

## AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early (German) Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, December 15, 2019, starting at 8:30 AM with Elder Peter Hoehnle presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Sieh! Wie lieblich und wie fein" No. 923 Seite 912

Testimony: Christian Metz, Lower Eben-Ezer, December 25, 1854

Scripture: Colossians 3:12-17  
Psalm 33

Closing Hymn: "Jesus, Jesus, nichts als Jesus" No. 547, Seite 542

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

Opening Hymn: "O How Lovely 'Tis To Be" No. 62  
Closing Hymn: "Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus" No. 69

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

The Wednesday Evening Prayer Service at 7:00 PM in Middle.

**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 only \$5.00.

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

**Dec 16:** Meatloaf, Party Potatoes,  
Brussel Sprouts, Tropical Fruit, Vanilla Pudding

## AMANA SOCIETY SERVICE CO. HOLIDAY HOURS

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

December 24, 2019 – CLOSED

December 25, 2019 – CLOSED

January 1, 2020 – CLOSED

## AMANA FIRE DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The monthly meeting of the Amana Fire District will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2019, at 7:00 pm in the Middle Amana fire station.

## BOY SCOUT CHRISTMAS WREATHS

We have some wreaths left. They are \$16.00 each.. If you would like to have one please call one of the following and we will see that you get a wreath delivered. Dennis Lukes 622-3785, Larry Gnewikow 622-3349, Bob Robertson 622-3867, Gary Heishman 622-3039, Dennis Gormley 319-360-8875 or Steve Rose 622-3634. Thank you for your support to the Amana Boy Scouts.

## BLOOD DRIVE AT LIBRARY

'Tis the season for giving. Do you feel that giving spirit? Give back by supporting the community blood supply this holiday season. The Amana Library is hosting a Mississippi Valley Blood Drive on Tuesday, December 17 from 2:00-6:00pm at the Amana Elementary Cafeteria, in Middle Amana.

## BEGINNING QUILTING

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

## ACLUD B of A VACANCIES

The Amana Colonies Land Use District Board of Adjustment currently has two vacancies.

If you are interested in applying for this opening, please complete the application available in the Land Use District office or online at [www.aclud.org](http://www.aclud.org).

## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### Amana Sunday School Program and Soup Supper Carol Sing Along Too on Sunday

Deck your halls with boughs of holly and sing "Joy to the World" because you are invited to the Amana Sunday School's annual Christmas program and soup supper (with cookie buffet) at the Amana Church in Amana, Sunday, Dec. 15 at 5:00 p.m.

A soup supper served by the Amana Church youth group and volunteers will be topped off by a holiday cookie / dessert buffet. If you would like to bring a dessert or cookies to share that would be nice, but don't feel you must. The Christmas program will begin after supper at about 6 p.m. and will include recitations, songs and carols prepared by the students and their teachers plus a sing-along. Everyone is welcome.

### Prelude to Christmas Memorable, Festive and Warm

Temperatures topped 45 degrees Saturday at noon as visitors and residents alike enjoyed the annual Amana Prelude to Christmas celebration in the Colonies.

Following the large, Thanksgiving weekend crowds at the Tannenbaum Forest, it was nice to see so many people in town for Prelude. Judging by the crowded parking lots and the number of visitors walking about Saturday and Sunday, this was a well-attended festival.

David Rettig, Amana Colonies Convention and Visitors Bureau executive director, reports that they've seen a 30% increase in the number of visitors at the Forest this year compared to the first two weekends last year. On Saturday, Nov. 30 for example, over 500 people toured the forest during one, two-hour period.

"It was certainly one for the record books I would think," said one Main Street merchant. "The weather was perfect and I think every one had a great time too."

Friday at 7 p.m. about 120 people attended the Advent at the Tannenbaum Forest service led by Amana Church Elder Jon Childers. Twelve children (from across Iowa) portrayed angels or shepherds as Elder Childers read Scripture and ancient carols in German and in English were sung with the support of members of the Amana Church choir.

Another event the Amana Arts Guild Haus Walk was well attended with the anticipated number of patrons visiting four private homes and the Amana Arts Guild folk arts and crafts fair at the AAG Center. "We were really pleased and the weather helped . . .

I think visitors enjoyed that we had two homes right on main street too and we got a lot of nice compliments," said Deb Hawkes, AAG director. The Amana Arts Guild director was interviewed by Channel 2 news Sunday evening.

At the Amana Church the bazaar and cookie walk were popular stops. "We were really pleased with the turnout and the amount of things we sold, es-

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The deadline for the December 26 Bulletin will be Noon December 26th and it will be available on Friday, December 27. Items that need to be seen BEFORE Christmas should be submitted for the December 19 Bulletin.

