

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, the Amana Church has cancelled all in-person church services, meetings, and events until May 10. This information may be updated, as conditions change.

We will provide a Facebook live stream of all services. All services will be recorded as podcasts and available on our website, under the "Listen Now" tab, and on both Facebook and YouTube (search "The Amana Church" on YouTube.)

Good Friday Service, live stream, at 7:00 p.m. April 10, 2020 with Elder Elly Eleanor Hoehnle presiding.

Scripture: John 18:28-19:42

Testimony: Christian Metz, Amana, April 22, 1859
Opening Hymn: Christ The Life of All the Living
Closing Hymn: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Easter Sunday Service, Facebook live at 10:00 a.m. April 12, 2020 with Elder Alan Trumpold presiding

Scripture: Matthew 28: 1-10

Testimony: Christian Metz, Ronneburg, April 3, 1831

Hymns: 10,000 Angels

Christ Arose

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Wednesday Nachtgebet at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Fellowship at 5:30 p.m.

CONGREGATE MEALS

To prevent our diners from possible contact with the COVID-19 virus, meals have been canceled until further notice.

LP SALES AVAILABLE AT RV PARK

The Amana RV Park & Event Center is open for liquid propane sales 8am to 5pm, seven days a week. Tanks can be dropped off at any time as long as a name and contact information is attached. Staff will call when it has been filled. Payment can be made over the phone or by check at the self-registration kiosk. Please call 319-622-7616 with any questions.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

One hears so many platitudes these days including, "we're all in this together."

It gives one a sense a feeling of security, a oneness, a feeling that this pandemic will be all over and that maybe we can all get back to a normal lifestyle.

I've been doing some thinking and wondering how people reacted after the Civil War when more American lives were lost then in both of the world wars that would come later. How did people go on with their lives rising up from the ashes?

They didn't have the mass communications we have now so they would know how their loved ones were doing until much later, if ever.

Medicines were quite primitive as compared to what we have today. (I wonder what those who follow us in 100 years will think of the medicines we have now)

Then there were the two World Wars, the Korean Conflict, of course the Vietnam Affair, and now the never ending "operations" in the Middle East (29 years and counting), all of which have left terrible physical and emotional scars on so many people.

We got through the Influenza Epidemic of 1918, the Dust Bowl which lasted for nearly a decade, and hopefully soon we will be done doing whatever it is we are doing in the Middle East.

There have been conflicts and feelings of despair when all seemed as if there was no hope.

I am reminded that this is Holy Week - the end of lent. This is the time when, according to the custom the darkness is to be replaced in the church and nature by the reawakening of **HOPE!**

We Hope for salvation and rebirth.

Remember now, more then ever the Bible verse that says, "Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)

Think **hard** on those words.

Meditate and remember that no matter how hard life seems God is still THE RULER... not us humans and that whatever happens **HE** has a plan.

B.S.H.

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Ronneburg Coloring Contest and COVID-19 Outreach

Reiner Erdt, Ronneburg, Germany has made multiple trips to the Amana Colonies and has hosted cooking classes, and last year, an art exhibition of his Ronneburg area drawings at the Amana Heritage Museum. Erdt has a new, fun project in the works.

The artist, chef and restaurant owner has invited young and old in the Colonies to download and print copies of his ink drawings of pre-World War II Ronneburg and Hanau area sights. Then you can use crayons, watercolors or colored pencils to color these drawings. Get creative. Add figures, add whimsy, when complete, submit your picture with your name and a quick statement of how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted your life. Erdt suggests, that you might answer these questions, "What has changed for your family? Have there been any positive things you've seen, discovered or experienced during this time?"

Erdt is trying to organize a public exhibition and contest to be held in Ronneburg. A jury will look at the drawings and judge honoring the entries.

To get started go to the Facebook page Main Kinzig Malt Aus. Scroll to the March 24 post to see 24 drawings by Reiner Erdt. Choose the one or ones you like best. Double click on individual drawings and under "OPTIONS" hit download to download that image. Once downloaded you can print it. To submit your drawing you'll take a digital photo of it and attach to the email provided.

The images are of familiar scenes in Hanau, Frankfurt Altstadt, the villages near the Ronneburg and the Ronneburg itself. He is developing a website too, but that website was not yet live as of Monday, April 6. However, Erdt says we can expect it soon.

