

## Welcome to Worship

If you are a visitor from another congregation, we extend to you our greetings and hope you will join us again. If you are living in the Quad City area, and are not active in a church, we invite you to consider becoming active with us.

**Large print bulletins are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.**

Located in each narthex, are details about activities of the church. Help yourself to the information. The church newsletter, **Good News**, lists current ministries and programs.

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## Did You Know?

It is time for **bell ringing** at K&K Hardware for the Salvation Army. Sign up sheets are in the church office. Volunteers are needed now through December 24th. Sign up and be part of the fun.

**QC Area Dining Tour Books** are on sale in the church office. The cost of the book is \$35 with the \$10 proceed going to Hope at the Brick House after school program. The books are great for gift giving!

Asbury will be hosting a **Warming Station** this winter when the wind chill is negative 30 or colder. Our freezer is plugged in and ready to receive food. Some needed items are: homemade bread, muffins, coffee cake and cookies. Homemade soup: chicken noodle, vegetable beef and chili. Your efforts to help stock the freezer are very much appreciated.

**Mark Twain Elementary School** is looking for volunteers to help them move into their new school building. Dates are December 23, 26 & 27 beginning at 8:00am. Load at Jefferson School & Ross College on December 23rd. Unload at Mark Twain on December 26 & 27.

### Stewards of Creation—December Congregational Challenge

\*Find alternatives to wrapping paper ~ *fabric, scarf, newspapers, jars, baskets*  
\*Consider Each Purchase Carefully ~ *Is it needed?, How long will it last?, Can it be reused?, What impact will it have on the planet?*

A **Terracycle** collection bin is now located in our main floor west coat closet beside the elevator. We are only accepting plastic cereal bag liners and chip/snack bags of any size or brand (please no candy bags).

### Christmas Eve Services

4:00-4:45p Nativity Party with live animals  
5:00p Family Oriented Children's Christmas Musical  
7:30p Christmas Cantata with the Chancel Choir  
(nursery is available)  
10:00p Traditional Communion Service



## ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Parish Nurse ----- Carol Jackson  
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Youth Ministries Director ----- Carrie Meumann

### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday  
8:00 a.m.—Noon  
1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Friday  
8:00 a.m.—Noon



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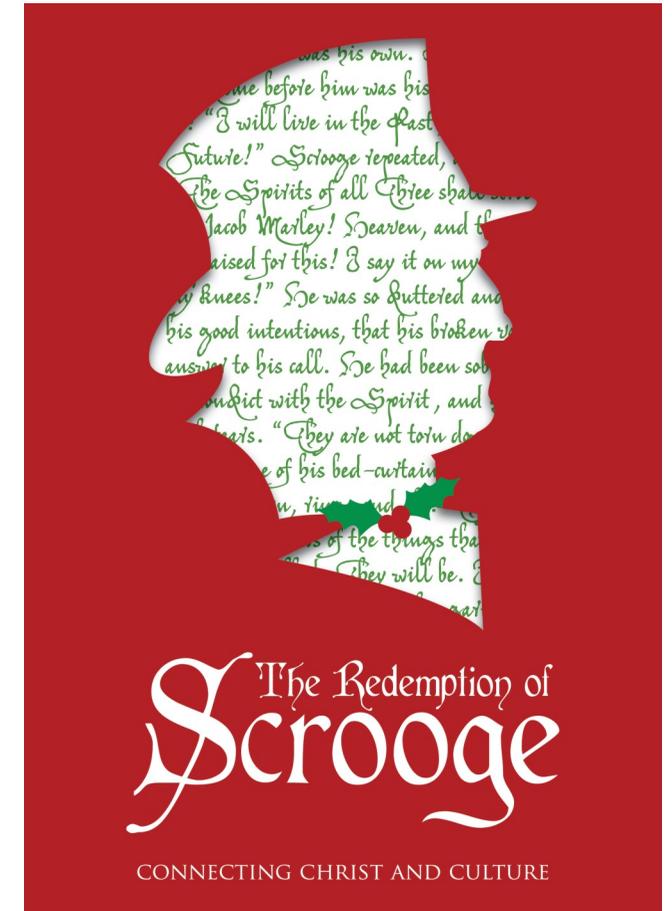
Geofilter available on  
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## ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Bettendorf, Iowa  
December 15, 2019  
8:30 a.m.

