

## AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

All in person Amana Church services are suspended and services will be live streamed from the church in Middle on FM 93.5 or Facebook. Must be parked near the church for radio transmission.

The Amana Church Sunday Service, December 06, 2020 starting at 10:00 a.m. with Elder Peter Hoehnle presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Mit Ernst, ihr Menschenkinder" No. 710 vs 1 - 3

Testimony: Johann Friedrich Rock, Dudelsheim, December 6, 1733

Scripture: Romans 8: 18 - 28; 35 - 39  
Psalm 40

Closing Hymn: "Ye Sons of Men, Oh, Harken" No. 39, vs 4 - 6

**Wednesday Nachtgebet** live stream on Facebook at 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday Fellowship** live stream on Facebook at 5:30 p.m.

Services also available later on YouTube.

### 710 Geduld ist euch vonnöthen (Art 50)

1. Mit Ernst, ihr Menschenkinder, das Herz in euch bestellt, damit das Heil der Sünder, der große Wunderheld, den Gott, aus Gnad' allein, der Welt zum Licht und Leben, gesendet und gegeben, bei Allen kehre ein.
2. Bereitest doch fein tüchtig, den Weg dem großen Gast; macht seine Steige richtig, laßt Alles, was Er haßt: macht alle Bahnen recht; die Thal' laßt seyn erhöht, macht niedrig, was hoch stehet, was krumm ist, gleich und schlecht.
3. Ein Herz, das Demuth liebet, bei Gott am höchsten steht; ein Herz, das Hochmuth übet, mit Angst zu Grunde geht: ein Herz, das richtig ist, und folget Gottes Leiten, das kann sich recht bereiten, zu dem kommt Jesus Christ.

## AMANA SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 6:00 p.m. Monday, November 02, 2020 in the Amana Sanitary lift station.

## FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Considering that we were all supposed to isolate ourselves this Thanksgiving. Ironically I have seen on the television that the Macy's parade would be broadcast in a "virtual" form.

To me Thanksgiving is not complete unless I watch that parade. As a child there were even three parades shown that day - one from Detroit sponsored by the Hudson store, one from Pennsylvania called the "Mummers," and of course finally Macy's.

Everyone seems to have a special wish list mine includes actually watching the parade while in New York City, but knowing how cold it will be not to mention crowded I am not holding out any hope of ever doing that.

Anyway there was a parade which was really only a block long it did have some balloons but not like previous parades.

There were also some bands, but I kept waiting for the Radio City Rockettes. What would that parade be unless one saw them? It's odd how around the holidays long waits for certain things and then gets all upset if you miss it, i.e. the lighting of the tree at the Rockefeller Center, the Westminster Dog Show which is always shown after the parade, the walk down Pennsylvania Avenue after the oath of office has been taken, seeing the Jimmy Stewart Christmas movie for the one hundredth time, reading Truman Capote's recollections about his aunt making fruit cake, and the list goes on and on.

This year it was so special because not only was the Macy's parade on but also a parade from Detroit and the dog show. Naturally my favorite dogs never won, but who cared. Because some of these shows were re-broadcast in the late afternoon it was almost like getting a second dessert.

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## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### Derecho Cleanup Continues Here

The August 10 derecho windstorm that created so much damage is still creating work at the Amana Elementary School where the wind damaged a significant portion of the flat roof on the school directly above the offices and elementary classrooms.

Principal Ben Macumber said that the roof is being repaired now. Insulation has been stacked north of the parking lot at the school and now these sheets of insulation are being used as the roof repairs continue this week and next.

Meanwhile the construction of new restrooms and repairs to the smaller picnic pavilion at the Middle Amana Park will have to be pursued in the spring.

Laura Sue Woods, Amana RV Park director, noted that the derecho completely destroyed the cement block restroom building at the park as a large, oak tree fell upon it. The rubble was removed in October.

A portion of the smaller picnic pavilion was significantly damaged when another oak tree fell upon the corner of the building breaking the upright support post and the metal roof. The structure is still standing but has been roped off.

The Amana Society which owns and manages the park has the structures insured and is currently negotiating for insurance reimbursement, but it's certain that the reimbursement will not cover the cost of entirely replacing the restroom. "We're hopeful the insurance will cover a reasonable amount of the replacement cost," Woods acknowledged.

Garling Construction is currently drawing up plans for a new restroom at the park and construction will take place in the spring. Eastern Iowa Building is to repair the pavilion.

