

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

To best care for each other, masks shall be worn in all church buildings at all times. Masks are available at the church for those who forget to bring theirs.

The Early (German) Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, October 31, 2021, starting at 8:30 AM with Elder Alan Trumpold presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Gott ist gegenwärtig" No. 339 vs. 1-4 Seite 335

Testimony: Ursula Mayer, July 29, 1715

Scripture: Colossians 3:1-17

Psalm 16

Closing Hymn: "Meinum Jesus lass' ich nicht" No. 703 Seite 703

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

Opening Hymn: "God Himself is Present" No. 99

Closing Hymn: "Jesus I will Never Leave" No. 78

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

The Wednesday Evening Prayer (Nachtgebet) meeting will begin at 7:00 PM in Middle.

Visitors are welcome to join us in worship. at all Amana Church Services.

AMANA CHURCH NOTES Church Bazaar

The Amana Church is planning to return to our normal, in-person, Bazaar this year with a back-up plan for a virtual Bazaar.

If you are planning to donate known items to the Bazaar, please send that information to the church office, mchurch@southslope.net

AMANA SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 6:00 p.m. Monday Nov. 01, 2021 in the Amana Sanitary lift station.

SCOUTING NEWS Cub Scout Popcorn

If anyone is wanting to buy Cub Scout popcorn and hasn't been asked yet this year please contact Dawn Ball 319-310-7526 and we will get a scout your way. Thank you!

Christmas Wreath Sales

The Boy Scouts will be going door to door delivering 24" Christmas wreaths with a red bow and 2 pinecones as decoration on Saturday November 20th to all residents and businesses in our community. These are \$16.00 ea.

If you are unable to be at home on November 20th and wish to purchase a wreath, please call Gary Heishman, Amana at 319-622-3039.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

I have purchased a mouth guard because I've taken to grinding my teeth. This is getting serious.

Charlemagne has even made special trips to libraries, Barnes and Noble and written checks to book dealers just to keep me supplied with books because whenever I turn on the television if I do not watch PBS I will hear a constant and I do mean CONSTANT, barge of commercials featuring Jimmy J.J. Walker or Joe Namath about benefits I can get from Medicare. (Perhaps the real benefit is to whomever is paying for the ad)

Okay, thank you very much, but must these commercials come on at least three, sometimes four times each hour?

What does my zip code have to do with getting those fabulous benefits anyway? Aren't they going to be deducted from my monthly check anyway, so how can they be "free?" How much are

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Amana Church Receives National Fund Grant for Sacred Places

Tuesday the Amana Church Society Amana Colonies was awarded a grant from The National Fund for Sacred Places, a program of Partners for Sacred Places in collaboration with the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The Amana Church was one of 15 faith communities across the country to receive a generous grant. The grant of \$70,000 toward the total project cost will be used for rehabilitation of the historical Amana Church in the village of Amana and the small Kinderschule building east of the Middle Amana Church in Middle Amana.

The National Fund participants for the 2021-22 program year are:

- Amana Church Society (Middle Amana, IA)
- Arch Street United Methodist Church (Philadelphia, PA)
- Calvary United Methodist Church (Philadelphia, PA)
- First Christian Church (Columbus, IN)
- First Indian Presbyterian Church (Kamiah, ID)
- First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh, PA)
- Grace Episcopal Church (Newton Corner, MA)
- Let Freedom Ring Foundation/First Baptist Church (Williamsburg, VA)
- Mount Zion UMC (Washington DC)
- Sacred Heart Parish (El Paso, TX)
- St. Stephen United Methodist Church (Mesquite, TX)
- St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Church (Brooklyn, NY)
- St. John's Lafayette Square (Washington, DC)
- Tabernacle Baptist Church (Beaufort, SC)
- Washington National Cathedral (Washington, DC)

A fund drive has begun by the Amana Church to match those grant dollars and carry through on rehabilitation projects at both sites.

The Amana Church welcomes this grant both because it provides dollars for the preservation and rehabilitation of two of its buildings and because it provides technical assistance and training that will be invaluable as the church broadens its community outreach.

