

## AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, August 11, 2024 starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Betsy Momany presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Bewege dich nicht" No. 94 v. 1, 6, 15-18 Seite

Testimony: Johann Friedrich Rock, Himbach, August 4, 1736

Scripture: Luke 5:1-11

Psalm 65

Closing Hymn: "Höret doch, ihr lieben Seelen!" No. 435 v. 1, 5-7 Seite 432

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

Opening Hymn: "Oh, be not dismayed" No. 9

Closing Hymn: "Hark, dear souls, do listen closely" No. 100

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

Visitors are welcome to join us in worship at all Amana Church Services. Childcare is available during Sunday's 10:00 A.M. Service.

Links to services posted online may be found at: <https://amanachurch.com/category/podcast/>

## LIBRARY NEWS

The Amana Library added the following to their catalog. To reserve or put a book on hold call 319-622-3192.

*A Calamity of Souls* by David Baldacci

*Redwood Court* by Delana Dameron

*First Lie Wins* by Ashley Elston

*Anita de Monte Laughs Last*

by Xochitl Gonzalez

*The Women* by Kristin Hannah

*Funny Story* by Emily Henry

*Swan Song* by Elin Hilderbrand

*Daughter of Mine* by Megan Miranda

*Crosshairs* by James Patterson

*Holmes, Marple & Poe* by James Patterson

*Go As a River* by Shelley Read

*Mind Games* by Nora Roberts

*Truth About the Devlins* by Lisa Scottoline

*Expiration Dates* by Rebecca Serle

*All the Days of Summer* by Nancy Thayer

*One Perfect Couple* by Ruth Ware

*Comfort of Ghosts* by Jaqueline Winspear

## FEATHERS IN THE WIND

It is the beginning of August, my least favorite month. Strike that because, knowing how fickle I can be, there might be another month that I may sometime nominate as being worse.

I read once that, instead of June, August was the month that more people get married in. You need not take my word for that because I only remember one August wedding, that of Dennis and Elaine Zuber.

I do remember school always starting at the end of August and our mothers dragging us to various stores for new clothes, gym shoes, paper (I preferred wide rule), glue and crayons. We went reluctantly and could only think of reasons why we could wait until the last minute to get these items, secretly hoping that some disaster would occur and thus keep us from having to go to school.

Finally, the day would arrive and, after a sleepless night, we would have to pause for the annual picture, holding a calendar, or board, showing the date and our ages.

Ours was the first stop on the long, tedious, bus ride. I had my choice of seats, which ALWAYS was in the front and in the third row. Why I never changed my choice is a mystery.

Arriving at school was an ordeal. We knew what room to go to but not where to sit once we got there. The teacher soon put us in our place – short people in front, tall ones in back, and good, well-behaved kids interspersed with trouble makers.

Right away, we would go outside and say the "Pledge of Allegiance" and sing some patriotic song off key. Then, back to the room and, in my day, the handout of books. This was endless. Some of us had books from brothers and sisters

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## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### Amana Will be 170 Years old in 2025 How did We Get the Name Amana?

On July 9, 1855 the first group of 33 settlers left the Ebenezer villages of New York State for Iowa. Their goal was the Iowa River valley upstream some miles from Iowa City in the eastern half of Iowa, where they were to build a community they called "Bleibtreu" meaning to remain true.

As the first group got to work converting an abandoned homestead cabin and moving another to the site where they intended to build their village, they wondered if the German word might not be too difficult for their new neighbors to say. So writing back to Ebenezer they suggested using a Biblical place name and they had one in mind - Amana, for the mountain and the river of the same name mentioned in Song of Solomon 4:8.

"Come with me from Lebanon, my bride,  
come with me from Lebanon.

Descend from the crest of Amana,  
from the top of Senir, the summit of Hermon,  
from the lions' dens

and the mountain haunts of leopards."

Amana is the ancient name for a mountain known today as Jabal az-Zabadany located northwest of Damascus. A river of the same name, Amana, sometimes called Abama, was felt during biblical times, to have pure, life-giving, waters. The mountains of Sanir and Amana are also mentioned in the Book of Jubilees (in the Torah) as having been inherited by Shem.

According to the theologian and teacher, Watchman Nee, the word Amana means "to confirm truth" or "truth" and comes from a word related to "amen." It is often translated as "faithfulness" or "to remain true" by Biblical scholars.

So when it came time to confirm the name the first village was called Amana and after that five of the villages had Amana in their name.

The land for Homestead, the 7th Amana village, was purchased in 1861 and had been platted as Homestead. Because the name was on the maps and the word fit with the idea of a new home here in the wilds of Iowa, the Inspirationists did not re-name it.