The Amana Society Forestry will be planting trees at the park too, though thankfully, oak trees were donated and planted by Whirlpool in 2019 and these have taken hold. Additionally trees planted in memory of Clifford Trumpold and trees gifted via sister program with the Ronneburg in Germany are thriving, so while nine of the large oak trees had to be removed, there are young trees growing.

The goal, Woods explained, is to have the park ready for the Iowa Renaissance Festival which is slated to return in May, 2021.

The Amana Society cares for the park and pays for lawn mowing, garbage removal, upkeep and property taxes for the park, it recoups a small portion of these costs by renting the pavilion and the building for events and overnight camping. It allows open public access to residents and free access for youth sports, youth events, the local soccer and volleyball leagues, community picnics.

Would you or your group like to help improve the park or donate toward the post storm repairs or tree planting? Contact the Amana Colonies RV Park and ask for Laura Sue Woods.

### Tannenbaum Forest Opening Weekend News

Fewer people visited Amana's Tannenbaum Forest during its opening weekend compared to previous years, but it was still a solid showing.

Without Santa and with COVID-19, Friday and Sunday were slow, but Saturday over 500 people visited the forest according to volunteers who greeted guests. Face masks are required for all but very small children and social distancing is being built-in to the event.

"Everyone was super about there not being a Santa on duty. . . it's just a different kind of year and people get that," said one of the Sunday volunteers.

Volunteers were asked to limit the number of people in the forest to 15 at any one time. Doing so seemed to work well according to Lorna Yoder, Hills Bank and Trust Co. She and her teenage children drove from Hills to volunteer in the forest. She explained that counting the admissions and asking people to wait a bit if need be went smoothly. She and her kids were among the 23 volunteers who helped in the forest this past weekend.

"We found out that as this is on private property and with all the space we have, next week we can allow 30 people in at a time," reported Elise Heitmann, Amana Colonies events coordinator. She and the Amana Merchants Association managing

have been carefully following the COVID-19 prevention precautions checking with the State Board of Health when they have a question. Increasing the number to 30 will be helpful this upcoming weekend as temperatures are supposed to drop for Prelude to Christmas. Again, face masks are required in the Forest.

### Prelude to Christmas is Here

While there won't be an Amana Church Cookie Walk and the Amana Church Christmas Bazaar has been postponed, there is plenty of holiday cheer planned for Prelude 2020.

### Here's a rundown:

Tannenbaum Forest open Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. ; Sunday 11 a.m.- 5 p.m.

AAG Christkindle Markt pops up downtown Amana. At the former Michele Maring Miller Gallery next door to the Ox Yoke Inn, local craftspeople/artists will sell their work. Open Fri. and Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sun. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Meet and Greet Book Signing at Heritage Designs Quilting and Needlework. Meet Lori Lacina, Iowa City, author of "Mama Said There Would be Days Like This," 10 - 2 p.m. Saturday.

Gift Wrapping Fundraiser. The Girl Scout Troop 7749 will wrap your packages. Free will donation will go to their troop. At Hotel Millwright Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Vintner's Prime Rib Dinner with Wine Pairings at the Ox Yoke Inn with White Cross Cellars. Make reservations at the Ox Yoke Inn. Appetizers at 5:30 p.m. dinner to follow.

Holiday Wine and Paint Night at Hotel Millwright 7 p.m. Saturday. Call 319-838-5007 to reserve your seat. \$40. Open to all (of age.) Enjoy wine with friends (yes, the class will be socially distanced) and learn to paint a holiday-themed showpiece.

Half priced appetizers at the Ronneburg Restaurant. Come in for a bite and then some -this special continues all weekend at the Ronneburg, Amana.

"Generations of Amana Art" a special collection of paintings by Carl Flick, John Noe, Joseph Prestele, Jack Hahn and other Amana Colony artists. This is the largest assembly of Amana inspired art in one place. At the Amana Heritage Museum this weekend. Free admission. Plus look for the nifty Prestele-inspired art kits - includes copies of JP's original lithographs. \$10 while they last. Art fun for ages 8 and up. The museum opens at 10 Friday and Saturday and at 11 on Sunday.

Fern Hill Holiday Shopping Event in South Amana. Head to Fern Hill for a bit of Christmas shopping cheer as they roll out the red carpet. All weekend.

Yes, many local shops will have something new, original or unique to offer this weekend or they will be hosting raffles, offering discounts and more. Shop local and support your colony merchants.