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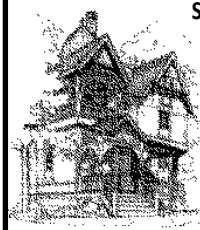
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## Jr. High in Amana Circa 1938-1939 (met in the what is now the Heritage Museum)



Marvin, Dorthey, Henry, Alma, Betty Lou und der Herbie und Carl sind da unten bei die Ruth...all names on the flip side



**FEATHERS IN THE WIND**

I miss my mother more then ever this time of year. It was now that she would bring out the big tin pans and start her baking.

There was a sort of ritual to it all.

First the “stollen” would begin. Luckily for me there never was much made of that.

In those days I doid not like the taste of candied fruit and was only too glad to get rid of it to “friends”

I have since changed.

Between thatbaking and the baking of the “pretzel” came the cookies. There were all kinds of cookies, but especially the honey cookies.

Truthfully, Christmas cookies were not my favorite. They didn’t have a real distinctive tase to them, although they were beautiful.

If I had my way I would have licked the frostingg off and left to cookie.

Mom always saved little card board boxes which she filled with cookies and sent to friends. I always wondered how much the postage cost to send those cookies.

We had a friend who always made fudge and divinity - oh how my sister and I adored her.

I am sorry to say my children’s idea of Christmas cookies are chocolate. Our granddaughter prefers Oreos.

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

**NAMES FOR PHOTO:**

**Back Row:** Helen Zimmermann Evelyn Ceyner, Lucille Krauss, Mildred Leichsenring, Alma Vanous, Elsie Ackerman, Marvin Krauss, Roy Schuhmacker.

**Middle Row:** Jane Graichen, Emma Kolb, Dorthey Hertel, Helen Dietrich, Fred Oehle, Henry Meyer, Paul Zimmermann, Mr. Ludwig Unglenk

**Front Row:** Bill Ackerman, Bill Noe, Herbie Leichsenring, Carl Oehl, Ruth Meyer, Barbara Graichen, Hellen June Graichen, Henriette Kolb, Betty Lou Haas

According to Charlie H - Herr Lugwig Unglenk was also the dentist (his drill was low-speed-foot-driven, like a non-electric Singer sewing machine), and he had (allegedly) been on the gymnastics team at the U. of Iowa.



## Holiday 2019 Worship & Events

Everyone is Welcome!

### Sunday School Christmas Program & Supper

Sunday, Dec. 15 Annual Church Soup Supper & Christmas Cookie Buffet with the Sunday School Christmas Program.

5 p.m. at the Amana Church in Amana.

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pecially on Friday. That was really amazing,” said Carmen Grimm. She and Mary Zuber chair the Amana Church’s Christmas Bazaar at the Amana Church. This annual event raises funds for the Amana Church youth ministry, specifically the summer vacation Bible school, the Sunday School and the youth group program. The Amana Church’s annual Prelude Cookie Walk was equally successful and together both raised about \$6,000 for the programs noted above.

The question is often asked, “Did you run out of cookies?” This year every single cookie walk patron was able to choose their own delicious selection of cookies and treats. And when the last patron left, there were only three or four dozen cookies and bars remaining, these were carefully plated for colony residents in nursing facilities or who are ill or recuperating at home. So the answer is; the cookie walk had exactly the right amount of cookies and no cookie went unloved, Jacobson explained to us.

“I don’t know when we’ve had more cookies. . . there was a wonderful variety of cookies too this year. The variety was exceptional. We want to thank every single person who baked,” said Amy Jacobson, cookie walk chairperson.

**Eastern Iowa Burglaries - Be Wary**

Iowa County Sheriff Robert Rotter reports that there is a seasonal uptick in the number of burglaries and thefts in eastern Iowa.

“The Amanas, for the most part, have been spared from the rampant burglary activities that have plagued eastern Iowa. . . I would like to think we will continue to be so lucky, but I doubt it will end that way. The holiday season from mid-November through early January is notorious for high burglary rates,” Sheriff Rotter reported via email.

“Burglars wait for the coast to be clear and then move within the shadows,” he added.

Sheriff Rotter explained that it is very important that residents be vigilant. Here are his tips.

- Keep an eye on your and your neighbor’s property, reporting to Iowa County Law Enforcement “things that don’t look right.”
- Secure (lock) your cars, homes and out buildings. Remove car keys from the car.
- Use well-placed lights inside and outside your home.
- Motion activated lights are good at repelling burglars.
- If you see a suspicious vehicle in your neighborhood, call law enforcement. Try to get the license plate number and share it with law enforcement.
- Do not confront the suspicious party yourself. Call law enforcement.

**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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Thursdays – Chicken Pot Pie dinner

Cinnamon Rolls Thursday only

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

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Thank you and Happy Holidays!

Library Hours:

Monday: 8:30-4:00 Tuesday: 8:30-6:00

Wednesday: 8:30-1:30 Thursday: 8:30-6:00

Friday: 8:30-6:00 Saturday: 9-12

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