



*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  
3:00 pm Worship*

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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		Violet Richards
Hymn #211	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel	UMH
Invitation to Mission		
Music Ministry	<i>O Come, Little Children</i> Young Violinists, Directed by Allison Harris	Traditional
Lighting the Advent Wreath		John Bennett and Chris Gervais
Christmas Pageant		
Hymn #240	Hark! the Herald Angels Sing	UMH
Hymn #217	Away in a Manger	UMH
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>Winter Snow</i> Caleb Williams	Audrey Assad
Scripture	Luke 2:8-20 Shaelyn Simms	*CEB
Message	There's Something Going On In the Manger	Jeff Nelson
Hymn #239	Silent Night, Holy Night	UMH
Hymn #246	Joy to the World Stanzas 1, 2 and 4	UMH

## Special Thank You's for the Christmas Pageant

Director.....	Beth Simms
Music Director .....	Jennifer Semivan
Costumes .....	Danielle Moody & Jennifer Semivan
Set Construction .....	Andy Showers, Steve Weber, Kim Abela-Godfrey, & the Middle School Youth
Lighting.....	Brian Semivan

\*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

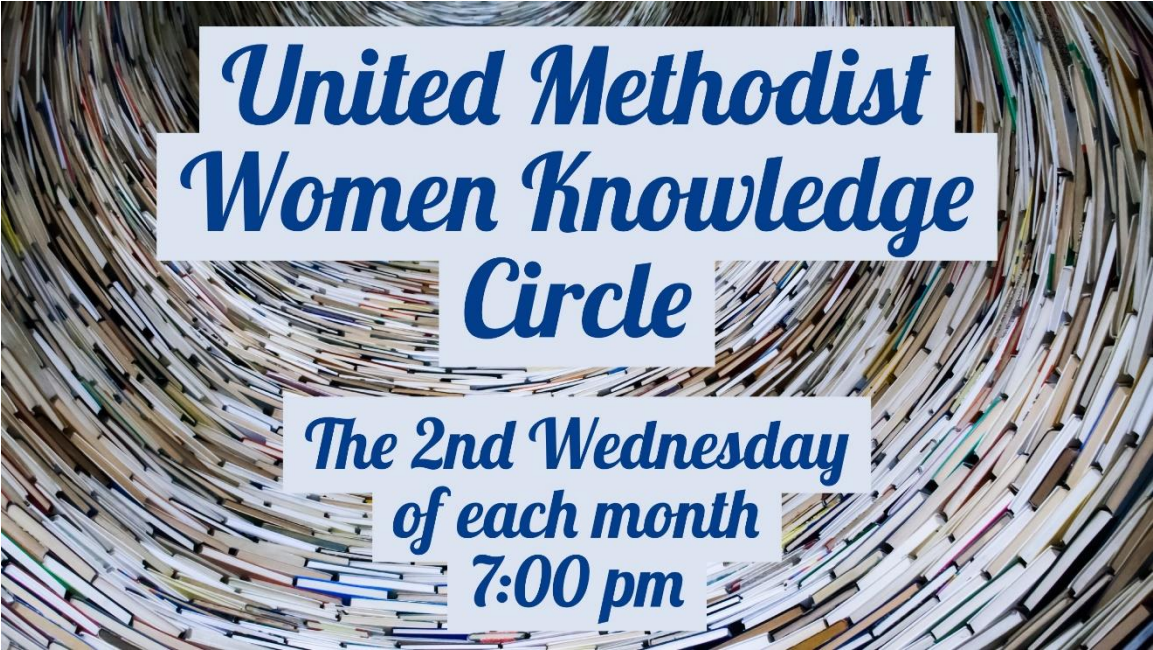
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## HOLY COW

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

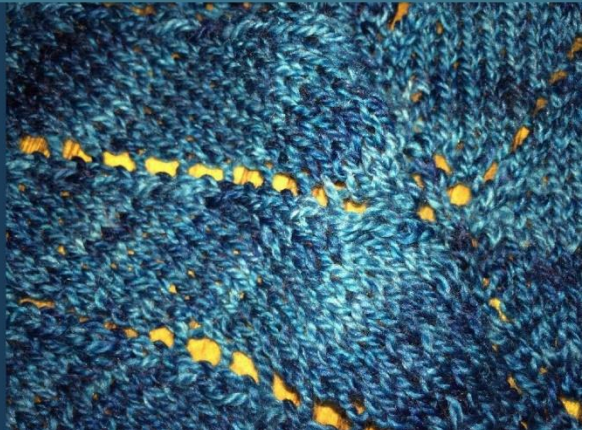
1:00 pm

United  
Methodist  
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

# SHAWL MINISTRY

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





# *Sanctus Choir*

*Thursdays  
7:00 pm*



## FAITH & SEXUALITY

ALTERNATING THURSDAYS  
7:00 PM

AT THE OFFICE COFFEE SHOP  
NEXT MEETING THIS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26



# 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!

Handwritten signature of Pastor Jeff with a smiley face below it.