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Sure there was no big family gathering, but the meals the church put together were enough to expand beyond Thanksgiving not to mention being able to watch the church service via the internet.

Perhaps this year we did not have the opportunity to physically (shake hands) renew our covenant to each other, but I think God understands, and our Lord is the one who really counts.

It was truly a good Thanksgiving.

B.S.H.

**THANK YOU**

What a wonderful surprise to receive so many beautiful birthday cards. Really enjoyed all of them!

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**AMANA HERITAGE SOCIETY  
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UNDERWAY**

The Amana Heritage Society collects, preserves, and interprets the 300 years of cultural heritage of the Amana Colonies. We strive to be the historian of our community, growing our collections and ideas, and making them available to our community and visitors. In order to carry out this important mission, we seek the support of our current and potential members. Your annual membership is vital to our current and future success.

Please consider supporting Amana's heritage by becoming, or remaining, a member today. Visit us at <https://amanaheritage.org/> to purchase an online membership or give us a call at 319.622.3567 for more information. Help us to keep Preserving Our Heritage and Sharing Our Culture.

**Bulletin Deadlines: Most Articles & ads - Tues. 5:00 PM**  
**Small/short** Ads/articles - Wed. Noon

**LOVE GIFT CARD TREE INFORMATION**

Yes there will be a LOVE gift card tree this year in Amana. As a committee we felt it was still important to help those in need this Christmas season in Iowa County.

Here are the basics for how the tree will work this year. Most of the process will be the same as other years. Choose a card and purchase the gift requested, wrap the gift, attach the card firmly to the outside and return it to the tree.

This year the tree will be right inside the hallway door at Amana Family Practice. You will not need to enter all the way to the desk. There will be a basket there to place the top half of the card with your name on it. You might want to bring a pen with you. If you would rather have a card brought to you please feel free to contact me and I will pull one for you.

The tree will be up by Thursday November 19th this year to allow for extra time to shop. You are welcome to do online shopping of course. Just make sure the gift is back to the tree by the date on the card. December 10th. Also if shopping online try to include a gift receipt

We all understand that this holiday season will be very different from others and will include many changes. The one thing that is not changing is the need to help others in Iowa County and the joy we can bring to others by sharing what we have..

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**OBITUARY**

Floyd Elmer Zuber, 71, Bethany, MO passed away Friday, November 6, 2020 at a Cameron, MO hospital.

He was born on May 8, 1949, the son of Elmer and Florence (Baumgartner) Zuber of High Amana. He attended the Amana schools.

Floyd is survived by Sandra Stevens; brother, Marlin Zuber, Amana; three brothers-in-law, Bobby Wilson, Stanberry, MO, Randy Wilson and Rick (Ty-cene) Wilson, both of Bethany, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; stepson, Jonathan Stevens, and in-laws, Lewis and Mary Ann Wilson.

Funeral Services were November 12 with burial in Miriam Cemetery, Bethany. Memorials may be made to the Floyd Zuber Memorial Fund to help Sandra Stevens in care of Roberson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 46, Bethany, MO 64424. Online condolences may be left at [www.robersonfuneralhome.com](http://www.robersonfuneralhome.com)

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**BLOOD DRIVE AT LIBRARY**

The Amana Library will host a 2-Day Mississippi Valley Blood Drive on December 15; 1:30-5:30 and December 17; 2:30-6:30 in the Donor Bus at the Library parking lot; 3023 220th Trail, Middle Amana.

With your help, we have the power to save lives! The Blood Center is continuing to see countless cancellations and challenges brought on by the pandemic. By giving blood at our holiday Amana Community Blood Drive, you will ensure that patients at our local hospitals have the life-saving blood products they need. All blood types are needed! Donors will earn a T-shirt or \$10 gift card.

Whole Blood donors must be at least 17, weigh more than 110 pounds. Red Blood Cell Donation will also be available. Double Red Blood Cell donations use an automated procedure that enables the donor to give the equivalent of TWO units of red cells. This procedure takes a little longer than a whole blood donation (~20 min) and has some different qualifications: Male donors must be 5'1", 130lbs; Female donors must be 5'5", 150lbs and the deferral time is 112 days.

APPOINTMENTS AND MASKS ARE REQUIRED, AND A PHOTO ID TO DONATE! To sign up call 319-622-3192 or email [amanalibrary@ccaschools.org](mailto:amanalibrary@ccaschools.org).

