

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 by the church for radio transmission.

The Amana Church Covenant Service, Thursday November 26, 2020 starting at 10:00 a.m. with Elder Mike Shoup presiding.

Opening Hymn: "I Leave All Things to God's Direction" No. 186 vs 1,4,5

Testimony: Christian Metz, Engelthal, October 14, 1835 (Excerpts)

Hymn: "Because I Know the Lord" No. 95 vs 1, 2, 5
Scripture: 1 John 4: 7 – 21

Psalms 131 & 133

Closing Hymn: "How Can I Thank the Lord" No. 121 vs 1, 5, 8

The Amana Church Sunday Service, November 29, 2020 starting at 10:00 a.m. with Elder Jon Childers presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Rejoice, Ye Hosts of Righteousness" No. 19 v. 1-5

Testimony: Ursula Mayer, Ronneburg, March 28th, 1717

Scripture: Romans 13:11-12,
John 1:9-14

Closing Hymn: "Rejoice, Ye Hosts of Righteousness" No. 19 v. 6-9

Join us on Facebook Live at 7:00PM on Sunday, November 29th for our Advent Evening Service. The service will include selected verses and readings, as well as familiar carols for you to sing along at home (or in your car if you want to come to the church and listen on the radio). We hope you can join us Sunday evening to begin our celebration of the Christmas Season. Elder Tony Berger presiding.

AMANA SOCIETY SERVICE DEPT. HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving

CLOSED – November 26 & 27, 2020

Christmas

CLOSED – December 24 & 25, 2020

New Years

CLOSED – January 1, 2021

In case of an emergency you can reach us at our 24-7 emergency line at 319-622-3052.

Have a safe and happy Holiday Season!

NEW GATES ON THE TRAIL

Gates have been installed on the Millrace section of the Trail that will be temporarily closed in extremely wet weather and during the spring thaw to avoid the deep ruts that bikes can cause. Your help in keeping bikes off the trail when the gates are closed would be greatly appreciated.

AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Notice and Tentative Agenda for the Regular Meeting November 30, 2020, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

An in-person meeting is not possible due to Covid-19. I. Call Meeting to Order.

II. Set/Amend Agenda

III. Review/approve the September meeting minutes

IV. Other Business.

- a. Fence subcommittee recommendations
- b. Guidelines for historic basement window wells/
guidelines for egress windows

V. Adjourn.

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.

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Thankful for the Amana Community Chest Support for Local Groups

This Amana institution has been around since the 1950's and its distinctive lily pad logo is a symbol of the Amana can-do spirit.

While the Amana Colonies are not incorporated as a city, nor do we have a Lions Club or a Rotary chapter, we do have ways of getting things accomplished. The Amana Community Chest, a nonprofit group that organizes an annual letter-writing campaign to raise funds from colony residents is one of them. Each year the Amana Community Chest collects and distributes money to the Amana Cub Scouts, Boys Scouts, the Amana First Responders, the Red Cross, the Amana Community library, the Amana Sandlot Baseball team, the Amana Colonies Trails, Inc. The Amana Heritage Society, the Amana Swimming Pool fund and other causes and nonprofit groups with an emphasis on community improvement, children and youth enrichment and lending your neighbor a helping hand.

Additionally the AC Community Chest assists Amana Colony neighbors in need. If a colony family or individual has an emergency situation or is in need of assistance to buy medicine, a needed home repair, warm winter clothing, eyeglasses, medicine they cannot afford, they can apply anonymously by contacting a board member (see list below) or having a friend or advocate contact the Community Chest for help. Health care advocates, teachers and social workers may also apply on behalf of a child, family or individual who needs help with a situation or specific bill. In the past the Amana Community Chest has matched HACAP housing repair funding, paid for eyeglasses, helped provide boots and warm coats, helped families after fires and other emergencies.

This year, more than ever, donations are needed as there are local families in need and because our local groups were unable to do their normal, annual fundraising as events were curtailed or cancelled due to COVID-19.

This year please consider making a larger donation to the Amana Community Chest to assist our local community groups.

To do so send donations to the Amana Community Chest, PO Box 161, Amana IA 52203.

AC Board members are: John Zuber, Ben Macumber, Lisa McGrath, Gretchen Muhlenbruck, Tara Childers, Susan Macumber, Micah Venema.

With a Smile, a Chuckle and Hopefully a Sense of Humor, Here are Ten Things to be Thankful for in 2020

In future when they write books on the year 2020, and they will, we will by then have gained some perspective, we hope, on this year.

Covid-19 and its impacts, the derrecho and the election, have created their own unique stresses, while here at home the curtailing of normal, everyday things like family dinners, vacations, holiday events, the school calendar, local tourism plus the huge upheaval caused by interruptions and changes to the way we see friends, work, educate kids, shop, dine out and entertain ourselves have been challenging. But here are a few things that we may be thankful for in 2020:

1) Television. How else would we know that somewhere in the rollicking west is a beautiful yet frightening place called the Yellowstone Ranch where Kevin Costner rules with an iron will, a few choice words (very few) and a branding iron. Oh, I know it's not real, but it feels real and this year that is enough.

