

## AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, August 20, starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Elly Hoehnle presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Ich will ganz und gar nicht zweifeln," No. 494 Seite 489

Testimony: Christian Metz, Bayerthal, December 4, 1838 (excerpts)

Scripture: James 3

Psalm 37:1-11

Closing Hymn: "Gott ist gegenwärtig!" No. 339 Seite 339

The Late Service will start at 10:00 A.M. with the following hymns:

Opening Hymn: "I will never doubt or falter" No. 92

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

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/>

## COMMUNAL KITCHEN MUSEUM'S HISTORIC PRINT SHOP

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17th, 5PM-7PM

1003 26th Avenue, Middle Amana

Join us to enjoy a New Exhibit of how communal Amana used the print shop to advertise the many products it produced locally and sold. Amana established markets outside of the Amana for its Ag products and was also a dealer for many products used in the Amanas and sold to area farmers. Jen Miller, MFA student at the University of Iowa Center for the Book, will be on hand to visit with you about this latest research.

We will show templates for the permanent exhibits that will share information about the soap works, pharmaceuticals, starch, honey, livestock, pickled products, etc. Light refreshments will be available until we run out. Find more information on the events calendar at [amanaheritage.org](http://amanaheritage.org).

## FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Okay we all have these sort of strange habits or hobbies. Mine is enjoying looking at cemeteries and checking out gravestones.

In college I liked to take unsuspecting people to the old cemetery in Iowa City to show them after first telling them horror stories as to why the angel had "mysteriously" turned black and How "supposedly people had heart attacks, initiation ceremonies, whatever. The fact that there was a small cemetery nearby for an infant with still more stories.

The truth of the statue was a defect in the material and nothing more. The story, on the other hand, was interesting to say the least. Right or left.

There is also a huge globe in the same cemetery. To tour the place is fascinating, but then there is the downside which concerns our oldest son. He is a historian and shares my interest in cemeteries.

We were in PA when he ordered us to take a left turn. His father took the turn only to find himself in a cemetery. I don't know how our son did it, but he kept telling us when to turn. You know how narrow the roads are and sharp the corners are no better. Our car was a large Ford LTD so I was amazed how Charlemagne managed.

Finally, we were told to stop and our son jumped out of the car excitedly pointing at a rather non-discript grave.

Charlemagne and I just looked at one another wondering what this was all about. It seems this was the grave of the mother of one of the men who, with John Brown, raided "Harpers Ferry. The mother had gone all the way from Iowa to plead for her son's life to no avail.

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## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### Hoehnle Edits Book Featuring Ebenezer, Zoar and Other Communal Groups

When Wilhelm Weitling visited the United States in 1851-52 he fueled his interest in German community-building by visiting the best known of the American utopian experiments in communal living.

He wrote intriguing, richly descriptive and sometimes comic accounts of his visits to Ebenezer, Amana's first home in New York State, the Shaker community of Watervliet, the Zoar community in Ohio, Harmony Society at Economy, Pennsylvania and Bethel, MO, Icarians at Nauvoo and the Bishop Hill Colony in Illinois. These were published in his newspaper, a well known publication in Germany, Die Republik die Arbeiter.

Now a new and complete translation of all these essays has been done by Jocelyn Godwin and edited and annotated by our own Peter Hoehnle providing an important new resource for history buffs and scholars alike and a fresh perspective on the importance of these communities to the histories of both America and Germany.

Wilhelm Weitling's Tour of American Communal Societies, 1851 - 1852 edited by Peter Hoehnle and Translated by Jocelyn Godwin is available at Couper Press, Hamilton College. To order go to the Hamilton College - Couper Press website for a full account of the book and an order form. Cost is \$20 plus tax/shipping. Couper Press - American Communal Societies Series - Hamilton College.

This press offers a selection of other writings on communal groups in America, including Lanny Haldy's impressive bibliography of all Inspirationist books and publications - an essential for anyone who studies Inspirationist/ Amana history.

Next week we'll discuss Hoehnle's book in greater detail.

### Some Things to do before School Starts

The count-down to school's first day is upon us and now is the hour to do some things in the Amanas you may have not yet done this summer. So here's our quick list of Amana related summertime experiences to savor:

- Take your kids to see the video and view the Amana Heritage Museum. This summer they have a new exhibit on the fire and destruction of the Amana Woolen Mill.

- Visit all our colony art galleries. Have you seen all the art and folk art galleries in the Amanas? Now is the hour to take a walking tour and jump in the car. Don't neglect the Michele Marina Miller Gallery in West Amana in the historic West Amana Church, Catiri's Art Oasis in Amana and the

Amana Arts Guild's Gallery on Main.

- Take your kids to the open house at the Community Kitchen, August 17 from 5 - 7 p.m. See the new Amana print shop exhibit there.

- Take in some live music. Take your pick or visit them all. Amana is live music central with multiple spots to sit and enjoy some great music. This weekend. Friday night the Electric Thread at Hotel Millwright, Fireside Winery by Conroy, Millstream Brewing Co. and the Brau Haus will feature live music and more. Check Willkommen or the Amana Colonies Visitor Center for a list of musical happenings.