Let's RALLY, before the Holidays, and fill those BLOOD BANKS!

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**RUG WEAVING ONE DAY WORKSHOP**

Make a rug in one day! December 29th from 9AM-5PM or until rug is done. You may bring your own prepared material or material will be available to purchase for \$15 for a 3 foot rug. Bring your own food and drink, a refrigerator and microwave will be available to use.

The rug could be useful in your home or it would make a great gift. This activity will be held in the weaving studio located at the Amana Arts Guild Center in High Amana. Enrollment is limited. For more information and to register call Linda Grabau 319-530-0127. Cost \$50 per student.

**ART GUILD NEWS**

We're glowing about the news! The Amana Arts Guild is excited to announce the opening of a new location in Amana. A formal opening will take place in the spring but we want to introduce our new site at 4502-220th Trail to the community on the weekend of Prelude to Christmas. Shop our Christmasmarkt this weekend during Amana's Prelude to Christmas celebration. We'll be open for business Friday & Saturday 10-6 and Sunday 11-4 at 4502 220th Trail, (Main Street) Amana.

**OBITUARY**

Helene Sudmeier, 86, most recently of Amana, Iowa, passed away on Saturday, November 21, 2020 at the Guttenberg Municipal Hospital.

Helene Berns Sudmeier was born to Louis and Clara Harter Berns on April 15, 1934. The eighth child in a family of nine, she loved reminiscing about growing up with much-loved siblings on their busy family farm near Garnavillo, Iowa.

Being one of the youngest siblings, Helene would spend many days of her youth helping older siblings as they busily grew their families. This interaction fostered many close relationships with her nieces and nephews leading Helene to remark that they often seemed more like little sisters and brothers. The warm relationships Helene had with her extended family gave her joy all the days of her life.

Helene had a joyful, merry personality and often loved to tell stories of her early memories of James (Jim) Sudmeier, whom she met as a teenager when her sister Laura married Jim's brother. She shyly noted he was tall and handsome, had an easy smile and a gentle manner. It was a great joy to her when she eventually became Jim's wife in August of 1957, and they settled on little white farm between Petersburg and New Vienna, Iowa. On this simple and lovely farm they would start their family, and continue to add to it when they eventually settled into a large family home in Earlville, Iowa.

Although Helene had many talents and interests, she would always consider her family her "magnum opus" or great work. Born to Helene and Jim would be six children: Russell (Rosalie) Sudmeier of New Vienna, Iowa; Susanne Sudmeier (Moses de los Santos) of Amana; Jessica (Carlos) Garcia of San Diego, CA.; John Sudmeier of Manchester, Sara (Fred) Osborne of Willmette, Illinois; and Jayne Sudmeier of Dubuque. Helene also has 11 grandchildren: Molly McAndrew of Dyersville, James and Robert Sudmeier of New Vienna, Brighton and Kanan de los Santos of Melbourne, Australia, Rio de los Santos of Amana, Gabriel and Isabel Garcia of San Diego, Felicia Sudmeier of Nashville, Tenn., and Lilia Rose and Keoni Osborne of Willmette, Ill. In terms of family, the icing on the cake for Helene were her four lively and adorable great-grandsons!

Helene will be remembered for her quick smile and generous nature. She was very creative and dove into everything with a "can-do" attitude. She enjoyed reading, gardening, sewing up a storm, crocheting, and just about anything else she set her hands and mind to. After raising her family in Earlville, Helene spent many years living in Dubuque before joining her daughter Susanne and family (Moses and Rio) in Amana. Many people recount her zest for walking the sidewalks of Amana tirelessly with a smile on her face. Helene enjoyed the community and people of Amana the five years she lived there. Helene's final year was spent at the River Living Center in Guttenberg where she was especially delighted to be in the company of her sister, Laura Sudmeier. She loved the River Living Center and remarked frequently about how much she enjoyed the great food and life there.

Helene was preceded in death by her parents, beloved husband Jim, and siblings, Peter Berns, Roland Berns, Claudine Goedken, Clara Ann Neuhaus, and Aloys Berns. In addition to her offspring, Helene is survived by her sisters Laura Sudmeier of Guttenberg, Ia.; Mary Krapfl of New Vienna, Ia.; and her brother Louis Berns, of Monona, Ia.; and sister-in-law Rosie Berns of Garnavillo, Ia.

A funeral mass was celebrated in her honor on Saturday, Nov. 28 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earlville, Iowa.

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