

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.

Regular **Sunday Service** will be in Middle Sunday, January 17, 2021, starting at 10:00 AM with Elder Peter Hoehnle presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Strive Aright When God in Mercy" No. 94 v. 1-2

Testimony: J.F. Rock, Bayreuth, Oct. 22, 1724

Scripture: Micah 6:8
Psalm 67

Closing Hymn: "Strive Aright When God in Mercy" No. 94 v. 3-5

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.

AMANA FIRE DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The monthly meeting of the Amana Fire District will be held on Wednesday, January 20, 2020, at 7:00 pm in the Middle Amana fire station.

FEATHERS

A wise lady said to me that I should stop worrying and instead count my blessings. I have heard that many times, but I think that at this season it is more important than ever now than ever before so here goes.

I thank God for Charlemagne who shows me, by his actions and love, how a real Christian should behave. He does not stand on some soap box and pontificate but does it in a quiet way while I run around like some sort of deranged chicken screaming.

I also thank God for family and good friends who seem to be there when most needed. I know that they have often heard my laments over and over and over, but they are patient and keep on listening although they have better things to do.

I thank those readers who sometimes talk to me about an article I wrote or leave me a bottle of "Evening in Paris" or chocolate without telling me where it came from. The thought is so important to me and I do appreciate it.

Then there are those of you who have walked with me through my illnesses and deaths of loved ones. You have no idea how a simple touch like a hug or a squeeze of one's hand can help.

I am grateful for the flowers Charlemagne plants even if they cause my allergies to rise-up. (The people who make tissues need the money.)

Thank God for our church specially during this time. We have enjoyed listening to it on

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

The Tools To Make a Difference

While meeting fellow woodworkers at events and on social media, local woodworker and master carpenter Charlie McKenzie heard about a remarkable teacher who was trying to change the world one person at a time.

"He's really trying to make a difference in the world, well, in his world, by teaching young men the trade of carpentry and furniture-making so that they can make a living and keep their families from starving," explained McKenzie.

Shem Viston Taombe lives in Mulanje, Malawi, Africa. He takes on 8 students a year and gives them training in his small woodworking shop on how to do carpentry and build furniture. Taombe has friends in America, Danae and Andy Atkins who have helped him with his school. Andy Atkins, Denver, himself a woodworker saw that Taombe needed tools and contacted fellow woodworkers for donations while he and his wife set up a GoFundPage called Shem Foundation for cash donations to buy tools and supplies and ship them to Taombe. The goal is to supply every one of these young men with the skills and a few basic tools to begin work. McKenzie heard about their efforts and followed up, eventually making contact online with Taombe.

"I know people hear about scams all the time, but this is not a rip off, this guy is the real deal. This is one man really trying to help young people in his community learn a trade so that they can make a difference. . . they are dirt poor. . . they had just the crappiest tools available or nothing at all really, so I collected tools and was able through fellow woodworkers I have met over the years and on sites to get, enough donations to send three boxes of tools." Each box cost over \$120 US dollars to mail (US Post) to Malawi. The boxes were mailed last March but came back to West Amana four months later, never having arrived because the borders were closed due to COVID-19 precautions. In June once the borders to Malawi reopened, McKenzie shipped them again.

He found out last week via social media that the tools had arrived and are greatly appreciated by the students and by Taombe who posted photographs of the hand planes, vices and clamps, chisels, wood knives, files, hand saws, hammers, scribes and gauges, measuring tools, hand drills and drill bits,

"They have a few power tools, but really they are trying to do it all with hand tools and they use local tropical hardwoods, so good tools are really like gold. All they had was junk and little of that even. I was thinking our carpenters and woodworkers here used just hand tools and now here are these guys trying to do that as well using primitive tools. They are starting from scratch just like these guys were so long ago. It makes you think how connected we are all really," McKenzie said.

To learn more and make a donation go to the Shem Foundation, go to the page on GoFundMe created by Danae Atkins. Donations pay for tools, supplies, rent for the workshop and food they distribute in their village. Items they make and are able to sell help raise

money too.

Last month the rental home where Toambe and his family live was destroyed by fire but the school continues. Unable to pay to maintain a cell phone Toambe was off social media for some time, McKenzie explained, but through friends in his village he has been able to keep in contact via social media.

Winterfest Kicks off 2021

Lots of New Wintery Fun to be Had

Shake off cabin fever and don't let the parade pass you by. Adding for the first time a parade and outdoor country music at Hotel Millwright, Amana's Winterfest 2021 kicks off the colony year of events Saturday, Jan. 23 with a 10 a.m. parade on Amana's Main Street.

Everyone welcome to participate in this wintery-styled parade with the theme, "Frozen in Time." Decorate your riding tractors and bikes, beribbon your snow shovels, don your multi-layer warm woolies, put the kids in a wagon and gather on Main Street to wel

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Need You!

Larry Rettig turns 80 on January 31.

Best gift I could give him is a big box of Birthday Cards and or notes.

Please help me out. Send to:

P.O. Box 107,

South Amana, IA 52334.

Shhhh-- this is a surprise.

Thanks, and please spread the word.

THANK YOU

The family of Henry Meyer wish to express their appreciation for the calls, cards, memorials, and support received during our bereavement.