By the end of 1862, they had made dozens of land purchases, (historians can trace over 100 separate purchases) to quilt together their new community. They bought land from pioneers who wanted to cash out and move, from speculators who had bought the land cheap in the 1840s and were seeking a profit, and a few acres were purchased from the federal government. In total the Inspirationists would come to own about 26,000 acres.

They had a plan for their villages. They wanted to create a peaceful place where people could walk to their work, walk to church, walk to shared kitchen houses for their meals. Each village was located amidst the land the villagers were to farm.

There strove for a conformity of style. Houses were built to look very similar, if not the same. The houses were built of native sandstone and sawn lumber. Brick was purchased from brickyards in Iowa City and here in Iowa County. They built their own brick yard in South Amana using clay from the Iowa River bed. They had lime kilns, sawmills and they shipped lumber, mostly white pine, from their mills in Ebenezer. They shipped door locks, windows, window frames, millwork.

The details were important. Even lawn benches, grape trellises, fences, bridges, signs had the same basic designs. What worked well for one family, would work well for all families, was the feeling and that way no one house would stand out as richer-looking or poorer-looking or stand out from the others.

Flower gardens and gardens in general were well maintained. Orchards, vineyards and groves of pine trees were planted. People took pride in their yards and kept things trim.

The look of the seven villages, after all was said

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## THANK YOU

A big thank you for all the cards I had received in the mail, and that it was really touching, I was honestly surprised by all of them! A big hug and love of love to everyone! (and a shout out to the Ronneburg Breakfast Crew; that was an amazing surprise!)

Sarah Michalec



**Amana Farms is seeking a Cow/Calf Team Member and a Feedlot Associate!**

**Cow/Calf Team**  
Members provide all care and management for a functioning cow/calf herd and associated grazing lands.

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To learn more about the position, receive a copy of the Job Description, or submit a resume please contact the ACLUD at [aclud@southslope.net](mailto:aclud@southslope.net) or 319-622-3840.

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or cousins, but the majority got books from the teacher. The books from the teacher were loaned for a fee and would be an endless task for the teacher to record.

There were always the "goodie two shoe" kids who would quietly wrap their books in a package made from brown paper bags and lots of glue or tape, finally decorating the front with flowers or whatever else, while the rest of us were wilting from the heat. Sure, the Amana air conditioners were being manufactured just a short distance from the school, but we sweat in un-airconditioned Iowa heat.

I remember not being able to stand the heat anymore and, after much begging and pleading, my father gave in and brought our large standing fan to the class room. My father, for a time, was thought of as the most wonderful man in the colonies by my class. We might have bowed at this feat, except that this would have meant lowering ourselves beneath the range of the fan. We had our standards!

Sometime in September the weather got cooler and we got into a routine with school. To this day Labor Day I still view as a "rotten" holiday because it signifies the end of the laziness of summer.

I still tense up in August and have this desire to buy a large box of crayons, which I try to hide in the shopping cart from Charlemagne. Unfortunately, after 50 plus years he has figured out my ways and digs through the cart looking for things HE feels are not necessary, such as crayons, gnomes, yarn, and craft supplies and other things. Little does he know that I can still hide things.

B.S.H.

**AMANA AREA FELLOWSHIP**  
 COME ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY  
**Sunday Church Services**  
**@ 9:00 a.m.**  
**Next Services: August 18**  
**& August 25, 2024**  
**at the Amana**  
**Performing Arts Center**  
 (West of RV Park)  
[www.amanaareafellowship.org](http://www.amanaareafellowship.org)

**CHARLIE'S MARKET**  
 West end of V St in Homestead  
 Open Saturdays at 10:00 A.M.  
 Produce - Cookies - Plants

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and done, was of a shared vision, a shared plan, a shared goal.

This is the first in a year-long series about Amana's founding and early resources.

**Communal Studies Association Conference to be Held Here in 2025**

The Communal Studies Association annual conference will be held here in the Amanas the second weekend of October 2025. It will be part of our recognition of Amana's 170th anniversary.

The CSA is an interdisciplinary international organization for people living in intentional communities, historic site staff, religious studies, sociology, political science, anthropology and history scholars.

Each year the CSA's annual conference is held at a nationally known historic site or intentional community. In October the CSA will be meeting at the Ephrata Cloister, Ephrata PA.

As part of the conference, papers on various topics regarding communities, their history, present day issues and impacts will be given by leading scholars working in the field. A conference fee is charged to attend, but one or two-day conference fees will be available and the public will be invited to meet conferees and attend specific events.

Events will be held at the Amana Heritage Museum, the Amana Church and at the Hotel Millwright. An Amana organization committee is being formed. If you would like to help or become involved contact Peter Hoehle, Lanny Haldy, Emilie Hoppe or Jon Childers.