# Asbury United Methodist Church

Our vision is to passionately serve in the world because God so loved the world.

Advent - December 15, 2019 - Liturgical Color: Purple

## The Redemption of Scrooge

December 1 - December 22

## GOD'S PEOPLE ASSEMBLE

Prelude "He Is Born!" - arr. M. Arnold Morning Bells  
Greetings, Announcements, and Attendance Registration  
Choral Introit  
Lighting of the Advent Candles Suzanne & Sandy Yoder

\*Hymn "Go, Tell it on the Mountain" vs 1-3 #251

\*Unison Prayer (Tilson & Cole, alt)

I am the lamb for whom the shepherd left the other ninety-and-nine; who, having been found, was the cause of great rejoicing. Let there be joy on earth as in heaven! I am the coin for which the woman lit the lamp and searched the house; which, having been found, was the cause of much celebration. Let us, with angels sing glory to God! Amen!

\*Response "Go, Tell it on the Mountain" refrain #251

## A TIME OF SHARING OF PRAYING

Passing the Peace of Christ

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer Hymn "He Came Down" (Love) #2085

Silent Prayer - Pastoral Prayer - Lord's Prayer - Choral Response

Our Father, who are in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## READING AND PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Scripture Deuteronomy 15:7-11  
Pew Bible Old Testament page 171

Children's Time "Star-Child" vs 1 #2095  
Story Time for children K-2nd grade will meet in the Children's Library across the hallway.

Anthem "We'll Dress The House" - A. Burt  
"Caroling, Caroling" - A. Burt Chancel Choir

Second Scripture Matthew 26:6-13  
Pew Bible New Testament page 29

Response: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "The Greatest Gift"

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Gathering and Presenting of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Comfort Ye My People" Don Mitchem, soloist  
"Every Valley Shall be Exalted" - from Handel's Messiah

\*Response "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #94

\*Prayer of Dedication

Lord God, we dedicate our present to you, as a gift, that you might use us wherever we are today. Help us set aside the pains of the past and the anxieties of the future so that in the here-and-now we might do the work to which you have called us. We offer to you these gifts as a sign of our willingness to help make your Kingdom a present reality and, like the angels, sing your glory to all on Earth. Amen.

\*Hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #240

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction

Postlude "People, Look East" - French Carol

Thank You to Pat Thornton for assisting with worship today.

Scriptures for next week are John 11:17-27 and John 11:38-44.  
Please take some time to study the word and bring your bible to worship.

## Opportunities For Work, Witness & Fellowship

Sunday, December 15

Cookie Walk

8:30a Traditional Worship

9:45a Sunday School

9:45a Roots Christmas Program

10:00a Sr High Youth

11:00a Praise Worship

11:00a Kids Church in TreeHouse

4:00p Scout Troop 82

6:30p Pack 129 Committee Meeting

Monday, December 16

8:00a Good News Deadline

6:30p Church Council

Tuesday, December 17

Wednesday, December 18

5:00p Praise Team (Serving Meal)

5:15p All Church Meal

6:00p Wednesday Night Kids

6:00p 4th/5th Grade Youth Group

6:00p Middle School Youth Group

Wednesday, December 18 - cont.

6:00p Sr High Youth Group

6:00p Bible Study of John

6:15p WINGS Study Group

7:00p Chancel Choir

7:30p Youth Praise Band Practice

Thursday, December 19

6:00p PPRC

7:00p Ladies ARM

7:00p Thursday Evening Bible Study

Friday, December 20

8:15a Fellowship with Purpose

Saturday, December 21

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8:30a Traditional Worship

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