

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, December 10, 2023 starting 8:30 A.M. with Br. Jon Childers presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Dein Jesus kommt und will sich ausgeben," No. 126 Seite 117

Testimony: Johann Friedrich Rock, Himbach, December 25, 1735

Scripture: Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:10-18
Isaiah 12:1-6

Closing Hymn: "Macht hoch die Thür" No. 610 Seite 598

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

Opening Hymn: "Rejoice, Ye Heavens!" No. 38

Closing Hymn: "Rejoice, Ye Hosts of Righteous" No. 19

The Wednesday Evening Prayer Service (Nachtgebet) begins at 7:00 P.M. in Middle.

Visitors are welcome to join us in worship. Child-care is available during Sunday's 10:00 A.M. Service.

SERVICE COMPANY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Amana Society service company will be closed on December 25th, 26th and January 1st for the holidays.

AMANA HERITAGE SOCIETY CALLS ALL HARDY VOLUNTEERS!!

We hope to assemble a crew of Amana Heritage Family & Friends to help with an important project. A number trees need to be cut down at the Amana Heritage Museum and the Homestead Village Church. Much of the wood will make good firewood. Some friends have already offered to provide some pieces of larger equipment. We still need a number of helpers to cut, load wood, and remove it from our property. We are looking at doing this work over a few weekends in January. If you would like to help, please either call the museum at 319.622.3567 or email at amanaheritage@southslope.net and we'll add you to the contact list for more information. Lunch will be provided!!

Thanks!!
Amana Heritage Society

BLOOD DRIVE

The Amana Library will host an ImpactLife Blood Drive on December 19 & 21 from 1:30 to 6:00 at the Donor Bus, in the Amana Library/Elementary Parking Lot, 3023 220th Trail, Middle Amana.

To donate one must: be at least 17, weigh over 110 pounds, possess a photo ID and eat/hydrate before donating. Walk-ins are accepted. Appointments are preferred. Whole Blood and Double Red Cell (Dec 19th only) will be available to donate. To sign up, and schedule, please call the Amana Library 319-622-3192 or email amanalibrary@ccaschools.org. As a THANK YOU, donors will receive a gift card or a donation to area food banks!

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

In the village of Homestead, we always had a Christmas program sponsored by the Homestead Welfare Club. The club room, in my youth, still had the old plaster walls from the communal era, which were whitewashed with a blue color that never quite blended together between brush strokes. Frankly, it looked like lightning bolts had hit the walls again, and again, creating a rather distressing effect until the 1960s when those walls were covered with wood paneling.

An oil stove stood along the east wall. One had to really think about where one sat in the room in order to stay warm. Too close to that stove and you were really hot!

Willie Dittrich was in charge of playing the pump organ both for our Sunday School and for the Club Christmas program. Looking back on those days, one wonders how he remained calm as we children clustered around him shouting out our songs. I do mean "shouting" because there were several of us who could not hold a tune even if we had a butterfly net.

For the Club program, we had little verses to recite in front of friends and family. Naturally, we had to practice these at home and then at the club house, knowing full well that the audience would applaud no

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Heard "On the Street" after Prelude

After Prelude to Christmas weekend in the Colonies, here are a few of the things we "heard on the street" when talking to local residents and merchants.

"Wow, Saturday of Prelude was so busy we had a huge long line of folks at the Tannenbaum Forest waiting to see Santa," said a T Forest volunteer. "I don't recall seeing it this busy ever."

"It's a Wonderful Life" (A Radio Play) at the Amana Performing Arts Center is so much fun! I thought it was really well done. . . I want my daughters to see it next weekend," said a TKM patron who saw the play Saturday night.

She added, "I think I was expecting it to be a rerun of the movie, but this was a totally different show that works with the original story but adds to it in ways that made it entertaining and fresh for me. . . I think I've seen the movie like two dozen times, but this was told in such a cool way that it came to life for me again."

Elly Hoehnle Amana Church administrator sent a note to Amana Church members thanking all for their contributions to the Amana Church's annual Christmas Bazaar and Cookie Walk. She reported that both events went very, very well. The events benefit the Amana Church youth group, summer vacation Bible camp and Sunday School helping pay for books, curriculum, music, craft items. This past year nearly 80 children attended the week long, free day camp, Summer VBS, at the Amana Church.

