

"How come he's comes here?"

The little girl pauses then replies, "It gets pretty loud by those Norway railroad tracks maybe it bothers his ears."

### Year End Gifts that Keep on Giving

Last week a friend asked me, "I've got my year-end donations to make and I wondered what groups in Amana could use a hand?" That's a great question.

Here compiled is a list (not comprehensive) of those nonprofit groups in the Amana Colonies that could use a helping hand with their fund raising this year and in the new year. These are all 501.c3 non profits groups. They are listed in no particular order.

Compiling this list, we have to note that all of these groups do their jobs because dedicated volunteers are donating their time to help and support. Donations are needed, but donating your time is important too. Consider volunteering in 2020 and making your contribution go even further.

**The Amana Community Library** – The library at the Amana Elementary School depends upon donations and resident support to provide the Saturday morning and weekday evening hours and to purchase books and materials for adults. They are currently doing a fund drive "Stocking Stuffer." Make checks payable to the Amana Library mail to 3023 220th Trail, Amana, IA, 52203 or drop off.

**The Amana Community Food Bank** – Serving local families in need, the food bank, housed in the Middle Amana Church in Amana is supported by the church and HACAP but needs donations to purchase fresh fruit, milk and infant formula for the families it serves. To make a donation make checks payable to the Amana Church – Amana Community Food Bank. PO Box 103, Middle Amana, IA 52307

**The Amana Community Chest** – The Community Chest makes donations to a variety of county charities and local, youth nonprofits from the Amana 4H Club to Amana Cub Scouts to the Red Cross. It also makes donations to Amana Colony families after a fire or some other calamity. The AC Chest depends entirely upon donations. Make checks out to Amana Community Chest, PO Box 10, Amana, IA 52203. Visit with Lisa McGrath, Tom Burgher and John Zuber, board members, to learn more.

**Amana Boys Scouts, Amana Youth Athletic Programs, the Amana Achievers 4H Club** – Youth groups in the Amana Colonies are in need of your support to make ends meet as they provide programs for our young people. To help out you can make a directed gift via the Amana Community Chest. To do so, simply state that you want your gift to go directly to the youth group of your choice and mail to the Amana Community Chest see address above. They will get it to the right group.

**Amana Church Youth Group** – the Amana Church youth group is fund raising so that its members may embark on a June mission trip to South Dakota to help out the Pine Ridge Reservation community. In years past they have built handicapped ramps and outhouses. To donate, note that your donation is for the Amana Church Youth Group, mail to the Amana Church, PO Box 103, Middle Amana, IA, 52307.

**The Amana Kolonieweg, Amana Colonies Trails** – Maintaining the present recreational trail and seeking to extend the trail, this nonprofit, 501.c3, has a big job and depends entirely upon money it raises via donations and grants. To give, make your check payable to Amana Colonies Trails, Inc. mail to PO Box 42, Amana, IA 52203.

**Safe Haven of Iowa County** – Rescues and finds homes for pets in need from their Highway 6, South Amana, Safe Haven home. They help hundreds of pets each year find a loving home. Donations help them house, feed and provide medical care for cats

and dogs. Donate to Safe Haven of Iowa County. Mail to their treasurer at PO Box 444, Williamsburg, IA, 52361.

**The Amana Arts Guild** – Provides low-cost classes, workshops and programs for young and old, plus arts events and exhibits that promote and support the arts in the Amana Colonies. They require donations and grant support to maintain their programs and projects. Donate to the Amana Art Guild, PO Box 114, Amana, IA 52203.

**The Amana Heritage Society** – Maintains seven historic sites in the seven villages, plus the Amana Heritage Museum, the heritage library, the photo archives and family research database. They have ongoing programs at low cost for children and adults, provide education and museum outreach while celebrating and promoting our Amana heritage and culture. Ticket sales to the sites are not enough and they require donations to keep going. Donate to the Amana Heritage Society, PO Box 81, Amana, IA. 52203.

**The Amana Fire Department** – Amana's volunteer firemen have been flipping pancakes every Father's Day, but that breakfast doesn't raise enough money to keep their equipment in top form and provide the training they require. Fire engines are expensive and while tax support is vital, they depend upon donations for tools, gas for the engines, protective gear and training. Make cash donations to the Amana Fire Dept. Mail to 2725 K Street, Middle Amana, IA 52307.

**The Amana Community Fireworks Fund** – Help make our community Fourth of July an eye-popping, aerial display of dazzling color. Make your donation to Amana Community Fireworks, PO Box 11, Amana, IA 52203.

**Amana Colonies Historic Sites Foundation** – This year the Historic Sites Foundation has improved the former Upper South Amana Hotel, the Festhalle Barn drainage area and the Festhalle barn itself and is fundraising for the restoration of the water wheel, hydro-electric facility at the Mill Race canal in Amana. They need more than \$100,000 to restore the turbine engine and get the hydro plant (which they own) operational thus helping to maintain the water levels in the canal. To donate, mail to Amana Historic Sites Foundation, PO Box 28, Amana, IA 52203. Questions: Contact Laura Hoover at 622-3981.

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**Dec. 27th**

**Call 622-3439**

### Zuber's Home Plate Lunch

Serving Wed. & Thursday 11:00 – 1:30 p.m.  
Sandwiches, salads, soups, and homemade desserts.

