

OUR STEWARDSHIP ... January 5, 2020

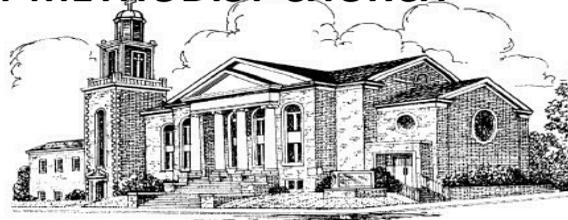
Church Membership.....307	Budget.....550,000.00
Morning Worship.....127	Needed..... 10,576.92
Early Worship 43	Offering Sunday..... 12,858.00
Sunday School.....110	To Date..... 12,858.00
Contemporary Worship45	Over Budget..... 2,281.08
Bible Study 30	

CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Read Your Bible Daily

<u>Wednesday, January 15</u>	Genesis 36-38; Matthew 10:21-42
7:00 a.m.	Emmaus Men’s Prayer Group
12:00 noon	PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH!
6:00 p.m.	Backpacks of Hope: 1st Presbyterian/FMC Youth Young Women’s Bible Study: James Youth Bible Study Children’s Bible Study
6:15 p.m.	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: Luke
7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
<u>Thursday, January 16</u>	Genesis 39-40; Matthew 11
5:30-8:30 p.m.	UPWARD Practice
<u>Friday, January 17</u>	Genesis 41-42; Matthew 12:1-23
	D-NOW for youth
<u>Saturday, January 18</u>	Genesis 43-45; Matthew 12:24-42
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<u>Sunday, January 19</u>	Genesis 46-48; Matthew 13:1-30
8:45 a.m.	Early Worship
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
3:00 p.m.	Praise Band Practice
5:00 p.m.	Contemporary Worship: <i>Equip Conference</i> Part 2 Children: <i>Trackers of Truth</i>
6:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study: Proverbs
<u>Monday, January 20</u>	Genesis 49-50; Matthew 13:31-58
5:30-8:30 p.m.	UPWARD Practice
<u>Tuesday, January 21</u>	Exodus 1-3; Matthew 14:1-21
11:00 a.m.	Backpacks of Hope: Whitehall

Louisville
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH



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

SERVING Sunday, January 12, 2020

- Ushers and Greeters:** Youth
- Altar Guild:** Gloria Veazey and Barb Largio
- Acolytes/Crossbearer:** Millie Kate Mercer, Mary Flynn Yates, Luke Yates
- Lay Reader:** Dow Thomas
- Children’s Time:** Mary Grace Chambers
- Children’s Supper:** Wesley & Amanda Clark
- Wednesday Night Servers January 15:** Betty Appleby Class

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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Rev. Mike Childs, Senior Pastor

Rev. Newlie Long, Associate

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Mr. Jerry Nance, Minister of Music

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PRAYER FOR THE JOURNEY

The following prayer, almost 1,000 years old, was written for pilgrims walking the Camino de Santiago (the Way of St. James) — 500 miles across northern Spain. Use this adaption as you journey into the new year:

God, you called your servant Abraham from Ur in Chaldea, watching over him in all his wanderings, and guided the Hebrew people as they crossed the desert. Guard your children, who seek to grow in you this year. Be their companion on the way, their guide at the crossroads, their strength in weariness, their defense in dangers, their shelter on the path, their shade in the heat, their light in the darkness, their comfort in discouragement, and the firmness of their intentions. Through your guidance, may they be enriched with grace and virtue, and be filled with salutary and lasting joy.

—from the 12th-century Codex Calixtinus

SHARING JESUS

The true story is told of two men sitting together on a train. When one shared with the other, a committed Christian, that he was heading home to donate a kidney to his father, the Christian listened intently. Sensing his seatmate's genuine interest, the speaker confided that he didn't know his life's purpose.

Sensing an openness in his new friend, the Christian told him about Jesus and the purpose Jesus had given to his life. The Christian man said later that he'd never met someone so appreciative of hearing the Good News.

A key Epiphany theme is sharing the news of Jesus. "Ordinary" Christians can do that best by listening for an opening when visiting with someone and sharing part of their faith story in relation to something the other has said. There's no need to accost strangers on street corners. Just be yourself, let the Holy Spirit guide you and invite your listener to follow Jesus, too.

RESOLVE TO "BE THERE"

Let our New Year's resolution be this: We will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word.

—Goran Persson

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH

We are asking all our members join together in **pray every Wednesday at noon** for the settlement of all First Methodist's legal issues. You may pray wherever you are each Wednesday, even if it is a brief prayer, but you are welcome to come to the sanctuary from 12 noon until 12:30 p.m. if you wish to pray in the church.

REGULAR WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE BEGINS TODAY

- **Supper** will be served at 5 p.m. The **Betty Appleby Class** is serving tonight.
- The **Children** will meet in the choir room with Mark for music at 5:30 p.m. At 6 p.m. the K-3rd grades will meet with Rachel Nance and 4-6 grades with Carol Clark for Bible Study.
- At 6 p.m. our **Youth** will pack Backpacks with the youth of 1st Presbyterian Church and then have their Bible Study.
- **Prayer Meeting and Bible Study** is at 6:15 p.m. in the Parlor. The study of Proverbs continues.
- The **Choir** will practice at 7 p.m.

BACKPACKS OF HOPE

We are collecting Pop Tarts for Backpacks of Hope this month. First Presbyterian Youth will pack tonight and Whitehall Church next Tuesday.

UPWARD

UPWARD grades 4-6 will practice from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in the CLC Thursday, January 16, and Monday, January 27. No practice on January 20 due to MLK Holiday. Games begin Thursday, January 23.

Would you be willing to be a host at the UPWARD games at our church? Lock and unlock the building, make sure visitors do not wander away from designated areas, etc. Games are Mondays and Thursday from 6-8 p.m. If you can help one or more nights, contact Newlie ASAP.

EQUIP CONFERENCE

The Equip Conference got off to a great start this past Sunday evening with a great crowd at the 5 o'clock worship service. Come join us for Session 2 this Sunday, January 19, as we learn about the basics for studying the Bible.

INFORMATION PLEASE

We learned a valuable lesson in record keeping two years ago. It is so easy to lose contact our members— especially when they move out of town. Not many people remember to notify the church of address changes or when other contact information changes even if it's just in town. Because of this we are asking EVERYONE – members and regular attendees – to fill out the information form you will be receiving this week. It asks about your family, birthdays, your contact information, etc. Please fill it out as soon as you get and return it to the church office. It is important to keep our records current. And in the future, any time you change your address, phone numbers, or email, PLEASE let the church office know. Thanks!

If you would like to become a member or are not sure if your membership was moved to FMC, please contact the church office.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

For the last 4 years I have asked you for donations to assist Child Protection Services in buying Christmas gifts and fulfilling other needs for Winston County's foster children. Once again this year you answered the call with over \$2,500 in donations. Over the last 4 years we have raised nearly \$12,000 for this need. Your generosity lit up the faces of over 30 children on Christmas morning. Words cannot adequately express my gratitude and all I can say is thank you from the bottom of my heart. May God continue to bless you and our children in the days ahead.

Sincerely,

Hugh Hathorn