2) Books. While some of us have had to resort to standing outside the windows of the Williamsburg Public Library and pointing to books we see on the shelves so that the librarian can pull them for us and bring them out to the foyer (true story my friends) while others of us have taken to begging for new books at the fourway stop by Caseys (I heard of a local who got a Ken Follett novel from a passing truck driver) books have literally saved some of us from self-harm.

3) Dr. Fauci. Yes, before last March none of us had heard of this wizened, little gray-haired man with the sincere smile, warm eyes and helpful way of explaining how to avoid death, but here he is now

and we are grateful for him.

4) Zoom. A year ago we had no idea what Zoom was and now we run half the world on Zoom. And zooming terms and phrases like "Umute! (You idiot)" "Hit the mute" "Who is hosting the Zoom?" and "The cat has stopped the video feed," are part of our conversations.

5) Facemasks. Ok, I confess I've always had a very slight aversion to seeing people's teeth so I'm actually ok with facemasks but this constant pressure to have a pretty facemask or at least an interesting facemask is tough. Where are people getting these nifty facemasks? When I shop on Amazon all that pops up are the huge, black masks that make me look like an aging and very tall Ninja. I had to take up sewing to supplement my supply.

6) New hobbies. I took up sewing this year (or sewing has taken up me not sure which) but it appears new hobbies are popular. Here are some good ones people are trying: Lego architectural wonders construction, polish sausage making, political punditry, posing as a well known works of art, dressing up ones pet, backwoods cookery and competition drinking. I hope to try the jazz trombone although I don't read music well, have never played a brass instrument and have never really liked jazz, but then now is the hour.

7) Cup holders. Since we have started eating so many meals in our car (we would dine outside but last week my chick-filet sandwich flew to Dubuque with a gale force wind) I have come to really value my cupholders. Now I wish for a sort of "meal tray" that would flip down where my glove compartment door is so that my salad has a place to sit while I try to open those pesky dressing packets. Cars of the future will all have to have those dining trays (which we used to have up until the 1970's when they took them out of cars in favor of molded plastic dashboards).

8) The Governor's rules. Thank goodness for
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FEATHERS IN THE WIND

I never thought it would come to this after all it was me who said I was not vain and knew my faults only too well.

When the chemo treatments began I knew I would lose my hair... perhaps not as quickly as I did (with a very first treatment).

I was resigned to it and determined to go on. Wendy got me turbans, Emilie and Nola directed me to places for wigs and Charlemagne loved me despite the baldness and lack of taste I had for any food.

We just went on figuring that God had a plan and it would soon be over.

Well the taste buds came back (most of them) and my hair slowly returned - not in any different color, but the same old grey it has been for years.

The problem is that it is very fine thin and not at all curly or even having anybody at all.

If you remember me from years ago you will remember my hair was always curly almost kinky and I would keep trying to somehow straighten it out.

The good thing was I never had a permanent and could simply wash and dry my hair without any fuss. I never learned how to roll up hair much less style it.

Now here I am with baby fine hair and having no idea what to do next.

My expensive wig doesn't fit correctly and I need some sort of haircut but I am just plain scared to do anything because I don't know what would be right.

Luckily Cheri Rieskamp gave me her mother's caps/hats that I now use when I go out.

Ah, such is life, there are more important things in life. We will soon have a new president, a vaccine for Covid, a new year and perhaps a new start.

It goes to show how one never seems to appreciate the little things we all take for granted. We all just assume that our parents will always be around, our friends will grow old with us, that the rain will not turn into a flood, that the wind will not blow over that tree across the street because it has been standing there ever since we can remember.

It is so hard to be driving along in a car when your good friend asks about a friend you of yours and you suddenly look at one another I want to realize that person died a few years ago.

We all take things for granted especially during the holidays when we recall old traditions, friends, etc. It brings a huge lump to one's throat and you want to call back those times and tell people how much you love them, or look at some thing and truly appreciate it.

There are times I want to hit myself for being so nonchalant or unfeeling. These are times I quite literally beg God's forgiveness as I cry my sorrow out.

Oh, how I long for days gone by but the knowledge of what will happen surely I don't want to go through the illness, pain, destruction and all that but I do so long to see and talk to my friends and especially family again.

Perhaps having experienced this horrible worldwide epidemic has made people like me grateful for the things I have and tell people how much I truly care about them.

B.S.H.

Historic communal kitchen for sale at 111 220th Trl, South Amana.



