

## 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.

**New Year's Eve Service**, Thursday December 31, 2020 starting at 6:30 p.m. with Elder Betsy Momany presiding.

Opening hymn: "Wir danken Gott" No. 1120, vs 1-4, Seite 1099 (unten geschrieben)

Testimony: Christian Metz, On the Ship New York, October 14. 1842; Johann Friedrich Rock, Ronneburg, June 16, 1748

Scripture: Romans 8:18-39  
Isaiah 53

Closing Hymn: "We praise the Lord," No 28, vs 1, 3, 10-12

### 1120

1. Wir danken Gott and rühmen seinen Namen, Er ist der Herr und Keiner mehr; aus großer Lieb' denkt Er an seinen, Samen Ihm, Ihm allein gebührt die Ehr'!

2. Du hast, o Herr! uns gnädig angesehen, die wir so arm und so gering. Wie kann ein Mensch vor solchem Gott bestehen? Du großer Schöpfer aller Ding'!

3. Du bist wahrhaftig ewig fest gegrübdet, dein Reich ist Unvergänglichkeit: von deiner Lieb' ist auch mein Herz entzündet; mach' uns zu deinem Lob bereit.

4. Das Stammlende will, Herr, dein Lob besingen; es müsse hoch erhaben; seyn der große Gott, was Er thut durch Geringen; Er kehrt bei keinem Stolzen ein.

**New Year's Day Service** Friday January 1, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. with Elder Emilie Hoppe presiding.

Opening Hymn: The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away, No. 231

Testimony: J. F. Rock, Himbach, January 1, 1738  
Scripture: Isaiah 61  
Psalm 67

Closing Hymn: The Morning Sun is Brightly Beaming, No. 274

Regular **Sunday Service** will be in Middle Sunday, March 22, 2020, starting at 10:00 AM with Elder Jon Childers presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Ich sing' ein Lied von dieser Zeit" (v. 1-3) No. 483, Seite 478 (unten geschrieben)

Testimony: Michael Krausert, Strassburg, Sept 11, 1817

Scripture Romans 12:1-16  
Psalm: 51:10-13

Closing Hymn: This Song is for the Fleeting Days (4-6) No. 4

### 483

1. Ich sing' ein Lied von dieser Zeit, die fleucht gleich wie ein Pfeil. Ach schaffe deine Seligkeit, o meine Seel'! in Eil'.

2. Es flieh'n die Lebensjahre hin und meiner Tage Zahl; bedenke dies in deinem Sinn, mein Herz viel tausendmal!

3. Was hat gelebt, lebt nun nicht mehr; es wechselt sich die Zeit: eh' man's versieht, so kommt herbei die lange Ewigkeit.

**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 SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 6:00 p.m. Monday, January 04, 2020 in the Amana Sanitary lift station.

## AMANA RETIREMENT COMMUNITY HOSTING FOOD DRIVE

Amana Retirement Community is once again hosting a food drive for the Iowa County Food Bank and local families in need. They will be collecting non-perishable food items from now until the end of January. Donation receptacles are located inside the main entry doors of Colonial Manor.

If you have any questions, please contact Joey at 319-622-3131

## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### Grants total \$7 Million for Iowa Arts and Culture Amana Groups Receive Support

It's been a hard year for Iowa arts and cultural groups as the COVID-19 pandemic led to closings, cancelled shows, lay-offs and the loss of sales, admissions and donations.

The arts/ cultural sector accounts for nearly 3 percent of Iowa's gross product and 42,000 jobs in the state, according to the US Bureau of Economic Analysis. Iowa has more than 350 arts and cultural groups ranging in size from 1 employee to 120 full and part-time employees. These groups generate multi-millions in revenue annually and support the economic vitality of the communities they serve, not to mention the enrichment programs they provide.

Hence the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs awarded \$7 million to Iowa nonprofit museums, theatres, music venues, arts events and arts groups last week.

In all 267 organizations and 152 individual artists in more than 100 communities across the state received one-time grants funded by the CARES Act and administered via the Iowa Arts Council. These grants must be used to make up financial losses suffered between March 1 and Dec. 30. Paying bills, paying utilities, making payroll for their downsized staffs and getting through the next few months were the top priorities noted by groups that applied for the grants.

