

**OUR STEWARDSHIP** ... February 2, 2020

Church Membership.....307	Budget.....550,000.00
Morning Worship.....127	Needed..... 63,462.00
Early Worship ..... 47	Offering Sunday..... 7,788.50
Sunday School.....99	To Date..... 56,673.23
Contemporary Worship .....57	Under Budget..... (6,788.77)
Bible Study ..... 20	

**CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK**

Read Your Bible Daily

Wednesday, February 12                      Leviticus 13; Matthew 26:26-50

Mission Team in Honduras

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

12:00 noon      PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH!

6:00 p.m.        Love Banquet

Thursday, February 13                      Leviticus 14; Matthew 26:51-75

Mission Team in Honduras

9:00 a.m.        Wesley Study

12:00 noon      Senior Adults Show & Tell

6:00 p.m.        UPWARD game

7:00 p.m.        UPWARD game

Friday, February 14                      Leviticus 15-16; Matthew 27:1-26

Mission Team in Honduras

HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY!

Saturday, February 15                      Leviticus 17-18; Matthew 27:27-50

Mission Team returns from Honduras

Sunday, February 16                      Leviticus 19-20; Matthew 27:51-75

8:45 a.m.        Early Worship

9:45 a.m.        Sunday School

11:00 a.m.      Morning Worship

12:00 a.m.      Mission Lunch for Children’s Ministry

3:00 p.m.        Praise Band Practice

5:00 p.m.        Contemporary Worship: *Equip Conference* Part 6  
Children: *Trackers of Truth*

6:00 p.m.        Evening Bible Study: Proverbs

Monday, February 17                      Leviticus 21-22; Matthew 28

6:00 p.m.        UPWARD Games

7:00 p.m.        UPWARD Game

Tuesday, February 18                      Leviticus 23-24; Mark 1:1-22

7:00 a.m.        Youth: Morning Glory

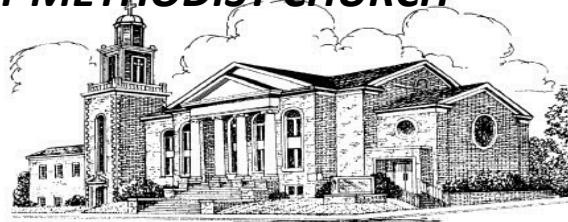
10:30 a.m.      Backpacks of Hope: Whitehall

1:00 p.m.        Bridge Club

*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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## FIRST METHODIST CHURCH



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

**SERVING Sunday, February 16, 2020**

**Ushers and Greeters:** Youth

**Altar Guild:** Karen Allen and Adrienne Mercer

**Acolytes/Crossbearer:** Austin and Mimi Grierson, Jackson Hudson

**Lay Reader:** Michael Majors

**Children’s Time:** Austin Baskin

**Children’s Supper:** Christy and Newlie Long

**Youth Supper:** Rachel and Rick Nance

**Wednesday Night Servers February 12:** Youth

**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**.

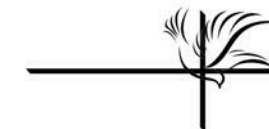
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### THE VERY BEST VALENTINE

Almost everyone — at least of the female persuasion — knows the romantic meaning of the phrase “hearts and flowers.” Valentine’s Day is coming! What will I get from my boyfriend ... my husband ... my best friend? I’m hoping for some sort of bouquet, a card full of loving words and red hearts, candy or at least a sweet balloon.

Human beings may disappoint. That special someone may forget to check the calendar for February 14. But even if he doesn’t come through exactly as I hope, I can still be amazed and happy with the valentine I am sure to receive every day from my heavenly Father and his Son: words of delight and joy and caring — always surrounding me with love and more love. These are the best “hearts and flowers” I could ever have, and which I do have, on Valentine’s Day and throughout eternity. —Sandy Hyland

### LOVE-LY SUPERLATIVES

To fall in love with God is the greatest of romances, to seek him the greatest adventure, to find him the greatest human achievement. —St. Augustine

### PRAY!

“God does nothing except in answer to prayer.”—John Wesley

- Continue to pray every Wednesday at noon for our church. You’re welcome to join others in the sanctuary between 12-12:30 or you can pray wherever you are! Just pray!
- The Mission Team returns from Honduras Saturday. Please keep them in your prayers each day as they travel and as they share the love of Christ with the people of Honduras. Those serving this year are Peggy Yarbrough, Abby Ray, Laney Ray, and Emily Majors.
- Are you praying for you Prayer Family?



### LOVE BANQUET

□ This Wednesday, February 12, the youth are hosting a **Love Banquet** as a fundraiser for transportation to camp. This will replace all normal activities this Wednesday night. You need to reserve a plate for \$10 in the office by Wednesday. The meal will be Chicken Cordon Bleu, Beans, Potatoes, Salad, and Dessert. Children will eat with their families. We will have a free meal option for the children, but if they want to eat the main meal, they will need to purchase a ticket. We will have activities for them in the gym following the meal. There will be music played by our own Mark Goldbeck and a devotion from our pastor. Thank you for supporting our youth by participating in this wonderful evening.

### WESLEY STUDY

The Wesley Study Group meets this Thursday at 9 a.m. in the YANSY Classroom (CLC 205). Everyone welcome.

### SENIOR ADULTS

SENIOR ADULTS will meet in Friendship Hall at noon on Thursday for another “**SHOW AND TELL**” time. Bring something that is special to you and of interest to the group. We will meet at 12 noon in Friendship Hall with lunch provided.

### UPWARD

UPWARD grades 4-6 games are in the CLC Mondays and Thursdays 6 and 7 p.m. through February 20. The End of Year Celebration will be on Friday, February 21, at First Methodist.

### MISSION LUNCH

The next **Mission Lunch** will be this coming Sunday, February 16, instead of the first Sunday. The Children’s Ministry will be hosting this meal. Menu will be Red Beans and Rice, Ceasar Salad, Garlic Bread, Banana Pudding. Make your reservation ASAP. Numbers will be turned in on Thursday. This will benefit their summer activities.

### MORNING GLORY

Youth will meet on Tuesday, February 18, at 7 a.m. Rides will be available to school.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent, the church-year season that begins on Ash Wednesday, is a time of penitence and spiritual renewal. Some people give up a luxury or vice during Lent as a form of self-denial; others undertake a project that benefits others.

The point isn’t to denigrate ourselves or to see how much we can do without. Instead, Lent helps us reflect on Jesus’ death. As Timothy Keller writes in *The Reason for God*: “The Christian Gospel is that I am so flawed that Jesus had to die for me, yet I am so loved and valued that Jesus was glad to die for me. This leads to deep humility and deep confidence at the same time. It undermines both swaggering and sniveling. I cannot feel superior to anyone, and yet I have nothing to prove to anyone. I do not think more of myself nor less of myself. Instead, I think of myself less.”

*We will celebrate the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 19, with a special service in the sanctuary at 6:15 p.m. Come and join us.*

### KIDS CAMP

Our kids ages 7 years to 6th grade will be going to Lake Forest Ranch July 24-27. If you haven’t signed up yet, **contact Newlie as soon as possible.**



### SERVE AT HOME

We are helping our own Corrin Puckhaber stock a supply closet for her school. She needs basic school supplies, personal hygiene supplies, and uniforms. Bring any donations of items and put them in the box in Friendship Hall. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Please mark “Serve at Home” in your memo line. Thanks!