

OUR STEWARDSHIP ... January 19, 2020

Church Membership.....307	Budget.....550,000.00
Morning Worship.....130	Needed..... 31,731.00
Early Worship 31	Offering Sunday.....
Sunday School.....99	To Date.....
Contemporary Worship66	Under Budget..... ()
Bible Study 12	

CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Read Your Bible Daily

Wednesday, January 22 Exodus 4-6; Matthew 14:22-36

- 7:00 a.m. Emmaus Men’s Prayer Group
- 12:00 noon PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH!
- 5:00 p.m. Supper
- 6:00 p.m. Young Women’s Bible Study: James
Youth Bible Study (7-12gr)
Children’s Bible Study (K-3gr & 4-6gr)
- 6:15 p.m. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: Luke
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, January 23 Exodus 7-8; Matthew 15:1-20

- 9:00 a.m. Wesley Study Group
- 10:30 p.m. Backpacks of Hope: Pleasant Ridge MB
- 6:00 p.m. UPWARD game
- 7:00 p.m. UPWARD game

Friday, January 24 Exodus 9-11; Matthew 15:21-39

Saturday, January 25 Exodus 12-13; Matthew 16

Sunday, January 26 Exodus 14-15; Matthew 17

- 8:45 a.m. Early Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 2:30 p.m. Security Committee
- 3:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice
- 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship: *Equip Conference* Part 3
Children: *Trackers of Truth*
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study: Proverbs
Youth Fellowship

Monday, January 27 Exodus 16-18; Matthew 18:1-20

- 5:30-8:30 p.m. UPWARD Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Emmaus Gathering

Tuesday, January 28 Exodus 19-20; Matthew 18:21-35

- 1:00 p.m. Bridge Club
- 6:00 p.m. UPWARD game
- 7:00 p.m. UPWARD game

*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, January 26, 2020

Ushers and Greeters: Youth

Altar Guild: Gloria Veazey and Barb Largio

Acolytes/Crossbearer: Julia Gregory, Brantlee Wright, Bryson Wright

Lay Reader: Dow Thomas

Children’s Time: Barbara Kemp

Children’s Supper: Wesley & Amanda Clark

Wednesday Night Servers January 22: Gap 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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Mr. Jerry Nance, Minister of Music

LOVE IN ACTION

Martin Luther King Jr., whose life and legacy we honor this month, spoke often about the power of love. In fact, he equated the practice of nonviolence with “absolute commitment to the way of love.”

Love, declared the minister and activist, “is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.” And, he said, anyone who’s “devoid of the power to love” is “devoid of the power to forgive.”

King distinguished between true love and “empty sentimentalism,” however. He taught — and showed — that love is “the active outpouring of one’s whole being into the being of another.”

Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross is the ultimate “active outpouring” of love, and we can choose to follow his example daily.

“Because of Calvary I’m free to choose,” writes Max Lucado in *When God Whispers Your Name*. “No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness. I choose love. Today I will love God and what God loves.”

THREE QUESTIONS

There’s a tale of a traveling priest who was confronted by a soldier in pre-revolutionary Russia. Rifle in hand, the soldier barked, “Who are you? Where are you going? Why are you going there?”

Instead of answering, the priest asked how much the soldier was paid — and offered double if the soldier would challenge him with those three questions each day as he passed by.

Those three important questions can guide us on our journey through the brand-new year ahead. For Christians, thankfully, the answers are clear:

- Who are you? “I’m a child of God!”
- Where are you going? “I’m going out into the world!”
- Why are you going there? “I’m going out of love for Jesus, who died for me!”

Place these questions and answers in a spot where you can see them each day. Then go forward confidently, knowing “whose” you are and what your purpose is.

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH

□ Continue to **pray every Wednesday at noon** for the settlement of all First Methodist’s legal issues. You may pray wherever you are, 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 **Gap 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 meet with Newlie in the Youth Room.
- **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. Pleasant Ridge MB Church will pack on Thursday.

UPWARD

UPWARD grades 4-6 will practice from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in the CLC Monday, January 27. Games will be on Thursday, January 30, and Monday, February 3.

SECURITY MEETING

The Security Committee will meet this Sunday, January 26, at 2:30 p.m. Contact Jerry Nance if you need more information.

“If God were small enough to be understood, he would not be big enough to be worshiped.” —Evelyn Underhill

BRIDAL TEAS

♥ You are all invited to the Bridal Tea honoring **Corrin Puckhaber** bride elect of **Drew Smith** from 1:30-2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 2, at First Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

♥ You are invited to a Bridal Tea honoring **Hannah Pollard** bride elect of **Matt Snow** from 1:30-2:30 p.m. On Sunday, February 9, at Frist Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

MISSION COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the Mission Committee Wednesday, February 5, at 5:30 p.m. Members of this committee are Valerie Sullivan (Chair), J. B. Blanset, Amanda Clark, David Crowson, Laura Harris, Taylor Harris, Ann Hudson, Patrick Morgan, Renee Morgan, Mellie Thomas, Peggy Yarbrough, Melanie Yates.

MISSION LUNCH

The next **Mission Lunch** will be on Sunday, February 16, instead of the first Sunday. The Children’s Ministry will be hosting this meal. More details on menu closer to time.

SENIOR ADULTS

CALLING ALL SENIOR ADULTS! We are planning a “**SHOW AND TELL**” time again. Come join us Thursday, February 13, and bring an item that is special to you and of interest to the group. We will meet at 12 noon in Friendship Hall with lunch provided.

Please let Pat McWhirter (803-7723) or Joyce Nance (705-1637) know by February 10 if you plan to come.

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

—Martin Luther King Jr.