

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.

Did You Know?

We are still in need of a few **Greeters** and an **Usher** for the 10:00 Christmas Eve service. Let Stephanie Pim know if you can be of assistance. Thank you.

QC Area Dining Tour Books are on sale in the church office. The cost of a 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.

On Sunday, December 29th, children are encouraged to bring their favorite Christmas gift to worship so the Pastors can give them a special blessing.

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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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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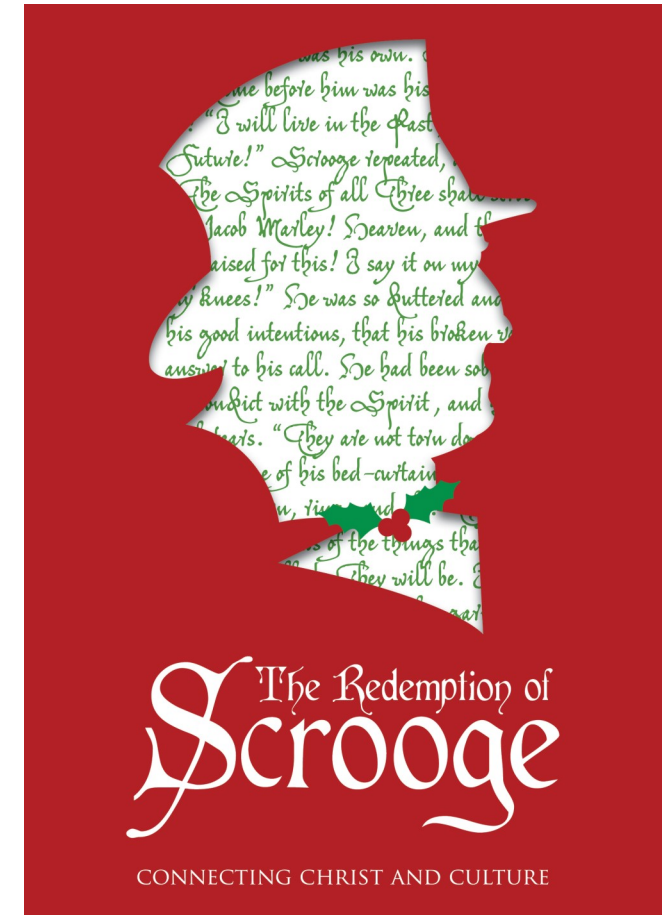
Geofilter available on
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ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Bettendorf, Iowa
December 22, 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 22, 2019 - Liturgical Color: Purple

The Redemption of Scrooge

December 1 - December 22

GOD'S PEOPLE ASSEMBLE

Prelude Selected Carols Asbury Youth Orchestra
Greetings, Announcements, and Attendance Registration
Choral Introit
Lighting of the Advent Candles Matt, Julia, Fiona & Alice Hensch

***Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs 1,2,5 #211**

*Unison Prayer

Emmanuel, God with us, we look forward to Christmas Day and the celebration that you have come to be with us. We also look forward to future Christmases and the work that you will do in our lives to redeem us, year after year. One day, Emmanuel, we shall gather at your throne and praise your name with all the saints. Thank you for the Christmases yet to come and the bright hope that you have for our future. Amen.

***Response "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs 6 #211**

A TIME OF SHARING OF PRAYING

Passing the Peace of Christ

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer Hymn "He Came Down" (Joy) #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 John 11:17-27
Pew Bible New Testament page 105

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 "Good Christians All, Rejoice" - arr. G. Martin
Chancel Choir

Second Scripture John 11:38-44
Pew Bible New Testament page 105

Response: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Accepting Christ's Invitation"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Gathering and Presenting of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "O What a Wonderful Child!" - arr. M. Hayes
Deborah DCamp, soloist

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Like Scrooge, we have hidden our hearts from the world and trusted too much in the work of our hands and not enough in the grace of your love. Free us now, to joyful obedience and joyful redemption from the sins of our past and the failings of our present. May these gifts be dedicated to your service and to the joyful work of joining with heaven and nature to sing your praises. Amen.

***Hymn "Joy to the World" #246**

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Postlude "Tell Out, My Soul" - W. Greatorex

Thank You to Pam Thornton for assisting with worship.

Opportunities For Work, Witness & Fellowship

Sunday, December 22

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

Monday, December 23

Tuesday, December 24

Office Closed
4:00p Roots Kids Nativity Party
5:00p Family Christmas Eve
7:30p Cantata Service
10:00p Communion Service

Wednesday, December 25

Merry Christmas!

Office Closed

Thursday, December 26

Office Closed

Friday, December 27

Saturday, December 28

7:30a Upper Room Men's Group

Sunday, December 29

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