#### December Daily Specials

Wednesdays – Roast Beef dinner

Thursdays – Chicken Pot Pie dinner

Cinnamon Rolls Thursday only

**NO LUNCH SERVED ON DECEMBER 25  
& JANUARY 1 or 2**



OBITUARY

Cynthia R. (Meyer) Gregg, age 73 died December 1, 2019 in Edina, Minnesota. Cynthia was from Amana, Iowa but had been a Twin Cities, Minnesota resident since her Bethel college years.

She was a teacher at Webster Magnet Elementary in St. Paul, a stand-up comic with the Dudley Riggs group in Minneapolis, a museum interpretive docent at the Twin Cities Mill City and Minnesota Historical Society museums, and an author.

She is survived by her parents, Henry and Mildred Meyer, Amana; brother Tim Meyer (Pam Gschke), Amana; son Wayne Gregg, Amana; daughter Kim Park Nelson (Peter Park Nelson), Minneapolis, granddaughter Paige Gregg, Oxford, IA; great grandchildren Jaxson and Kinsley, and many cousins.

The family will greet friends at the Amana Church from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Friday December 27. A memorial tribute will be held at 11:15.

FOR SALE

Building currently occupied by  
**Custom Cutlery**  
located across from Amana Heritage Museum on 220th Trail. Ideal for retail, workshop with retail, office, or could be remodeled for small apartment.

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**Allyn Neubauer 319-530-7411**

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Strange how one takes things for granted and then, without even realizing it, things have disappeared, never to be heard of again.

Do you remember catalogs from “Montgomery Ward” or “Sears and Roebuck” that didn’t cost anything to be sent to you? Bolts of material cost a mere 49¢ a yard! I remember a big portrait of Mr. J. C.. Penny over the elevator door in the basement of the store where you bought nylon stockings with seams in individual packages.

Panty hose cost all of a dollar and could be purchased at the check-out in the grocery store. Those didn’t ever “run” like others did.

Mom would send us to the meat market for lard, not Crisco or Spry (Note: Spry was phased out in the U.S. during the 1950’s, now only sold overseas as “Dorina”).

My Aunt always insisted that pie crust was better with lard then with that “commercial stuff.” Judging by her results I would say she was correct!

There is one other thing that just recently has come up to bother me - cleaners.

Remember when you could go almost any place and find a cleaner? They even advertised something called “Martinizing.”

I never knew what martinizing meant, but it must have been all the rage. It was even advertised on TV and in a store East of Armstrongs.

The other day we needed a dry cleaner but Marengo was closed, so we searched. Finally we found somebody in Cedar Rapids, but no Martinizing, another memory vanished I had not realized was gone.

B.S.H.

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1 bedroom available with shared bathroom in South Amana. Call Larry Hertel at 319.540.9351. Deposit required.



# Holiday 2019 Worship & Events

## Everyone is Welcome!

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Tuesday, Dec. 24, 8 p.m. at the Middle Amana Church in Middle Amana

An informal, come as you are, carol service by candlelight.

### Christmas Morning Worship

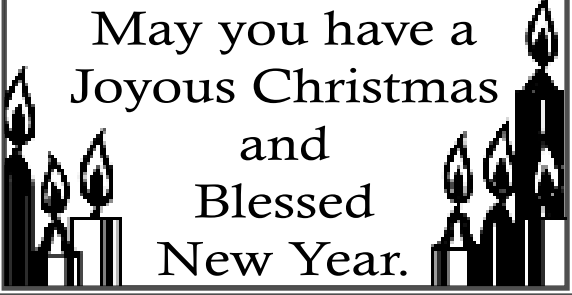
Wednesday, Dec. 25, 10 a.m. at the Middle Amana Church in Middle Amana.

Welcome Our Lord with Praise, Prayer and Song!

# Greetings

From the employees and businesses of the Amana Society Inc.

May you have a Joyous Christmas and Blessed New Year.



**SAFE HAVEN NEWS**

Safe Haven of Iowa County currently has a donation box at the Amana Family Practice clinic, and donations may be dropped off through December 23rd. A list of needed items can be found on their website (wesavepets.com) under the “support” tab.



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Have you ever wanted to learn to quilt? Come join us for a chance to learn the history and techniques used in creating a traditional Amana Quilt. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Create a beautiful hand quilted wall hanging. Participants will need to supply 2 yards of fabric (1 yard solid and 1 yard print) of their choosing. All other materials will be supplied. Each 2 hour class will be held in January, scheduled around what days and times work best for the students, days and times are flexible.

Cost is \$60. Please call or email Molly Kephart for more information and to register at 319-350-6082 or email mollybethkephart@gmail.com



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Call to ask about pricing and/or have a menu emailed to you 319-622-3911

No orders taken for December 30 or 31

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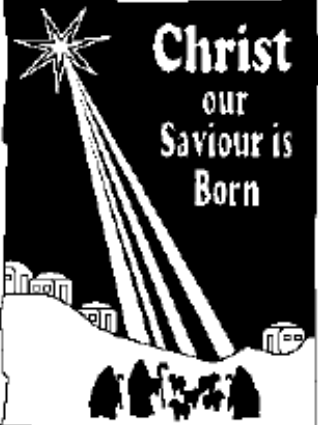
In observance of Christmas and New Year,

## The Amana Print Shop

will not be open Dec 24-25 & Jan 1.

Hours Dec. 23-27; Mon, Thu-Fri 9-4

Call: 319-622-3912



The deadline for the December 26 Bulletin will be Noon, Thursday, December 26th. That edition will be available on Friday, December 27