Alex Momany, President, Amana Church Board of Trustees, said of the award, "We are exceedingly grateful for this incredible opportunity and are blessed not only by this grant, but all the more, by our inspiring membership who has made all of this possible in God." He acknowledged, thanking the church's building committee, the volunteers who wrote the grant proposal and donors.

The project will begin with a complete assessment of the condition of both buildings leading to the creation of plans for all phases of the restoration work.

It will include the construction of a new handicapped ramp at the Amana Church, replacement of 28 windows in the church, repairs to wooden window frames, the removal of the 1950's era asbestos siding on the east and west annexes of the Amana Church, the construction of accessibility ramps on both the east and west annexes and the repair and replacement of soffit, fascia and gutters on the south side of the church. The wood-frame Kinderschule building to the east of the Middle Amana Church will receive repairs and upgrades so that can it become the home of the Amana Colonies Food Pantry; this will include the installation of electrical wiring and an HVAC system, the repair/ replacement of four wooden window frames, sills, trim and sash and the installation of storm windows, plus the insulation of the exterior walls and the repair of the

soffit, fascia and gutters.

The Amana Colonies Food Pantry has outgrown its current location in the basement annex of the Middle Amana Church. By moving it to a larger place with easy access and separate entry, plus more room for freezers/ refrigerators, the free food pantry will be able to provide more fresh and frozen foods and offer a free space to the entire community for small social gatherings and youth club meetings. The Kinderschule, built during Amana's communal era as a preschool and daycare, is currently unoccupied.

The Amana Church, built in 1864, is the Amana Church's largest worship space. The Amana Church community meets here for special worship services, weddings, funerals, fellowship dinners and church events. It serves as home for the Amana Church's youth programs, Sunday School, summer vacation Bible camp serving all area youth, plus the weekly Monday free congregate dining programs and is used by various nonprofit groups.

"Organizations like the Amana Church Society have a true commitment to service, offer tremendous civic value to their community, and these congregations are well poised to grow and thrive in the future," said Bob Jaeger, President of Partners for Sacred Places. "We look forward to working with the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Amana Church Society to restore their buildings, help preserve an important piece of history and support the expansion of their community offerings."

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THANK YOU

The Amana Food Pantry would like to give a big shout out to every one in our seven villages for their amazing support in the Scouting for Food drive. We unpacked over 2500 lbs. of food and our shelves are loaded going into the cold winter months. There are many people who put in the effort to make this event a success; the local 223 scout troop, the Amana Sunday school and youth group, as well as numerous local volunteers helped with delivering orange bags, driving trucks and picking up the bags, and the volunteers who weighed, dated, shelved and organized all the goods we received. Families in Iowa and surrounding counties will be appreciative of all the food, paper goods and personal products that were received today. We are so very thankful for all the love and support shown by our community.

Annie Trumpold, Kristie Yoder,
food pantry chairpersons

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these men being paid to make these commercials? I’m sure they, a.) don’t need the benefits, b.) get paid well to do the commercials c.) are not qualified to speak about finances in the first place.

So instead of hearing these people over and over and over again I read. I now have covered counter intelligence during World War II, the Windsors, the Salem Witch Trials, Mary and Charles Lamb, Thomas Edison, and most recently, Bob Woodward and Robert Costa’s book, “Peril,” about the January 6th storming of the Capital Building, etc. In between I have read some mysteries and some “thrillers.”

I’m sort of wondering what genre to go into next because I seriously doubt the commercials will stop, but will probably only be shown more frequently until the end of the “open enrollment season.”

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ART GUILD NEWS

The Gallery on Main Amana Arts Guild, 4502-200th Trail located in the village of Amana, will be hosting a Fibre Artist for a Day on each Saturday in November where you can stop in and do some early Christmas shopping! November Gallery on Main Saturday hours are 11am-6pm.

- November 6th: Doretta Kunz will have many hand sewn items: table clothes, fabric decorator towels, phone cases, dresses, ribbon pony tail holders and much more.
- November 13th: Lisa Nordin of Scenery Changes will have paper and book page art, ribbon bookmarks, knitted bookmarks, knitted toys and clothes.
- November 20th: Mary Ellen Brandt will have a full line of wool, alpaca and yak sweater mittens
- November 27th: Sandy Walton will felted and wool items, handmade babies, crochet caps and original watercolor wreaths.

