

OUR STEWARDSHIP ... November 22, 2019

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| Church Membership.....307 | Budget.....600,000.00 |
| Morning Worship.....138 | Needed..... 543,308.00 |
| Early Worship 47 | Offering Sunday..... 6,607.00 |
| Sunday School..... 103 | To Date.....453,530.78 |
| Contemporary Worship | Under Budget.....(89,777.22) |
| Evening Bible Study.....30 | |

CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Read Your Bible Daily

Wednesday, November 27 Ezekiel 30-32; 1 Peter 4

7:00 a.m. Emmaus Men's Prayer Group

No evening activities

Thursday, November 28 Ezekiel 33-34; 1 Peter 5

THANKSGIVING DAY – office closed

Friday, November 29 Ezekiel 35-36; 2 Peter 1

Office closed

Saturday, November 30 Ezekiel 37-39; 2 Peter 2

Sunday, December 1 Ezekiel 40-41; 2 Peter 3

- 8:45 a.m. Early Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Handbell Practice
- 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
- Children's Christmas Program Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study
- Youth Fellowship

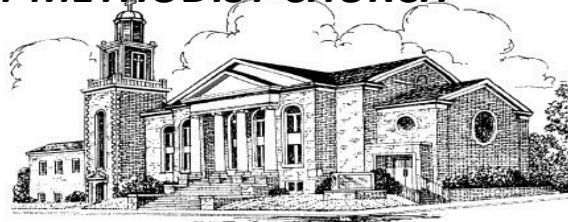
Monday, December 2 Ezekiel 42-44; 1 John 1

1:00 p.m. Methodist Women

Tuesday, December 3 Ezekiel 45-46; 1 John 2

- 10:30 a.m. Backpacks of Hope: Betheden
- 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: Youth

Altar Guild: Maria Hartness and Nan Hartness

Acolytes/Crossbearer: Sam and Bryce Nance, Dalton Dickerson

Lay Reader: Taylor Harris

Children’s Time: Melanie Yates

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.*

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Author and radio host Garrison Keillor put a unique spin on expressing gratitude for special meals. He painted the following table prayer on his dining-room wall, encouraging guests to sing it together before eating:

O Lord, we thank Thee for this food,
For every blessing, every good.
For earthly sustenance and love
Bestowed on us from heaven above.
Be present at our table, Lord.
Be here and everywhere adored.
Thy children bless and grant that we
May feast in paradise with Thee.

“It’s inspiring to hear 15 people find harmony around the Thanksgiving table,” Keillor writes. Singing together “sets a tone. No crying in the cranberries. ... There is much to be grateful for.”

COUNTING BLESSINGS

Numbered lists grab our attention. In the checkout aisle or on the internet, we gravitate toward headings such as “10 ways to lose weight by summer!” or “3 simple steps to acing that test!”

Ancient Jewish sages urged people to count out and speak at least 100 blessings, or statements of gratitude, each day. What would happen if we intentionally listed 100 blessings daily? Can you imagine?!

What if the first blessing we counted was simply the day itself? “Thank you, God, for this brand new day!” “Bless my use of this day, Lord, that I might glorify you.” Scripture encourages such awareness and promises an additional blessing in return: “Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom” (Psalm 90:12, NIV).

—Heidi Mann

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 Wednesday, November 27, and will reopen Monday, December 2.

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 each Sunday from 5-6 and Wednesday from 6-7 to practice their Christmas Program.

METHODIST WOMEN

The Methodist Women will have their holiday meeting at the home of Peggy Crawford Monday, December 2, at 1 p.m.

BACKPACKS OF HOPE

We are collecting pudding cups for December. Please leave your donation in the box in Friendship Hall. Betheden Prayer Group will be packing the bags December 3.


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.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT

Our Chancel Choir will present their Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 8, at 6 p.m. Be sure to put it on your calendar!! And invite someone to come with you to enjoy the music of the season.



Throughout the Bible, God’s people give thanks and praise for his goodness.



Directions: Draw lines to match the scriptures (all NIV) with the correct speaker.

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| “I thank my God every time I remember you.” Philippians 1:3 | Hannah |
| “My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.” Luke 1:46-47 | David |
| “He is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him.” Exodus 15:2 | Mary |
| “My heart rejoices in the LORD.” 1 Samuel 2:1 | Paul |
| “I will praise God’s name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving.” Psalm 69:30 | Moses |

Answers: Philippians 1:3, Paul; Luke 1:46-47, Mary; Exodus 15:2, Moses; 1 Samuel 2:1, Hannah; Psalm 69:30, David