Erdt noted that the project is a neat way "to bridge our two communities" and to offer all of us something a little different and fresh to do as we wait out the COVID-19 spring. To put it simply, he felt it would be a lot of fun. This all started a couple of weeks ago when Erdt printed "coloring books" for elderly residents and children in his neighborhood as a way to relieve boredom during the pandemic shutdown. He had such a great response to the spur of the moment decision, he expanded it to his village and then posted it on Facebook.

To see some of the submissions made, go to the Main Kinzig Malt Aus Facebook page.

Songs to Make You Smile Made me Grin

If you missed the Friday evening premier of "Songs to Make You Smile - A Virtual Cabaret" don't worry. You can still see it and you'll be very happy you did.

Here's more exciting news, the YouTube performance has raised \$16,674 as of Monday afternoon with 423 donors making contributions to the five theatres benefitting from the event: The Old Creamery, Riverside Theatre, SPT Theatre, Theatre Cedar Rapids and the Coralville Center for the Performing Arts.

Fund raising is still going on if you would like to contribute. To do so go to Donorbox.org and search for "Songs to Make You Smile."

To watch the 54 minute show go to donorbox.org/songs-to-make-you-smile and scroll down for the "Click here to Watch" or to see a few short snippets from the show go to the YouTube and search for Songs to Make you Smile, Old Creamery. They've posted some of the high school submissions and they are all excellent. There is also a link to the show and fund drive donor box on the Old Creamery website home page.

Do watch the entire show. I enjoyed the opening dance number featuring Katie Colletta and her husband, Keegan Christopher, doing a sweet bit of indoor and outdoor theatrics. I also loved all of the truly talented high schoolers who performed songs from hit musicals. The winner, Katey Halverson of Liberty High School, will knock your socks off. I didn't recognize the song she was singing as I wasn't familiar with the show, but I could certainly

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Dear Fellow Stockholders,

Through my business career, I have gained a unique set of experience and expertise that is beneficial to our Board of Directors. It includes:

- Over 38 years of retail management experience.
- Over 30 years with the Amana Society in sales, management, and on the Board
- Current Executive Director of the Amana Colonies CVB
- Past Board member of Iowa Destination Marketing Alliance
- Founder and owner of a successful retail business in Amana

I believe each board member should bring different expertise to the table. My expertise is in tourism and retail management and I would like the opportunity to help guide the Amana Society into the future. I would be grateful for your support and vote in the upcoming election. Please email me at rettigd@aol.com or call 319-622-3005 with questions.

David Rettig

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recognize that Katey is a star in the making and her solo was simply outstanding. Yes, there is plenty of great talent in our local high schools.

Another highlight of the show, was the highly relevant and very funny, "Apart Together" spoofing Grant Wood's best known work featuring David Combs and Mary Sullivan. This bit is a must-see. Then there's Sarah Hinzman performing one of my favorite tunes from "Funny Girl" "Don't Rain on My Parade," she does a terrific job.

The "Let it Be" choral piece by the SPT Isolation Band made me grin as the lyrics of the Beatles classic have been changed to reflect these times and the presentation is pretty darn funny. Indeed the SPT theatre team made some very impressive contributions to the show and piqued my interest in seeing an SPT production soon.

All in all, this was a very enjoyable 54 minute show that showcased some extremely talented people living and working right here in eastern Iowa and it made me consider once again, the value we receive by supporting and attending our local theatres.



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BASIC PROTECTIVE MEASURES AGAINST THE COVID-19 UPDATE

Most who become infected experience mild illness and recover, but it can be more severe or deadly for others. One person can spread the virus to everyone they come in contact with, even before the first symptom. Testing in the U.S. is incredibly inadequate, the actual number of infected could be as many as 24 times the "official" number. So, Please, PLEASE take these precautionary steps:

- **Wash your hands frequently.**
- **Maintain social distancing. Stay at home!**
- **When in public wear a mask.** Anything that will cover your mouth and nose, more to prevent you from spreading the virus then catching it.
- **Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth.**
- **Practice respiratory hygiene.** Wear a mask, and/or cover your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- **Absolutely Stay home** if you feel unwell. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, **always call in advance** when seeking medical attention, and follow their directions.
- **Shopping tips.** Avoid Crowds. Consider delivery, at home or car. Try to shop at smaller, local stores to avoid crowds. (Big G will bring groceries to your car).
- **Stay informed** and follow **expert** advice.

Dear Amana Society, Inc. Stockholders,

I am asking for your support and vote in the upcoming Amana Society, Inc Board of Directors Election. Current economic conditions are very, very challenging. During my 10 years in banking, I had the opportunity to work with and analyze many diverse business entities. As we look at the economic challenges our company faces as a result of COVID-19, it is crucial that board members and management analyze and understand our diverse business portfolio and make sound business decisions based on each business's strategic and financial strengths.