Thank you so much.
Mildred Meyer, Tim Meyer,
Pam Goschke, Wayne Gregg,
Paige Gregg and Kim Park Nelson.

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come 2021 with a bit of fun. Then head down to the Market barn in central Amana for a bowl full of hot chili at the "open fire" hosted by our volunteer Amana Fire Department. Proceeds from sales of chili and beverages help supply our fire department.

And there is more:

• Our whacky winter games! Put that ham, toss that wreath, bowl that turkey (what?) and enter your pandemic beard for judging. The games start soon after the parade. The best beard contest is at 1 p.m.

• In their courtyard snowspace Hotel Millwright is hosting a party – everyone welcome! Nope you don't have to be staying at the hotel to come and kick up your heels. The theme is "Up to sNOW Good! featuring music, food and beverages from 2 – 5 p.m. The country duo RANDY and CASSIE will be performing live, plus there will be food and beverages including your favorite Millstream beers and Ackerman wines. Silent auction benefitting the Amana Fire Department too. Place your bid to win a gift basket of goodies. Hey, is it time to check out the hotel? Winterfest weekend specials on cosy overnight packages are being offered. See their website or call today.

• Everyone's doing it. What? Yes, you too can toss wooden blocks in the air. Learn to play Kubb. It's not hard and it's fun. Now is the hour to take up a new hobby at Millstream Brewing Co. 1 – 4 p.m. the experts will show you how.

• Winterfest Wine and Dine at the Ox Yoke Inn, a warming five-course gourmet meal with delicious wine pairings featuring White Cross Cellars wines. Call the Ox Yoke Inn for your reservation.

• The Amana Heritage Museum will be open Saturday so bring your friends by and just for fun, take part in the Winterfest Scavenger Hunt for a chance to win.

FOR RENT

Short & Long term rental available at Abbi's Cottage Call Betty Peterson at 319-432-8103

FOR SALE

Ice Melt, 50 lb bags. Call Hometown Lawn Care & Landscaping in Homestead, (319) 622-3417

Hay for sale. Large round net wrapped bales. (319) 361-0425.

WANTED/WANTED TO BUY

BUYING All ANTIQUES; Toys, Furniture, Crocks, Paintings, Advertising Signs, and Weird Items "any condition." Buying Entire Estates, call for fair pricing. Please call 319-270-1251.

Would like to purchase 100 shares of Amana Society Inc. stock. Please call Eric at 319-389-4809

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the Internet and realize how hard and thankless it must be for all of you who sing and give the sermons not to mention broadcast the sermons.

Thank you also to those of you who helped with the cleanup after the storm. It really made us renew our faith in the community.

Thank you, God, for having people produce a vaccine for COVID.

Thanks also for the elections being over with. The ads were and name calling were just too much. Let us all now pray that the country turns to the advice of sound minded people and not what party they belong to. PLEASE stop the hatred the country is facing these days. We all need PEACE!

Most of all thank you, God, for allowing us to be gifted with His son.

B.S.H.

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VETERANS' ECHE

Iowa Veterans Benefits: Lifetime Hunting and Fishing License

Hunting and fishing is a cherished past-time for many Iowans. The State of Iowa provides eligible veterans with a lifetime hunting and fishing license. Lifetime Hunting and Fishing License. Veterans in receipt of at least a 0% disability rating (service connected) can receive a lifetime hunting and fishing license for a \$7.00 fee.

If you have any additional questions pertaining to the above mentioned Veterans Benefit through the state of Iowa DNR, also for all veterans residing in Iowa County please feel free to contact the Veterans Service Office at 319-642-3925 or jolson@co.iowa.ia.us / iowacova@gmail.com.

Jennifer Olson, Veterans Service Officer Iowa County Commission of Veterans Affairs

CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY AT BROOKLYN OPERA HOUSE

Looking for somewhere to take your Valentine this year? Spend One Night With You - An Elvis Tribute this Valentine's Day Weekend at Brooklyn Opera House. Join us Saturday, February 13th at 7pm with multiple award winning Elvis tribute artist, Jonathan Lyons.

Jonathan began taking the stage as a young Elvis Presley around age 18. However, the tribute business began back at the young age of 15 where he began appearing as Johnny Cash alongside his father as Elvis Presley.

Those wishing to purchase dinner prior to the show may do so prior to February 5th. Dinner will include sliced roast beef, chicken cordon bleu, roasted potatoes, salad, dessert, and one drink ticket.

The event is reserved seating. Those wishing to reserve tickets including the meal are \$45. Those wishing to reserve tickets only are \$35. Tickets may be purchased in-person between the hours of 10am and 2pm Monday and Wednesday or online at the Brooklyn Opera House website (www.brooklynoperahouse.com).

Brooklyn Opera House

The Brooklyn Opera House, located in Brooklyn, Iowa, is a 225 seat historic auditorium that sits in the heart of Brooklyn's central business district. The Opera House is currently undergoing a \$3.8 Million restoration after sitting vacant for 20 years.

Amana Kolonieweg
Trail Etiquette
• Motorized vehicles (including snowmobiles and ATVs) are prohibited from using the trail.
• Please wear a bike helmet.
• Go with the flow! Stay to the right.
• Allow faster moving bikers & walkers to pass on your left.
• Signal turns and stops, and announce yourself when passing someone on the trail.
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