ANNUAL SCARE CROW TRAIL

This October is our Ninth Annual Scare Crow Trail. Throughout the villages of Homestead Middle, High, West, South Amana, and you will find 17 unique scarecrows at 15 stops.

To head out on the trail, stop by the Visitors Center in Amana for a Guide of the Scare Crow Trail, which includes a voting slip. Find all the locations and vote on your favorite Scare Crow of 2021 to be entered in a drawing for a door prize. Instructions for voting are listed on the guide slip.

The Scare Crow Trail will be up throughout the month of October, 2021. While you are on the trail, enjoy the changing leaves around the colonies and stop at your favorites shops to see what new gifts, foods, handcrafted goods, and artwork you can find.

If you have questions, please call Schanz Furniture & Refinishing at 319-622-3529 or the Amana Colonies Visitors Center at 319-622-7622.

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Julie Zuber, Amana Church Treasurer, responded, “We are so very grateful to the National Trust and the National Fund for Sacred Places as this grant will allow us to restore and preserve our Amana Church and to expand its usefulness for the entire community. We are hopeful that our community will contribute to help us raise the money we need to match this grant so that we can begin work.”

To make a contribution: mail tax deductible donation to the Amana Church, PO Box 103, Middle Amana, IA 52307. Make payable to the Amana Church and please note the donation is for the Amana Church- Our Sacred Space Fund Drive. To learn more about the project watch our Amana Church Facebook page and our Amana Church website at amanachurch.com. or email mchurch@southslope.net.

The National Fund for Sacred Place will be providing over \$20 million to more than 100 congregations nationwide over 8 years. According to a press release from Partners for Sacred Places, these matching grants are awarded to healthy congregations to help restore their buildings to continue extending their ministries and outreach to the community.

For more information on The National Fund for Sacred Places, visit fundforsacredplacdes.org/.

FALL TIPS TO ENSURE A HEALTHY GREEN YARD FOR SPRING ISU Extension and Outreach

As the leaves change, and colors of fall become more beautiful, it is also the ideal season to complete turfgrass maintenance practices. This is the most important time to focus on cultural practices of aeration, and fertilization. The work you do in the fall helps your lawn recover from summer stresses and prepares it for another Iowa winter. The best ways to ensure a healthy lawn through the fall months and next spring is to start with the necessary steps.

Thatch and Aerification

Thatch is an intermingled layer of living and dead plant material that accumulates above the soil surface. It bears a resemblance to a spongy peat moss layer. Thatch can be beneficial and problematic. Thatch supplies necessary food sources for microbes and organic matter. However, excessive thatch can harbor diseases and insects. When properly balanced, thatch promotes growth and appearance of a well-groomed lawn. Proper balance of thatch requires a combination of management practices. These include: preventing thatch buildup by reducing plant growth, adding only the necessary nitrogen fertilization, and mechanical removal of thatch when necessary. It is important to remember that tall fescue, fine fescue, and perennial ryegrass are other lawn species used in Iowa that seldom develop thatch problems.

A core aerator punches hollow tines into the soil and removes small soil cores about the size of an index finger. Core aerating should not be looked upon as a method of removing large amounts of thatch. Rather, it is most effective as a means of preventing thatch from developing and reducing soil compaction. Homeowners who have lawns requiring high maintenance should have annual core aerating.

Fertilization

The number of applications of fertilizer depends on the desires and expectations of the homeowner, soil type, cultural practices, and other factors. A single application of fertilizer in late-October or early-November containing 1 pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet may be sufficient for low maintenance lawns. Highly maintained lawns may need additional fertilizer in the spring (0.5–0.75 pounds/N per 1,000 square feet), September (0.75–1 pounds/N per square feet), and late-October/early-November (0.75–1 pounds/N per 1,000 square feet).

For additional information on any of these topics, refer to the following Iowa State turfgrass publications at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/Topic/Yard-and-Garden/Lawn-Shrubs-Trees>.