One volunteer told us, "I could not believe how many cookies we had.... Really every year I think 'can we pull this off?' and this year it was just amazing how many cookies and candies came in and they were all beautiful! A big thank you to the cookie bakers!"

With items donated by local woodworkers and craftspeople, holiday wares and gifts, antiques and so many lovely finds, the Bazaar was filled with Christmas treasures. "This was one of the best weekends, we've had," said Carmen Grimm. She and Jane Krauss co-chaired the event. "Friday especially was a good day for us."

"Santa's here!" exclaimed more than one very eager child at the Tannenbaum Forest this weekend. So many kids and their parents came to see Santa the line wrapped around and through the trees. Santa is coming back to the Forest too. See story below.

"I come for the fudge," said one visitor from Des Moines on Thursday morning. We met on the sidewalk outside of the Millstream Brau Haus after he and his wife had lunch at the restaurant. "I know that sounds nutty, but I love fudge!" The fudge-lover confessed that he bought fudge in the shops and also made sure he got plenty of fudge at the Cookie Walk. "Well, I also buy bacon while I'm here. I should say that. Amana bacon is the best."

Santa News Flash: He's Back.

Thursday Santa Parades in Village of Amana Coming to T Forest too!

Hey, Santa is coming to town in style. On Thursday, Dec. 7 Santa will get on his sleight at the Compass Amana Family Medical Clinic, downtown Amana, and then he will parade through the streets of the village of Amana. Yes, if you live in town be ready with the porch lights on – or watch for him to come down your street. If you live in another village, please come to town to see Santa. He'll be making stops enroute to greet kids!

Santa will also be seated in his sleigh at the Tannenbaum Forest on Friday from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 – 3:30 p.m. A live reindeer will be at the Tannenbaum Forest weather permitting from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Also on Saturday and Sunday the Amana Arts Guild is providing a pick up and make at home holiday craft for kids at the Tannenbaum Forest.

Second Weekend for TKM "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play"

We've heard from locals who've seen TKM's holiday show at the Amana Performing Arts Center, "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" by Joe Landry.

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matter how good or bad we were. Most of us just held to the motto “get it over with.”

One time, we had letter cards that spelled out “Christmas.” This part of the program began with “C” is for the Christ child born upon this day, “H” for the herald angels in the sky, “R” is for our Redeemer, “I” for Israel, “S” for the star that shown so bright, “T” was for the three wise men who traveled far. Beyond that, I do not remember what “M,” “A,” or “S” stood for.

Following are part of the program, came the quartet of men: Theo Kippenhan, Willie Dittrich, Louis Clemens and Carl Selzer, who sat around a table and sang some songs in German which we kids could not understand. Nor did we really care to understand because we were waiting for the man dressed in red.

Naturally, we had to sing “Jingle Bells” to get Santa Claus to come tromping through the door. We had to sing the song two or three times so that he could hear us. We children figured that he was either old, hard of hearing, or at the North Pole and so far away that we had to shout!

Eventually there was this loud thumping of his cane and in he walked., Oddly enough, he had a rather old-fashioned suit on, not at all like the ones that Santa wore in the stores in Cedar Rapids. He also carried a feed sack or two. Even though he wore glasses, he usually had trouble reading the names on the packages that were produced from the bags, so some adults helped. It was agony waiting to have your name called! You knew that you had been good all the time, however, especially when you had to share with your siblings. Sometimes, in my little black heart, I sort of hoped some mean bully would get the dreaded chunk of coal. Of course, I would be kind and benevolent as he sobbed, but secretly, I would cheer.

When all was over and done, as far as the gifts were concerned, Santa would leave and the ladies would bring out the Christmas cookies, ice cream and punch. One year we even had ice cream that had a green Christmas tree inside the vanilla. Wow! Naturally, all the children had a sugar high and were loud. The parents wanted to get them home and into bed as soon as possible.

B.S.H.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who embroidered, canned, baked, made candy, cross stitched, used a lathe, crocheted, sewed, etc., etc.

