

## 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?

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  
Praise Music Director ----- Michael Reese  
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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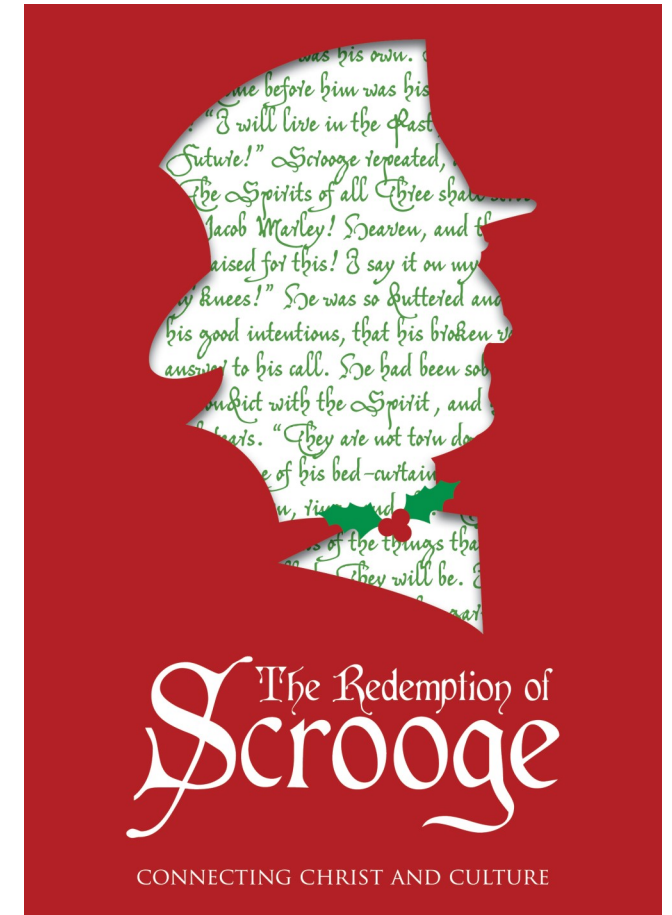
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## ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Bettendorf, Iowa

December 22, 2019

11:00 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

## SINGING GOD'S PRAISES

Prelude - Joy! He Shall Reign Forever - Big Daddy Weave

### \*Praise and Worship Medley

"New Beginning"

"All Creation Sing (Joy to the World)"

"Come Thou Fount Come Thou King"

### \*Passing the Peace of Christ

## PRAYING TO GOD

Lighting of the Advent Candles

LIFT Group

Jenny Bloomquist, Marian Paulson

### Connectional Moments

#### Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer - Pastoral Prayer - Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## LISTENING TO GOD

Beginning with God's Word

John 11:17-27

Pew Bible New Testament page 105

**Song of Preparation "He Has Come For Us (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)"**

**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 "He Has Come For Us (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)"**

Sharing the Word

John 11:38-44

Pew Bible New Testament page 105

Sermon

"Accepting Christ's Invitation"

## GIVING BACK TO GOD

Prayer

**Offering Ourselves, Our Gifts, Our Tithes**

Response to the Word

"O What a Wonderful Child!" - arr. M. Hayes

Deborah DCamp, soloist

\*Words of Blessing

**\*The "Amen"**

**"He Shall Reign Forevermore"**

Thank You to Peggy Hamilton for assisting with worship today.

## 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

8:30a Traditional Worship

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