

OUR STEWARDSHIP ... February 16, 2020

Church Membership.....306	Budget.....550,000.00
Morning Worship.....146	Needed..... 74,039.00
Early Worship 45	Offering Sunday..... 13,579.60
Sunday School.....110	To Date..... 70,252.83
Contemporary Worship45	Under Budget..... (3,786.17)
Bible Study 22	

CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Read Your Bible Daily

Wednesday, February 19 Leviticus 25; Mark 1:23-45

- 7:00 a.m. Emmaus Men's Prayer Group
- 12:00 noon PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH!
- 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Supper
- 5:30 p.m. Children's Music
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study
- Children's Bible Study
- 6:15 p.m. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, February 20 Leviticus 26-27; Mark 2

- 1:00 p.m. Good Samaritan Food Pantry
- 6:00 p.m. UPWARD game
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Friday, February 21 Numbers 1-2; Mark 3:1-9

- 6:00 p.m. UPWARD Celebration

Saturday, February 22 Numbers 3-4; Mark 3:20-35

Sunday, February 23 Numbers 5-6; Mark 4:1-20

- 7:45 a.m. Praise Band Practice
- 8:45 a.m. Early Worship
- Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 5:00 p.m. Equip Conference Part 7
- Children: *Trackers of Truth*
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study: Proverbs

Monday, February 24 Numbers 7-8; Mark 4:21-41

- 6:00 p.m. Emmaus Gathering

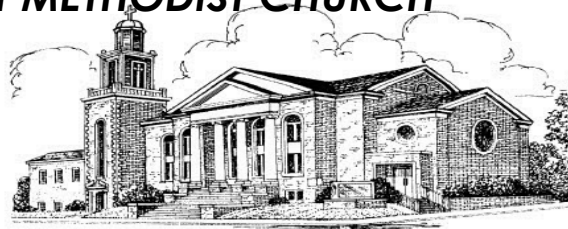
Tuesday, February 25 Numbers 9-11; Mark 5:1-20

- 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.*

Louisville

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH



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

SERVING Sunday, February 23, 2020

Ushers and Greeters: Bobby McWhirter (Chmn), J. B. Blanset, Wesley and Amanda Clark, Peggy Crawford, Don and Samantha Dickerson, Sheila Hickman, Harry Kemp, Joe Morgan, Joanie Rosamond, Shawn Sudduth, Robert Warner, Lee and Christy Verry

Altar Guild: Karen Allen and Adrienne Mercer

Acolytes/Crossbearer:

Lay Reader: Amanda Majors

Children's Time: Mellie Thomas

Children's Supper: Megan Miller

Youth Supper:

Wednesday Night Servers February 19: Calloway 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 listen to the delayed broadcast of the previous Sunday's **Contemporary Service** each Sunday at 12:00 noon on **WLSM-FM 107.1**.

You can watch the **Live streaming** of the 11 a.m. service at **Louisville First Methodist Church** on Facebook.

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STAYING FED

"How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" (Psalm 119:103, NRSV).

Recently I was confronted with this question: If you fed yourself with food the way you feed yourself with God's Word, would you still be alive? It gave me pause.

Do I eat enough spiritually? — feast regularly enough on Scripture to keep up my energy and the health of my soul? Do I eat nutritiously? — take in a balanced meal of law and gospel, comfort and commandments, prophecy and promise? Do I pass up spiritual junk food? — set aside empty calories that lead to disease, in order to hunger for what truly gives life? Do I drink enough Living Water to avoid faith dehydration? And once in a while, do I splurge on dessert? — savor the sweetness and joy of belonging at God's table?

What abundance God sets before us. May we never skip a "meal"!

—Heidi Mann

PROVIDING PROOF

If we are to accept the teaching of Jesus at all, then the only test of the reality of a man's religion is his attitude to his fellow men. The only possible proof that a man loves God is the demonstrated fact that he loves his fellow men.

—William Barclay

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDLY

Do not waste time bothering whether you "love" your neighbor; act as if you did. As soon as we do this, we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you loved someone, you will presently come to love him.

—C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

SYMPATHY

We express our Christian love and sympathy to the family of

- **Bobbye Mills** who passed from this life to the next on February 14. Bobbye was a life long member of our church. Funeral services were held Sunday. Keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time of loss.
- **Linda Runnels** who passed from this life to the next on February 9. She is former member of First Methodist Church. Keep her daughters Alexa Ketchum and Roselin Runnels and family in your prayers during this difficult time of loss.

REMEMBER TO 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!
- Are you praying for you Prayer Family?

UPWARD

The last UPWARD games are Thursday. The End of Year Celebration will be on Friday, February 21, at First Methodist in the sanctuary.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

This coming Sunday morning the **Contemporary service** will begin meeting at 8:45 a.m. in the CLC! Bro. Newlie will start a new series called *Taking Every Thought Captive*. Come join us!

The regular early morning service will continue in Friendship Hall at the same time with Bro. Mike.

Please be aware of these two services and enter quietly once these services have begun. Use the Education Building entrance instead of the CLC entrance if you're not going to the Contemporary Worship Service.

SERVE AT HOME

Help with this **Serve at Home** project. Bring your donations of personal hygiene items, school supplies, and uniforms to the church and place them in the box in Friendship Hall. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Please mark "Serve at Home" in your memo line. These will help stock a supply closet at Eiland Middle 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 26**, with a special service in the sanctuary at 6:15 p.m. Come and join us.*

FROM THE MAIL BAG

Dear Church Family,

Matt and I want to thank First Methodist Church for the beautiful family Bible that was given to us at the Bridal Tea. We will cherish using this book to read God's word together. Thank you for thinking of us during this special time in our lives.

Love,

Hannah and Matt