

Pleasant Hill Memorial Weekend Service & Art Festival, May 28, 2017

Sponsored by Pleasant Hill Memorial Inc. & the Greene County Historical Society

Preliminary event Saturday afternoon, May 27: Well-known Iowa artist Zack Jones, of Malvern, who will be leading an “En Plein Air” event for painters & photographers during the weekend, will be setting up from approximately 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. to do initial sketching and painting on his own picture of the church. He welcomes visitors, and other artists & photographers can begin work then, too.

Main event Sunday morning, May 28:

9:30 a.m.

-- Zack Jones and other artists & photographers will be doing their artwork on the old church building, the cemetery and/or the grounds.

--Coffee, fruit juice and Iowa State Fair champion cinnamon rolls made by Marianne Carlson will be available.

--Brass ensemble of Mark Rasmussen, Wayne Lautner, Victoria Chargo, Wes Anderson, and Peg Semke playing patriotic songs & hymns.

11 a.m.

--Service begins in the church with prayer by retired pastor Dale Hanaman, the president of the Historical Society; a quick history of Pleasant Hill Church and its community from journalist Chuck Offenburger; music by choir of First United Methodist Church from Jefferson; an oration by 94-year-old Wallace Teagarden, delivering from memory the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution and the Gettysburg Address. Singing of “The Church in the Wildwood.”

11:40 a.m.

--Service adjourns to the yard for a 21-gun salute for deceased veterans from the Color Guard of the American Legion post in Rippey. “Taps” by Wayne Lautner.

11:45 a.m.

--People are welcome to linger at the church to see Zack Jones and the other artists & photographers complete their works.

--Informal hymn singing around a keyboard with Rita Rasmussen playing.

--Pleasant Hill Memorial Inc. has its annual meeting.

Noon

--People are invited to have picnics in the church yard, too.

3 p.m.

--All activities conclude.