



In Focus
Advent 2019

The Manger

*She gave birth to her firstborn child, a son,
wrapped him snugly, and laid him in
a manger, because there was
no place for them in
the guestroom.*

Luke 2:7

*Tuesday, December 24
11:00 am Worship*

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>Angels We Have Heard On High</i>	Page C. Long
Hymn #234	O Come, All Ye Faithful Stanzas 1, 3, and 6	*UMH
Call to Worship		
Hymn #240	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	UMH
Invitation to Mission		
Lighting of the Advent Candles		The Notarantonio Family
Service of Lessons and Carols		
Hymn #211	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel	UMH
Lesson	John 1:1-5, 14a	**CEB
Hymn #245	The First Noel	UMH
Lesson	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	CEB
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>O Holy Night</i> John Marsh	Adolphe Adam
Lesson	Luke 2:1-18	CEB
Hymn #217	Away in a Manger	UMH
Lesson	Matthew 1:18-23	CEB
Song	<i>Celebrate Me Home</i> Caleb Williams	Kenny Loggins
Message	Celebrate Me Home	Myra Moreland
Hymn #239	Silent Night, Holy Night	UMH
Hymn #246	Joy to the World Stanzas 1, 2 and 4	UMH
Postlude		

*United Methodist Hymnal

**Common English Bible



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAYS, 4:00 PM, CASUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAYS, 9:00 AM, CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAYS, 11:00 AM, TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Pastor Chats

4th Sunday of each month
10:15 am & 12:15 pm



Sundays at 5:30 pm

Sack Lunch Program

**Monday-Friday
10:30 am - 11:30 am**

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Mondays,
Wednesdays,
and Fridays
6:00 pm

**The 1st Monday
of each month
6:00 pm
Duggan's Irish
Pub**





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Piano Club

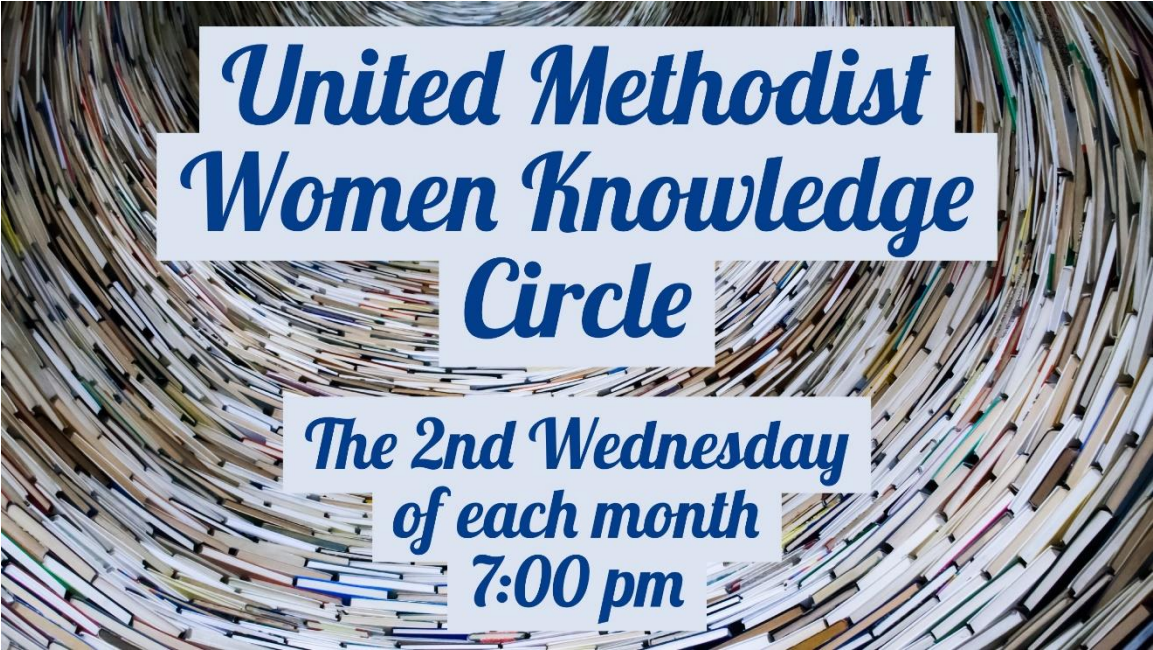
The 2nd Wednesday of each month
2:00 pm

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HOLY COW

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAYS
5:30 PM



United Methodist Women Knowledge Circle

*The 2nd Wednesday
of each month
7:00 pm*



Wednesdays
7:30 pm



The 1st Thursday of each month

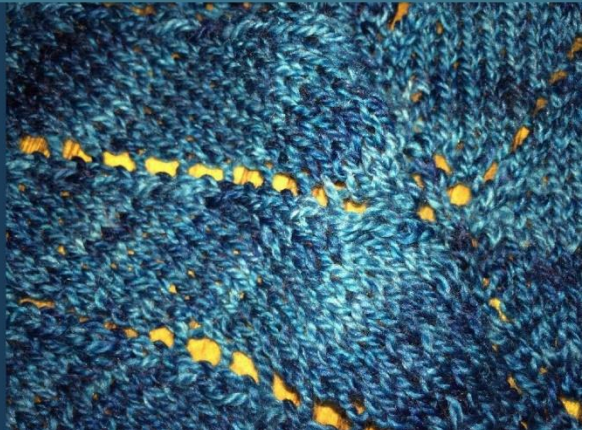
1:00 pm

United
Methodist
Women

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SHAWL MINISTRY

2nd & 4th
Thursday
of the month
1:00 pm







ROGA

CHAIR YOGA

FRIDAYS

10:00 AM



The 2nd Saturday of each month
9:00 am

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

The 19th Century essayist Hamilton Wright Mabie once wrote"



"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love."

That is what this season is all about.

Christmas is God's hope to put the world back into the right relationship with itself.

And before this day is over each of us will be issued a "Divine invitation" to unleash mercy and compassion on our divided and

hurting world.

So welcome to this holiest of nights.

We invite you to sing the songs, pray the prayers, and listen to the stories.

But most importantly, we invite you to be inspired to join God in changing the world.

You see, something truly miraculous happened in that manger two thousand years ago—something that has the potential to impact everything about everything.

It is our hope that you glimpse the miracle in that manger tonight. In fact, we hope you glimpse that miracle every night.

The world is counting on it!

Merry Christmas!