

OUR STEWARDSHIP ... November 17, 2019

Church Membership.....307	Budget.....600,000.00
Morning Worship.....124	Needed..... 531,520.00
Early Worship 47	Offering Sunday..... 7,298.25
Sunday School..... 107	To Date.....446,923.78
Contemporary Worship	Under Budget.....(84,596.22)
Evening Bible Study.....	

CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Read Your Bible Daily

Wednesday, November 20 Ezekiel 14-15; James 2

- 7:00 a.m. Emmaus Men’s Prayer Group
- 5:00 p.m. Children’s Christmas Program Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
Youth Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, November 21 Ezekiel 16-17; James 3

- 1:00 p.m. Food Pantry

Friday, November 22 Ezekiel 18-19; James 4

Saturday, November 23 Ezekiel 20-21; James 5

Sunday, November 24 Ezekiel 22-23; 1 Peter 1

- 8:45 a.m. Early Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Handbell Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study
Children’s Christmas Program Practice
No Youth

Monday, November 25 Ezekiel 24-26; 1 Peter 2

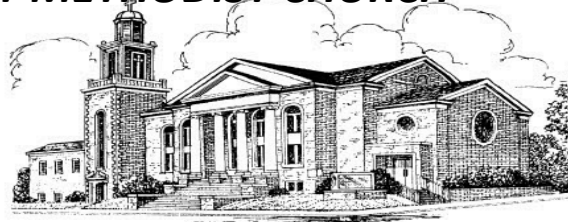
- 6:00 p.m. Emmaus Gathering

Tuesday, November 26 Ezekiel 27-29; 1 Peter 3

- 1:00 p.m. Duplicate Bridge

Louisville

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH



“The Church in the Heart of the City
With Christ’s Mission at Heart”

SERVING Sunday, November 24, 2019

Ushers and Greeters: Taylor Harris (Chrmn.), R. E. Clark, Jr., Corey Coward, Hugh Hathorn, Gary Hillhouse, Richard Hunt, Joyce Kirkpatrick, Judy McLeod, Elaine Thompson, Wilson Webb, Dee Luke Wright, Greg and Robin Wright

Altar Guild: Christy Verry and Robin Wright

Acolytes/Crossbearer: Logan, Taylor, and Jackson Hudson

Lay Reader: Bailey Coward

Children’s Time: Peggy Crawford

Live broadcast of the Morning Worship can be seen every Sunday on Channel 18 at 11:00 a.m. **Rebroadcast** of this service can be seen every Sunday at 7:30 p.m. on Channel 18 and heard at 6:00 p.m. every Sunday on **WLSM-FM 107.1**.

You can watch the **Live streaming** of the 11 a.m. service at **Louisville First Methodist Church** on Facebook. You can listen to the delayed broadcast of the previous Sunday’s **Contemporary Service** each Sunday at 12:00 noon on **WLSM-FM 107.1**.

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*It is your responsibility to notify the office of schedule changes.
Monday noon is the deadline to get something in the newsletter.*



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THE POWER OF GRATITUDE



Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow.

—Melody Beattie

ALWAYS THANKFUL

Martin Rinkart, a German Lutheran minister, wrote the hymn “Now Thank We All Our God” in 1636. At the time, the Thirty Years’ War was ravaging central Europe, claiming millions of lives. Rinkart served as pastor in Eilenburg, a walled town that became a crowded refuge for starving fugitives. Although Rinkart was struggling to provide for his own family, he opened his own home to people in need.

After the plague entered Eilenburg, Rinkart conducted up to 50 funerals a day — including services for his wife and the only other two pastors in town. Amid the despair, he wrote many hymns, including “Now Thank We All Our God.” Originally intended as a table prayer, it’s now sung at Thanksgiving to remember God’s “countless gifts of love” — even during hardships.

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

—John F. Kennedy

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

We officially welcome **Kathy Noland** to the First Methodist Church Family. Kathy came forward Sunday to be baptized and to place her membership in FMC. Be sure to welcome her into our fellowship!

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

There will be no Wednesday night supper tonight. All other activities will be as usual.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PRACTICE

Our children will be presenting their Christmas Program on December 15. **Parents**, please make sure your kids are at each Wednesday and Sunday night practice between now and then so they can be ready!

The kids will meet this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday from 5-6 p.m. to practice their Christmas Program.

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is open Thursday, November 21, at 1 p.m.

EMMAUS GATHERING

Our local Emmaus Community will have its holiday gathering on Monday, November 25, at 6 p.m. in Friendship Hall. Bring a covered dish to share and enjoy the food, fellowship, and worship.

THANKSGIVING WEEK SCHEDULE

There will be no Wednesday activities at the church on November 27 as families start their Thanksgiving celebrations.

The church office will be close at 2 p.m. on November 27 and closed Thanksgiving Day, November 28, and also on November 29.

NEWSLETTER CHANGE

The FMC Board of Directors has decided that beginning January 2020 the Midweek Newsletter will no longer be mailed to you through the post office unless you specifically notify the church office that you want it continued that way.

It will continue to be sent out by email – make sure we have your correct email address – and printed copies will be available to be picked up at the church each week if needed.

WHAT’S YOUR RULE?

J. Wilbur Chapman, a traveling evangelist in the late 19th century, practiced what he called a rule for Christian living: “Anything that dims my vision of Christ, or takes away my taste for Bible study, or cramps my prayer life, or makes Christian work difficult is wrong for me, and I must, as a Christian, turn away from it.”

St. Paul offers similar advice — presented in positive terms — for Christians: “Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things” (Philippians 4:8, ESV).

What guidelines do you follow in your daily walk with Jesus?

ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

There is plenitude in God. That great fact must never be lost or obscured. We must not exchange this immense graciousness for a few scraps of human morality or a few shopworn proverbs. God is a vast reservoir of blessing who supplies us abundantly.

—Eugene H. Peterson, *Traveling Light*