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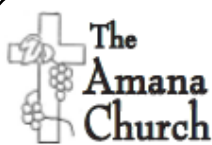
BLOOD DRIVE

Please mark your calendar for a 2 day Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center Blood Drive at the Amana Library, on Tuesday, December 15; 1:30-5:30 and Thursday, December 17; 2:30-6:30.

To sign up call 319-622-3192 or amanalibrary@ccaschools.org.

The Blood Drive sponsored by the Amana Library was a big success! We collected 27 units! 21 Whole Blood and 6 Double Red Cell. We even had one first time donor. Spectacular! Altogether, the drive will help up to 108 patients! We also qualified for the Lifesaving grant.

Let's RALLY, before the Holidays, and fill those Blood Banks!



Holiday 2020 Worship & Events
Covenant Worship Service

Thanksgiving Day, Thurs. Nov. 26 at 10 a.m.

in AMANA In-Person and on Facebook Live. COVID-19 precautions in place

Prelude to Christmas Cookie Club

While we can't have our Christmas Bazaar and Cookie Walk this year, we are hosting a Christmas Cookie Club! Donate to the church's youth ministry and receive 2 or 4 doz. of assorted, pre-packed candies, cookies and treats on Dec. 5, 2020. Or opt not to collect your cookies and have them donated to others who need a lift in spirits and sweet joy. Donate a bit more and receive a chance to win a GOLDEN ticket - the winning ticket holder will be able to choose for themselves, 2 big boxes of cookies before the doors open to the Cookie Walk in 2021. Go to our Amana Church webpage www.amanachurch.com look for the "Cookie Walk Store" to make your donation! Please donate before Thanksgiving.

Then plan to pick up your box of assorted treats on Prelude Saturday, Dec. 5, 10 - noon.

*Are you baking for the cookie club? Please have your cookies/treats at the church before Fri. Dec. 4, 9 a.m.

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the governor's rules because life isn't challenging enough so issuing rules and suspending rules week by week is fun for us. For example I was just informed that I can now order a "carryout cocktail" from any restaurant that does most of its sales in food. So in Iowa now you may order a gin ricky or a Cosmo which will be brought in a paper cup with a lid to you in your car as you wait, breathlessly, in their parking lot. This is the life people! Will this work at a McDonald's, I wonder?

9) School teachers and school administrators. On any given day they have to prepare in- person, on-line and out-of-body classroom experiences. Sometimes they have to do all three. I appreciate our teachers very much.

10) Kids. The one and only population group that has not whined, complained, argued or yelled (on line or otherwise) are the people on this planet under the age of 17. They are getting gyped out of Halloween parties, Little League games, sleep-overs and prom. Now Santa is going to be available only via YouTube, Oma and Opa can't come play blocks, no one can blow out birthday candles and their teacher is masked up like Zorro. Do they complain? Heck no. Kids are resilient and much more adaptable than adults.

11) Neighbors and friends. We all miss our families, especially those who live beyond a car drive. We all miss our jobs as they used to be. We all miss our routines. Thank God for friends who take the time to phone, neighbors who pick up your groceries, friends who help you clean up after the derecho. In a few short months we will look back at this time and wonder a bit, shake our heads and hope and pray we never, ever have to go through something like this again. But if we do, I hope we go through it together for Amana is a good place to spend a pandemic. Mask up people and hang on spring 2021 is almost here.

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..

Contact information.....Carmen Grimm
 Phone/text 319-389-3694
 Email carmen.grimm@gmail.com

THANK YOU

Our sincerest thanks to the citizens of the Amana Colonies who helped support our campaign this past year. We are grateful for your votes! We will do our very best to help the Amanas as well as all citizens and taxpayers of Iowa County meet their needs going forward.

Alan Schumacher and Abigail Maas

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.

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TANNENBAUM FOREST OPENS November 27-December 20

Welcome the winter season on November 27th with the Tannenbaum Forest in the Amana. This year's celebration will feature a stroll through the Forest where over 40 Christmas trees decorated by local businesses, a beautiful nativity, and a 17' tall German style Christmas pyramid. A free-will donation of \$3.00 is encouraged. Proceeds of the forest benefit The University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital.

The Tannenbaum Forest is open, weather permitting, each Friday through Sunday, November 27th-December 20th, with weekday openings for groups available by appointment. Masks are required and due to COVID Restrictions a maximum of 15 visitors will be allowed in the Forest at any one time.

Prelude to Christmas/Children's Weekend

We will celebrate the 35th Prelude to Christmas December 4th-6th. Prelude to Christmas features music, food sampling, a scavenger hunt, a Vintner's Dinner, and specials in many of the shops along with decorate streets and a great holiday atmosphere.

Children's Weekend December 12th-13th features specials including a chance to see one of Santa's reindeer at the Festhalle on Saturday, Dec 12th.

Call the Amana Colonies Visitors Center at 319-622-7622 for more information and full scheduling for Tannenbaum Forest and Prelude to Christmas in the Amana Colonies, or visit festivalsinamana.com.