

OUR STEWARDSHIP ... December 8, 2019

Church Membership.....307	Budget.....600,000.00
Morning Worship.....115	Needed..... 576,923.00
Early Worship 51	Offering Sunday..... 7,693.00
Sunday School.....96	To Date.....484,654.78
Contemporary Worship45	Under Budget.....(92,268.22)
Children’s Program	

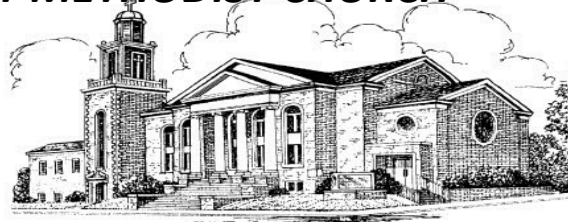
CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Read Your Bible Daily

<u>Wednesday, December 18</u>	Obadiah; Revelation 9
7:00 a.m.	Emmaus Men’s Prayer Group
6:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
	Youth Bible Study
<u>Thursday, December 19</u>	Jonah; Revelation 10
1:00 p.m.	Good Samaritan Food Pantry
<u>Friday, December 20</u>	Micah 1-3; Revelation 11
<u>Saturday, December 21</u>	Micah 4-5; Revelation 12
<u>Sunday, December 22</u>	Micah 6-7; Revelation 13
8:45 a.m.	Early Worship
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
6:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study
<u>Monday, December 23</u>	Nahum; Revelation 14
<u>Tuesday, December 24</u>	Habakkuk; Revelation 15
Christmas Eve – Office closed	
5:30 p.m.	Communion & Candlelight
<u>Wednesday, December 25</u>	Zephaniah; Revelation 16
Merry Christmas!! – Office closed	
<u>Thursday, December 26</u>	Haggai; Revelation 17
<u>Friday, December 27</u>	Zechariah 1-4; Revelation 18
6-10 p.m.	Lock-It and Clock-It Escape Room
<u>Saturday, December 28</u>	Zechariah 5-8; Revelation 19
6-10 p.m.	Lock-It and Clock-It Escape Room

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

**Louisville
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**



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

SERVING Sunday, December 22, 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: Maria Hartness and Nan Hartness

Acolytes/Crossbearer: Austin Grierson, Mimi Grierson, Sally Ann Harris

Lay Reader: Dow Thomas

Children’s Time: Charles Bond

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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“Once in our world, a stable had something in it
hat was bigger than our whole world.”
—C.S. Lewis

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

We will have Prayer Meeting and Bible Study tonight at 6 p.m. The Youth will also meet.

CHRIST CHILD OFFERING

The Christ Child Offering has become a tradition at First Methodist Church. It is a way to give a birthday gift to Jesus.

This offering will be received on Sunday, December 22, in a special way. You will be invited to place your offering in a manger. What could be a better way to remember that Christmas is His birthday, and not ours? What a wonderful lesson this will be for our children.

If you cannot be here on Sunday morning, December 22, you may still participate in the Christ Child Offering. You may designate your Christ Child Offering and place it in the collection plate at any service, or you may simply mail your Christ Child offering to the Church office.

The Christ Child Offering is important to our church. This offering is essential for us to catch up on our budget, support important ministry, and meet our obligations. Because you love Christ, you love His church. I know you will want to participate.

“Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!”
(2 Corinthians 9:15)

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION & CANDLELIGHT

Mark your calendar! We will have out traditional Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve at 5:30 p.m. This is a very special time for our church families as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. Let us be intentional in making Christ the center of our celebration, lest we find ourselves, like Bethlehem's Innkeeper, with no room for the Savior.

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will close at 2 p.m. Monday, December 23, and will reopen Thursday, December 26.
It will also be closed on January 1.

FEDERAL LAW

Please note: **Federal law** requires that all donations given to the church for tax purposes must be submitted by December 31.

LOCK-IT AND CLOCK-IT ESCAPE ROOM

Come join us for a night of challenging your smarts as well as your perseverance in our Escape Room. A team cannot have more than 8 people in it and any team of less than 6 we reserve the right to fill the remaining slots. It is \$15 per person. There are two different rooms for double fun. Can you escape the Cursed Daycare or find a way to celebrate during the New Years Bash?

The winning team with the best time and using the fewest clues will win dinner and a movie for each team member at JDogs and Northgate Cinema.

Thank you for participating. All proceeds will go to offset our youth summer camp.

Here is the link in straight form too:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C4EA4AD2FA0FC1-lockit>

EQUIP CONFERENCE

Is the Bible intimidating? Do you struggle with reading it and getting anything out of it? We are going to have a one-day conference to learn some basics for studying your Bible and life change. It will be at the Lake and cost \$15 to cover lunch out there. You need to pre-register by January 8.

IMPORTANT NEWSLETTER CHANGE!

This is the last Midweek Messenger that will be mailed out to everyone. FMC Board of Directors decided that beginning January 2020 the Midweek Newsletter will no longer be mailed unless you **specifically notify the church office that you need it continued that way.**

Those with email addresses will continue to receive it that way. Please make sure we have your current email address if you would like to receive it that way! There will also be printed copies available at the church.

THANK YOU

Dear Church family,

I am overwhelmed at your support of our Honduras mission team. We have received the money that has been donated in preparation of our 2020 mission trip. This will be my 12th year and my granddaughters, Abby, Laney and Emily will be going with me. These girls started serving on this team when they were around 12. With Abby being at the "W" the past 2 years, she was unable to go; however, now she will be able to serve on the medical team. Due to Abby's job at St. Dominic's and Laney being at ECCC, Emily and I have certainly appreciated all the help we received in preparing, serving and cleaning up for our mission meals. Your generous donations are so much help in our being able to go and provide medicines for the Hondurans. Your prayers throughout the year and during our trip mean so much to us. We appreciate your encouragement and consistent support of this ministry. The people of Honduras are so full of gratitude, and we believe the seeds sown by this team are furthering God's kingdom.

We thank you and we love you all,
Peggy

To all who had anything to do with making the show “Home for Christmas” the success we believe it was We say “Thank you!” It’s a joy to see friends and family when we gather at your church.

Carl and Robin Jackson