Among those receiving grants were 3 Iowa County groups: The Amana Heritage Museum, the Amana Arts Guild and the Amana Colonies Historical Sites Foundation. The Amana Heritage Museum received \$33,200; the Amana Arts Guild received \$2,500 and the Historical Sites Foundation received a \$5,000 grant award. No other group in Iowa County received a grant.

This was a highly competitive grant process with 75 percent of those non-profit organizations who applied receiving a grant. The average grant size was just over \$25,000. To receive a grant, the non profit groups had to apply prior to the deadline, Dec. 11, 2020 and submit details about their budget, their 2020 income, the impact of the pandemic, their programming and goals.

Notably the Old Creamery Theatre Co. is not on the list for those groups who were awarded a grant. To see the complete list go to [iowaculture.gov](http://iowaculture.gov).

Nineteen Linn County area groups received grants including: Orchestra Iowa \$175,000; Revival Theatre Co. \$9,000; SPT Theatre Co. \$5,000; the History Center \$27,000; Theatre Cedar Rapids \$142,200, the National Czech and Slovak Museum \$84,500; Giving Tree Theatre \$10,000; the CR Choral Association \$3,000; Dows Arts Center \$13,700; and Brucemore \$34,000.

Fifteen Johnson County groups were awarded grants including: Hancher Auditorium \$64,500; Riverside Theatre \$15,300; The Quire \$2,500; Summer of the Arts \$22,400; FilmScene \$59,500; Gabe's Live Music Venue \$23,800; the Englert Theatre \$62,000; the Johnson County Historical Society, \$5,000 and the Coralville Center for the Performing Arts \$42,000.

## FEATHERS IN THE WIND

I am on a quest beginning 2021. This coming year I've decided that to try and get as many stories about people and places that have had connections to the Colonies over the years.

A good example are those two brick houses built directly South of Homestead. They look like houses that are made and styled like the Amana homes, but to whom did they belong to and why were they built next to each other South of town?

Then there is the story of the man and woman who lived North of Middle. The woman was known to take a wheel barrow down to the general store in Middle on a regular basis to buy beer, among other things. What did the man do? What was their story?

People are known to be friends with the

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## AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT Historic Preservation Commission Minutes of the Regular Meeting December 28, 2020 via Zoom

An in-person meeting is not possible due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and the small size of the ACLUD meeting room, which does not provide enough room to maintain social distance between those attending.

I. Call Meeting to Order. Chair Betsy Momany called the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m. Present: B. Momany, Jeff Conquest, Peter Hoehnle, Alex Momany, and Administrator Elly Hoehnle. Also present were member of the public. Absent: Elisha Presson-TePoel.

II. Set/Amend Agenda. Motion to set the agenda by Conquest, second by P. Hoehnle. The agenda is set as presented.

III. Review/approve the November meeting minutes. Motion by A. Momany, second by Conquest to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

IV. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair. Motion by Conquest, second by P. Hoehnle, to table until the January meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

V. Other Business.

a. Discussion: Feedback from the Trustees regarding fence ordinance amendment. The Administrator will make changes to the proposed ordinance amendment, pursuant to BOT discussion.

b. Discussion: Feedback from the Trustees regarding egress windows. The Administrator will prepare proposed guidelines, pursuant to BOT discussion.

c. Discussion: proposed design guidelines for basement window wells. The Administrator will prepare proposed guidelines, pursuant to HPC and BOT discussions.

d. Discussion: possible rezoning a parcel of land from ACOS-NA to HP-I. The Administrator updated HPC members on the possible rezoning of land south of the mill race.

e. Discussion: 2021 meeting days and times. Dates were discussed. No changes were requested.

VI. Report from Chair.

a. HPC members are encouraged to look at information received regarding historic preservation awards and think about possible nominations we could make.

b. Ordinance review has been sidetracked in the past few months. It is important that the review be completed. After discussion, Commissioners set the January meeting as a work session, preceded by a short business meeting.

VII. Administrator's 2020 Report. The CLG report is upcoming. A short discussion on the specifics of the report may need to be held at the January meeting. The Administrator will forward her 2020 report to all HPC members.