While with Amana Farms, and as an ag banker and Cargill Commodity Trading Advisor, I had the privilege of working with many successful ag operations. I believe my experiences in agriculture and banking are beneficial, providing oversight that will help Amana Farms weather the current economic storm and ultimately become more profitable AND more conservation and community minded in the long term. Please call or email with questions or comments: 319-551-1820 mseshoup@hotmail.com

**Thank you,
Mike Shoup**

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NEW at Zuber's Homestead Hotel

DESSERTS BAKED-TO-GO

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EMPOWER: HELPING COUPLES TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES DURING COVID-19

When couples take care of themselves, they can take better care of each other. That's the premise of Empower, the first in a series of seven virtual meetings to help couples elevate their relationship during the COVID-19 outbreak.

David Brown and Anthony Santiago, human sciences specialists with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, led their first virtual meeting Wednesday, April 8, from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. at <https://connect.extension.iastate.edu/healthy-relationships/>. During this session they reviewed the tools couples can immediately use to improve their relationship during this challenging time.

Take Care of Yourself

The first recommendation is that individual partners in a relationship take care of themselves. We need to care for ourselves, before we care for others.

Santiago and Brown offer these suggestions

- Eat healthy and exercise. Eat more fruits, vegetables and whole grains, while decreasing foods that have a lot of sugar and salt. Most physicians also recommend 30 minutes of moderate activity five times per week.
- Notice the small things. This helps us to appreciate the happy moments and good things in our lives.
 - Find ways to use your strengths. A person's strengths, besides talents, can include qualities such as kindness, leadership ability or being a good parent.
 - Manage stress in healthy ways. Some very healthy ways to manage stress are to go for a walk, sit quietly and breathe, read a book, listen to music or pray.

The meetings continue April 15, 29, May 6, 13, 20, and 27 at <https://connect.extension.iastate.edu/healthy-relationships/>. Please plan to join this meetings 10 minutes prior in case the Connect application must be downloaded.

For more information: Contact Anthony Santiago at 515-294-7042 or (cell) 515-291-0452, or David Brown at 515-294-0860 or (cell) 515-298-1505.

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Dear Amana Society Shareholders:

In these unprecedented times, and as a 43+ year Amana resident, the future of ASI has never been more important to me. During my last three years on the board, I have supported and/or been actively engaged in:

- The search for and hiring of a new CEO;
- Rehabilitating the Woolen Mill complex into a one-of-a-kind boutique hotel;
- Utilizing Iowa State University to help the company identify new opportunities;
- Expanding the content and use of the ASI website; and
- Developing a Stockholder survey, which is currently underway.

My goals are to help ASI reduce costs, deploy capital to maximize opportunities and increase revenues, and ensure sound planning and results-oriented execution. I believe I can help the company do this by employing my business skills and experience in board and committee meetings. These skills and experiences include:

-25 years at Amana Refrigeration, last position Vice President-Consumer Communications; with experience in manufacturing, product evaluation and consumer communications.

-19 years at Pearson, current position Director-Technology Business Operations, with financial oversight of \$80 million, and experience in technology, contracts, product management and development, strategic planning, and governance.

-Board Committees: Stockholder Communications, Stockholder Continuity, Ag, Audit/Governance and Executive/Compensation Committees.

It is truly an honor to serve on the Amana Society Board of Directors. I thank you for your past support and respectfully ask for your vote in the election. Please call me at 319-360-4022 or send an email to: trout.dixie@gmail.com with your input or any questions.

**Thank you.
Dixie Trout**

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LAND USE DISTRICT SEEKS ADMINISTRATOR

The Amana Colonies Land Use District seeks a permanent part-time Administrator for planning and zoning office. Position requires the ability to administer all office functions, familiarity with budgeting, ability to keep accurate financial and public records, ability to interact professionally and amicably with the public, and work with minimum supervision. Good organizational skills a must. Some evening hours required.

Additional preferred qualifications include a working knowledge of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation, proven grant writing ability, and a working knowledge of planning and zoning ordinances. Experience with QuickBooks, Word-Press and Microsoft Office preferred.

Send a letter of interest, resume, and references, or any inquiry, to: ACLUD Administrator, PO Box 66, Amana IA 52203 or e-mail aclud@southslope.net. Position remains open until filled.

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