Thank you to those that volunteered their time to set up, organize, help shoppers, monitor, wrap, hand out tickets, accept payments, put tables away, vacuum, and generally restore order to the Amana meeting house.

The Amana Church’s annual Christmas Bazaar and Cookie Walk were record-breaking events making over \$8,000 for our children’s ministries.

And a special thank you to those from near and far who shopped at our events.

**Amana Area Fellowship
Family Christmas Dinner**

Please join us for a Christmas Celebration: Christmas meal, Christmas carols, and a short devotional.
All to celebrate the birth of Christ! Thursday, December 14, 2023 in the Amana Performing Arts Center 6:00 P.M. Main dish will be provided.
See sign-up details for sides and desserts at www.amanaareafellowship.org and on Facebook

SANDERSFELD FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Shawn Sandersfeld family invites you to join them in celebrating Christ at the Sandersfeld Family Music Ministry Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 21, 2023. 6:30 pm at the Amana Performing Arts Center (Old Creamery Theatre building). In-clement weather date will be Friday, December 22.

Enjoy unique arrangements of contemporary and traditional Christmas carols performed by the family on piano, guitar, bells, marimba and more. The concert is free, with a free will offering available.

Safe Haven Waffle Breakfast

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And their response has been “two thumbs up.”

“It’s so much fun! I loved it,” said a guest from Friday night’s show.

“Yes, yes, yes. This is what I’ve missed with COVID and all... going to the theatre for a wonderful Christmas show and this one is so heart felt and well done. I was really impressed with the whole thing. I can definitely recommend it. Yes, go see it!” said a Sunday matinee guest.

Receive a big dose of holiday cheer by seeing the show this weekend as it continues Dec. 8 – 10 with shows on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. To reserve tickets email Deb Kennedy at deborahkennedy@live.com or check the TKM Theatrical Productions Facebook page for the link to online purchases.

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**AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT (ACLUD)
Notice of Board of Trustees Meeting and Tentative
Agenda December 11, 2023 – 7:00 pm
ACLUD 4304 220th Trail Amana & via ZOOM link**

I. Call Meeting to Order

II. Set Agenda

III. Review/Approve the November 13, 2023 BOT Meeting Minutes.

IV. Welcome visitors and allow citizens to speak on items not on the agenda.

V. Discussion/Action on the following permit applications in Historic Preservation Zoning Districts:

a. 2023-127. Amana Colonies Historic Sites Foundation/ 609 7th Ave West Amana/ HP-A / Rezoning request. Change Opah’s Tractor Barn Museum parcel from HP-A to HP-R so that the historic barn has potential of being converted into residential property.

b. 2023-069. Al Brower / 5209 E St East Amana/ HP-R / GRANT APPLICATION / Scrape / prime / paint old shed and lean to in back yard. No permit needed just grant approval. This grant was approved by the BOT at their August 14, 2023 meeting. Administrator has viewed finished project, taken photos and received copies of their final invoicing. Value of the grant will be \$1363 (75% of original estimate of \$1817).

VI. Other Business.

a. Discussion/Action:

VII. Review/Approve December Disbursements Report.

VIII. Review/Approve the November Treasurer’s Report.

IX. President’s Report.

X. Administrator’s Report.

XI. Adjourn.

REMINDER WHEN USING THE
AMANA COLONIES TRAIL:

The gates on the trail along the Millrace are closed with this wet weather and will likely remained closed with temperatures above freezing. Your help in keeping bikes off that section of the trail when the gates are closed would be greatly appreciated.

We would also like to remind everyone that no motorized vehicles should be accessing the trail. Vehicles can cause damage to the bridge planks and the trails surface. Please be respectful and keep all motorized vehicles off all sections of the trail in all weather.

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Dear Library Patron,

The library provides many services to our patrons including various quality reading materials, computer and internet access, special programs, and much more. Your donations enable us to expand and maintain these services. This year we would like to honor long-time Library Advisory Board member Terry Roemig and her immeasurable impact on our library community. With Terry's passing the library will designate the dollars raised this year to purchase a special bookshelf and books as a tribute to her love of reading and her love of sharing reading with others. Her wisdom, kindness, sense of humor, and generosity will be greatly missed!

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