VIII. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn by P. Hoehnle, second by A. Momany. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

## OBITUARY

Henry J. Meyer, age 93, of Amana, died December 26, 2020 at The Gardens of Cedar Rapids. A graveside service with military honors will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, December 31, 2020 at the Amana Cemetery, Amana with Elder Alan Trumpold officiating. Memorials may be contributed to the Amana Society Church, Amana Kolonieweg Amana Colonies Trail, in care of Henry Meyer, P.O. Box 202 Amana, IA. 52203. Masks and social distancing will be required at the service. Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo is assisting the family with arrangements.

Henry is survived by his wife of 75 years Mildred Meyer, son Tim Meyer (Pam Goschke) of Amana; two grandchildren, Wayne Gregg of Amana, and Dr. Kim Park Nelson (Peter Park Nelson) of Minneapolis. One great-granddaughter, Paige Gregg of Oxford; and two great-great-grandchildren, Jaxon and Kinslie Boyce of Oxford. A sister-in-law, Blanche Meyer of Texas; three nieces, Nancy (Gary) Armbrister of Dallas, TX., Peggy (Les) Roemig of Middle Amana, Wendy (Eckhard) Ziegler of Iowa City; a nephew Les (Linda) Ackerman of South Amana, and many great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter Cynthia Gregg, a brother Harold Meyer, a sister Louisa Meyer Ackerman, a brother-in-law Harry Ackerman, a sister-in-law Rosa Ackerman, and two nieces, Judy Ackerman Tarvin and Ruth-Ann Meyer Nicholson.

Henry was born January 25, 1927 in Amana, Iowa to Fred H. Meyer and Marie Zimmerman Meyer. Following graduation from Amana High School in 1945, Henry entered the Army serving at Fort McClellan in Alabama, a Staff Sergeant in an infantry replacement center. On October 25, 1945, Henry married Mildred Ackerman of South Amana. Following his military discharge in 1946, the couple moved back to Amana where Henry was hired in the purchasing department of Amana Refrigeration. Henry retired from Amana Refrigeration in 1991 serving as CEO for 10 years, and head of Raytheon's Appliance Group, a remarkable career of 45 years. Henry was greatly admired and respected by fellow CEOs and other business leaders across Iowa and the nation. More importantly he was respected by all those employees who worked for him in Amana, and he appreciated each one of them.

Henry was very active in his community, playing for the town baseball team, the Amana Freezers, Life member of the Amana Church Society, long time Sunday School teacher, Amana School Board member, Amana Bike Trail and other service organizations. He served on many state economic boards, including the Governor's Council of Economic Development, and the University of Iowa's Tippie Business College. He was also very involved with the University of Iowa's athletic programs, through special events such as the Amana V.I.P. golf tournaments and basketball tournaments that supported both Men's and Women's athletics. He was the driving force behind the concept and creation of the Amana Kolonieweg Trail that has benefited so many since its groundbreaking in 1998. Henry and Mildred spent many winters in their retirement home in Ft. Myers Florida, where they enjoyed the warm weather and Henry was able to play many rounds of golf, which he greatly enjoyed.

Henry was a kind and gentle man who loved his family deeply and was greatly respected by all who knew him.

The family of Henry Meyer would like to thank the staff of The Gardens of Cedar Rapids for their compassionate care these past three years, and Hospice of Mercy for their assistance. Online condolences: [www.klosterfuneralhome.com](http://www.klosterfuneralhome.com)

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## VETERANS' ECHE

## Marching forward to 2021

Wow, where would one even begin (or want) to recap this past year. The year 2020 brought about trials and tribulations to everyone, not only individually, but also collectively as a whole. I detest election years in general, but for us to continue to be barraged with negativity from everything ranging from COVID-19 and riots, to Murder Hornets and non-stop telemarketers overly concerned about our vehicle warranty or who we were voting for. I, for one, am grateful to be gingerly stepping into the next year (albeit cautiously so). I know I am in good company with that statement as well.

I know with the New Year, many folks make plans for change. I myself am a big fan of goals. In years past I've had goals have ranged from overly complicated (such as reorganizing all the closets/ basement) and losing 40lbs, to as simple as to just being kinder to myself. Quite frequently, I forget these goals as quickly as I make them.