**A Busy Weekend**

There are many things happening this weekend in the Colonies, but here is the top of our list:

The Amana Arts Guild Summer Festival of the Arts is Saturday, Aug. 10, 9 a.m. till 4 p.m. at the Market barn in Amana. Apple fritters, over 30 regional artists, kids hands-on art corner, music and more; a favorite summer event celebrating the work of our local artists.

The BRIC, Bike Ride Iowa County, is Saturday, Aug. 10 beginning at 10 a.m. This 28 mile ride across Iowa County begins and ends at the Amana Heritage Museum in Amana. The event includes stops in Marengo and points north. Go to the BRIC 2024 event on Facebook for more details and a map of the route. There is no pre-registration.

Barefoot Becky's Polka Dance at Price Creek is Saturday, Aug. 10 from 2 - 5 p.m. at the Price Creek Event Center in Amana. Entry is \$12.50 to dance your heart out with friends! Avoid the heat and dance indoors in the AC. Meals available (Burgers, slaw, pasta salad and chips) and beverages served.

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 On-line at: [amanacoloniestoday.com](http://amanacoloniestoday.com)

**FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS**

The Amana Arts Guild is excited to present its annual Festival of the Arts on Saturday, August 10th. The festival will take place at The Market Barn in Main Amana, located at 707 46th Ave.

This year's event will showcase the work of over 30 talented artists, many of whom will be conducting live demonstrations of their craft. Attendees will have the opportunity to view and purchase a wide variety of art pieces.

Food enthusiasts can look forward to a selection of food trucks, fresh apple fritters and live music.

Be sure to enter an afternoon raffle for an original artwork by artist Bobby Ward. The piece is currently on display at Gallery On Main in Amana, where raffle tickets are available for purchase.

The festival runs from 9 AM to 4 PM, and admission is free to the public.

For more information, please visit the Amana Arts Guild website at [amanaartsguild.com](http://amanaartsguild.com).

**HERITAGE SOCIETY FALL HARVEST DINNER**

The Amana Heritage Society will host its annual Fall Harvest Dinner on Friday, September 13th, 2024 at the Price Creek Event Center with doors opening at 5:30pm. This Harvest Dinner raises much-needed funds to help support the Amana Heritage Society and its mission to share Amana's special heritage and culture.

Dinner begins at 7pm and winners of the drawings and silent auction will be announced following dinner. Raffle Tickets (includes one raffle entry and two dinner tickets) are \$125, and dinner-only tickets are \$45 each.

Raffle tickets may be purchased through our website at [www.amanaheritage.org](http://www.amanaheritage.org), or from an Amana Heritage Society board member, by calling the office at: 319-622-3567, or emailing [amanaheritage@southslope.net](mailto:amanaheritage@southslope.net).

Our motto is simple: *Preserving Our Heritage, Sharing Our Culture.*

**FOUR WINDS FARM FIELD DAY**

Come and join us for our first Field Day of the year at Four Winds Farm. The hemp plants are about to start flowering and the flowers and herbs are in full bloom. Come join us and receive 25% off all of our CBG hemp products. We are located at 2312 Alpine Ave NW, Homestead on August 11th from 11-4 (Alpine is North of Hwy 6, Johnson/Iowa Rd is South).

**GARAGE SALE**

GARAGE SALE! The Garden Cottage, 206 220th Trail, South Amana, Saturday, August 10th, from 10:00 to 4:00. Spooky Halloween decorations and costumes, antique furniture and dishes, small refrigerator/freezer, wine refrigerator, pictures, large cat tunnel, and misc. household items.

**FOR SALE**

Amana walnut dresser, Amana Cherry Cupboard, Glass and iron coffee/end tables 3 piece set. Ph 319-530-0737.

Amana Society Inc New Class A Common Stock for sale. If interested email [cclanin@msn.com](mailto:cclanin@msn.com)

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**FOR RENT**

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**WANTED/WANTED TO BUY**

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***Barefoot Becky***  
**August 10, 2024**  
 Dance 2pm-5pm **\$12.50 entry**  
**at Price Creek**  
 Building Opens at 12pm  
 Food Available for Purchase




**AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT (ACLUD)  
Notice of Board of Trustees Meeting and Tentative  
Agenda August 12, 2024 – 7 p.m.ACLUD office  
4304 220th Trail Amana And via ZOOM link**

I. Call Meeting to Order

II. Set Agenda

III. Review/Approve the June 19, 2024 Special Meeting, July 8, 2024 Regular Meeting and July 29, 2024 Special Meeting BOT Minutes.