- Take an art class - now is the hour to sign up for a class at the Amana Arts Guild. This weekend you may still be able to join the Basketmaking class with Jeanne Dudley. If not, check out what's coming up this fall and flag their Facebook page to watch for 2024 classes.

- Walk the trails. This weekend might be warm-ish, but get up early and enjoy a dawn walk on Amana's nature trail or around the Lily Lake.

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When we returned to the car it would not start! I had visions of remaining in this cemetery forever, but not until I had cursed the Ford Motor Company and promising that we would never get another of those vehicles again, Obviously after some "fiddling" and more choice words we got the "beast" started and eventually made it home. Yes, we have not bought another of "those" cars again although my father swore by them to his dying day. Ironically, the day he was buried the fool car didn't start yet again.

B.S.H.

**Charlie's Saturday Morning Market**  
**Plants, Produce, Cookies**  
**10:00 A.M. - Noon**

**New Listing!**



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**FREE FAMILY MOVIE!**  
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 Sunday, August 20, 2023, 4:00PM  
 Amana Performing Arts Center

"Always a Winner" is the third in a 3 movie series to be shown, yet it is a stand-alone movie. These movies address life issue for all ages, especially today's youth, dramatized through a competitive youth sport.

Invite your friends! All welcome!  
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**Michele Maring Miller Gallery Open House**

This Saturday, August 19, the public is invited to an open house at the Michele Maring Miller Gallery in West Amana to see her latest art work and visit with the Millers. Take time to browse through their hand-picked selection of unique antique artifacts and what-nots.

The gallery is located in West Amana - in the heart of the village in the old sandstone church just north of the village's "Main Street."

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**NOTICE FROM ACLUD**

The ACLUD Administrator will be gone on vacation August 19 through the 26th . The ACLUD office will be closed the week of August 20th . There will still be a HPC meeting on Monday August 28, and the ACLUD office will be open as usual on Tuesday August 29th . I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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**AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT (ACLUD) HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC) Meeting Notice and Tentative Agenda of the Regular Meeting Monday, August 28, 2023, 6:30 p.m. At the ACLUD office-4304 220th Trail Amana & via Zoom link**

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Set Agenda
- III. Review/Approve July 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. 2023-076. Amana Fire District / 4114 V St Homestead / HP-C / Replace asphalt shingles or cover asphalt shingles w/ metal roofing. If going with metal will be brown in color.
  - b. 2023-077. Amana Fire District / 2725 K St Middle Amana / HP-A / Replace asphalt shingles or cover asphalt shingles w/ metal roofing. If going with metal will be brown in color.
  - c. 2023-086. Joyce Anderson – agent Louis Caspers / 4512 220th Trail Amana / HP-C / Replace quan eight non-conforming windows with 9/6 double hung vinyl. All on lower level - 2 west / 3 north / 2 east / 1 south. All same dim 28" x 56". Top sash 36" / lower sash 20" / 7" x 10" panes.

- d. 2023-099. Abe Holmes / 2704 220th Trail Middle Amana / HP-R / Pour concrete or asphalt pad on west side of rooming house to ease some of the parking congestion around building. Parking slots for eight cars to be made available, equal to the number of dwelling units available.
- e. 2023-100. Aaron and Shana Schaefer / 5204 C St East Amana / HP-R / 1) Re-roof - hail damage. composite shingles in Storm Grey. 2) Replace gutters/ downspouts - hail damage, white. Note that existing half round galvanized gutters on north side of home will remain as is. 3) Reside area on back porch, first floor only. Current siding is board and batten, paint gray. Install new porch ceiling on back porch. 4" wide x 0.625" thick beaded ceiling boards trimmed with 1" x 2" pine boards. Will go from aged wood to painted.
- VI. Other Business
  - a. Discussion/Action: Jeff Conquest's tenure with HPC (Fall 2018 to Fall 2023) is up this year. He will be able to renew for another five-year term as other members have.
- VII. Administrator's Report (if applicable)
- VIII. Adjourn

**AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT Ordinance 2023-01**

An ordinance amending the Amana Colonies Land Use District Code of Ordinances (Reference Land Use Plan, Phase II – Division 3.0 – Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances)

Be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Amana Colonies Land Use District by a vote at their August 14, 2023 Regular Meeting that effective September 1, 2023 Chapter 31.40 SHORT TERM RENTAL OF GUEST ACCOMODATIONS will take effect. A copy of the new ordinance Chapter 31.40 can be found at the following link:

Click to access [str-ordinance-aclud-post-7102023.pdf](https://www.amana-colonies.com/str-ordinance-aclud-post-7102023.pdf)

It was moved by Bruce Trumpold and seconded by Peter Hoehnle that the ordinance amendment be adopted. Roll call vote of Trustees present and voting: Bruce Trumpold, Peter Hoehnle, Tyler Stockman, Norine Magee all ayes. Joe Parcell nay. Motion passed.