This year I choose to keep things simple. During this year, I realized how much I allowed negativity to cause me pain and sorrow. Many times the negativity came from outside sources, to which I had no control over (or so I thought). And let's face it, stress kills. It causes issues with every aspect of our lives if we allow it to. As the year staggered on, I began to cut things out that were causing stress. I cut out looking at the news. I unfollowed folks (temporarily) that seemed to promote/antagonized ill feelings amongst neighbors and friends. With the revelation that life continues to march on, and that (no matter what), we will continue to move forward.

This year, I choose to continue that self-care/self-love. I choose to allow myself to not focus on the negative, but also not allow it to trickle into my life. There is nothing wrong with setting those boundaries for yourself, even if that means cutting toxic behavior out. At the end of the day, I always refer back to a statement from Franklyn Covey's "7 Habits of Highly Successful people". There is circle of control and a circle of concern. The circle of concern encompasses everything that provides stress/concern that we deal with and face. The other only has one word in it. That would be "You". That is truly the only thing you have control over, how "You" respond to everything that you face in your life.

The one thing that we know moving forward is that life will continue to throw curve balls our way. Life does not have a habit of letting us know when emergencies/trauma/tribulations are going to happen. Ironically, from my experience, life-changing events happen on a random Tuesday afternoon out of the blue. This is why being kind to yourself is important. Developing those skills now, will help you maintain those skills when times are tough. Give yourself grace to take time to heal from the wounds of this year. Everyone suffered "loss" this year. What that loss may look like will differ from person to person, but everyone suffered from loss nonetheless.

Our doors are open, we encourage veterans to contact our office and schedule an appointment. Benefits and information from the VA is changing all the time with COVID, so we look forward to seeing you soon. Please contact our office at 319-642-3925 or email [jolson@co.iowa.ia.us](mailto:jolson@co.iowa.ia.us). This is a part time office so office hours can/do vary, so we recommend contacting our office in advance.

Jennifer Olson, Director  
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## Feathers from page 1

Meskwaki from Tama, but who were they and what kind of stories did they tell?

There are stories of students going to Williamsburg, Marengo and Oxford (?) after the 1932 change. My Uncle, cousin, and mother all went to other schools and told stories about "those days." These three happened to live with their families while at their schools, but many of the other students came back to the "new" high school.

I would like to hear the impressions they had of "the outside world."

I especially would like to hear the stories people remember hearing during the war years,

While I'm at it what about the war brides, the people who moved into the Colonies in the '40's, '50's and '60's.

What was it like joining the community, church, or even building a new house?

What would some of the names of fields, roads, woods have been when you were growing up? What was the allure of going roller skating in Williamsburg or dancing in Swisher, or the drive-in at Cedar Rapids?

These are all things I would like to know and compile either for the "Bulletin" and /or the Amana Heritage Museum. It will be interesting for all of us.

Please mail answers/stories to:

Barbara Hoehnle

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## WINTERFEST

Break out your winter coat for Winterfest in Amana Colonies on Saturday, January 23rd. There is an authentic experience waiting for all ages during this seasonal celebration; music, winter games, beard contest, and FUN!

The event starts with the first-ever Winterfest parade at 10am with the theme of "Frozen in Time". The Amana Colonies Fire Department will be offering their open fire chili at the Market Barn area in conjunction with the Winterfest games beginning at 11am.

The Winterfest games included the Ham Put, Wreath Toss, Turkey Bowling and Snow Ball throwing. The annual Beard Contest will be taking place at 1pm. After the games, you can head to the new Hotel Millwright for their "Up to sNOW Good Party" featuring music, food, and beverages. There is no admission charge.

The annual Winterfest Wine and Beer Walk will take place from 11am-4pm. There is a \$3 fee to participate and you must be 21 years of age or older.

Learn to play Kubbb, an ancient Swedish yard game, at Millstream Brewery from 10am to 4pm. The Winterfest Scavenger Hunt is sponsored by the Amana Heritage Society and will feature both an indoor and outdoor version.

In the evening, have a great meal at the Ox Yoke Inn's Wine and Dine; a 5-course meal with wine pairing from White Cross Cellars.

Please note, activities are subject to change in the event of inclement weather or COVID Restrictions. Masks are required at all events and social distancing is recommended.