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

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

a. 2024-051. Wendy Sauter/ 1709 4th Ave South Amana/ HP-R / Window replacement on east/north/south side lower level. East side quan 2 9/6 joined with mullion in between. East side quan 1 9/6. North side quan 2 9/6. West side quan 1 9/6. All new windows to be wooden. Window frames will be repaired as required. THIS IS FOR A GRANT APPLICATION. HPC-After discussion B. Momany made a motion to approve the application and the applicability of a grant towards it. Conquest second. Motion passed unanimously. Note that HPGRC also approved for grant at 75%.

b. 2024-052. Daniel Yunek / 2504 K St Middle Amana / HP-R / All existing gutters and downspouts on the house and garage will be replaced with Amana-compliant half-round gutters and round downspouts. All fascia will also be repaired or replaced as required. If white aluminum not approved have also been quoted galvanized steel. THIS IS FOR A GRANT APPLICATION. A vendor brought in a sample of white half round extruded, but did not offer same in gray. HPC-After discussion B. Momany made a motion for conditional approval of the application and the applicability of a grant towards it. That condition being that the color for HP properties MUST be either gray

aluminum or galvanized. Smith second. Motion passed unanimously. Note that HPGRC also approved for grant at 75% with same condition of color (also recommending that BOT see a sample at their meeting).

c. 2024-059. Jeff and Suzanne Conquest / 621 46th Ave Amana / HP-C / Replace all current K-style gutters and downspouts with Amana-compliant galvanized half-round gutters and round downspouts on both house and garage. THIS IS FOR A GRANT APPLICATION. Jeff indicated his vendor DOES offer gray extruded aluminum, however he has yet to see a sample. HPC-After discussion B. Momany made a motion for conditional approval of the application and the applicability of a grant towards it. That condition being that the color for HP properties MUST be either gray aluminum or galvanized. Smith second. Motion passed unanimously. Note that HPGRC also approved for grant at 75% with same condition of color (also recommending that BOT see a sample at their meeting). Reference permit 2023-075 from Aug 2023, Administrator made Conquests aware that they are seeking a grant for an already active permit.

d. 2024-053. David Forbes / 718 47th Ave Amana / HP-C / Re-shingle the NE face (1/2 of the roof) with asphalt shingles same color as SW side. New felt as well per job estimate. Parcel zoned HP-C but is a residence only. THIS IS FOR A GRANT APPLICATION. HPC-After discussion B. Momany made a motion to approve the application and the applicability of a grant towards it. Conquest second. Motion passed unanimously. Note that HPGRC did not recommend approval for grant at 75%, did not feel shingling was either a critical need or historic renovation.

e. 2024-054. LeAnna Kruckeberg-The Inn at Amana / 617 45th Ave Amana / HP-C / 1) Paint and repair bird boxes on east and north side. 2) Paint and repair window sashes on west and north side. 3) Remove rotted railroad ties on west side. 4) Put up Amana approved fencing to

match the rest of the property. THIS IS FOR A GRANT APPLICATION. HPC-After discussion B. Momany made a motion to approve the application and the applicability of a grant towards it. Conquest second. Motion passed unanimously. Note that HPGRC also approved for grant at 60%.

f. 2024-055. Amana Heritage Society-Jon Childers / 4430 V St Homestead / HP-C / The old Homestead General Store. Repair failing brick and mortar on east/west/south sides of building. Repair missing and cracked stucco on north side. THIS IS FOR A GRANT APPLICATION. HPC-After discussion Smith made a motion to approve the application and the applicability of a grant towards it. B. Momany second. Motion passed unanimously. Note that HPGRC also approved for grant at 75%.

g. 2024-056. Shawn and Amy Jacobson / 1308 G St High Amana / HP-C / The old High Amana General Store. Repair mortar on south/west/east sides. Replace approx. 40 bricks and tuckpoint as needed. THIS IS FOR A GRANT APPLICATION. HPC-After discussion Conquest made a motion to approve the application and the applicability of a grant towards it. Smith second. Motion passed unanimously. Note that HPGRC also approved for grant at 60%.

h. 2024-057. Dr. Tom Boston-Kemple / 406 53rd Ave East Amana / HP-A / The Corn Crib. Install overhead track barn doors on both the east and west sides of the corn crib building which will then match the look of the existing doors on the granary. THIS IS FOR A GRANT APPLICATION. HPC-After discussion B. Momany made a conditional motion to approve the application and the applicability of a grant towards it. This motion was based on other historic corn cribs in Amana Colonies have the same style of overhead track doors, and these doors must mimic those. Conquest second. Motion passed unanimously. Note that HPGRC did not recommend approval for grant at 75%, they did not feel the addition of these doors was a historic renovation.



# Whiskey Wednesdays

## Whiskey Flights Flatbread Pizza

### 3 pm - 7 pm

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4709 220th Trail

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