

**OUR STEWARDSHIP ... February 23, 2020**

Church Membership.....	306	Budget.....	550,000.00
Morning Worship.....	124	Needed.....	84,616.00
Early Worship .....	45	Offering Sunday.....	7,018.60
Contemporary Worship .....	58	To Date.....	77,271.43
Sunday School.....	110	Under Budget.....	(7,344.57)
Equip .....	45		
Bible Study.....	15		

**CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK**

Read Your Bible Daily

Wednesday, February 26 Numbers 12-14; Mark 5:21-43

- 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 27 Numbers 15-16; Mark 6:1-29

- 1:00 p.m. Good Samaritan Food Pantry

Friday, February 28 Number 17-19; Mark 6:30-56

Saturday, February 29 (LEAP DAY!)

Sunday, March 1 Numbers 20-22; Mark 7:1-13

- 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
- 12:00 noon Mission Lunch for Haiti Mission Team
- 5:00 p.m. Equip Conference
- Children: *Trackers of Truth*
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study: Proverbs

Monday, March 2 Numbers 23-25; Mark 7:14-37

- 1:30 p.m. Methodist Women

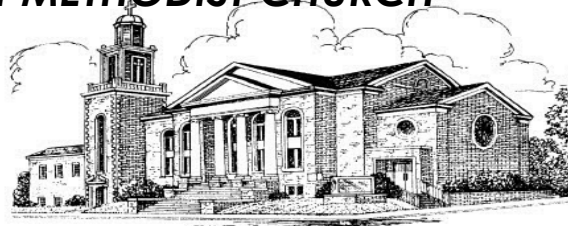
Tuesday, March 3 Numbers 26-28; Mark 8

- 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, March 2, 2020**

**Ushers and Greeters:** Al Porter (Chmn.), Wade Baskin, Don and Jan Brantley, Richard Caperton, Joe Clark, Brian and Jennifer Collier, Cliff and Ann Hudson, Barbara Kemp, Patrick Morgan, Rob and Melanie Yates

**Altar Guild:** Rhee Hankins and Mary Grace Chambers

**Acolytes/Crossbearer:** Brantlee and Bryson Wright, Michael Majors

**Lay Reader:** Samantha Dickerson

**Children's Time:** Curry Black

**Children's Supper:** Natali and Shawn Sudduth

**Youth Supper:**

**Wednesday Night Servers February 26:** 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 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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Pastor & Youth  
Mr. Jerry Nance, Minister of Music

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## DON'T SETTLE

For most of us, the great danger is not that we will renounce our faith. It is that we will become so distracted and rushed and preoccupied that we will settle for a mediocre version of it. We will just skim our lives instead of actually living them.

—John Ortberg, *The Life You've Always Wanted*

## FAITH JOURNEY

A family was heading on vacation: two little ones were nestled in car seats; the van was packed. As Dad locked the house and Mom secured the garage, an adult neighbor the kids knew walked up and spoke through an open window. "Where are you going?" The kids shrugged. "Well, what road are you taking?" the friend asked with a knowing smile. Of course, they had no idea. "Do you know where you'll eat today, or where you'll spend the night?" Blank stares. Then the friend asked, "Who are you traveling with?" The children broke into grins and shouted, "Mommy and Daddy!"

On the journey of faith, we don't know precisely where we're headed or how all our needs will be met. But we know who we're traveling with: our loving God who is fully aware of the twists and turns ahead; the loving Parent who promises to care for us wherever we go.

## HMMM ...

"Satan does not care how many people read about prayer if only he can keep them from praying."

—Paul E. Billheimer

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins TODAY, Ash Wednesday. Christians have observed this season of the church year since the fourth century. It's traditionally a time of reflection, penitence and spiritual renewal before Easter. During Lent, some Christians give up something that hinders their relationship with God. Others do something extra for their spiritual growth or make a special sacrifice. The key is to make Lent a memorable season of sincere spiritual growth — a time that can set the tone for the rest of the year.

*We will celebrate the beginning of Lent TODAY **Ash Wednesday, February 26**, with a special service in the sanctuary at 6:15 p.m. Come and join us.*

## WESLEY STUDY

The Wesley Bible Study meets this Thursday at 9 a.m. in CLC 205.

## BACKPACKS OF HOPE

We are collecting pasta cups for Backpacks of Hope. You can put your donation in the box in Friendship Hall. Pleasant Ridge Baptist will be packing this Thursday and Betheden Prayer Group will pack next Tuesday.

## WORSHIP WITH US!

Sunday was a great beginning for our new time for the **Contemporary service!** If you know someone who loves Contemporary music, invite them to join us here Sunday at 8:45 a.m. in the CLC!

The regular **Early Morning** service meets in Friendship Hall at 8:45 a.m. with Bro. Mike. And we have the 11 o'clock **Traditional Service** in the sanctuary.

**Equip** will meet a couple of more Sundays at 5 p.m. To complete that study. **Evening Bible Study** on Luke continues at 6 p.m.

Come join us for worship at any of these services. If you are blessed, invite someone to come with you!!!

## METHODIST WOMEN

The Methodist Women will meet Monday, March 2, at 1:30 p.m. Come join them for fellowship, prayer, and Bible Study. They are planning a project in May! Come be a part of this!

## A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER will be Sunday, March 29! We will have awesome entertainment from our children and youth so you won't want to miss this event! We will also have our silent auction and cake auction again! Please contact Melanie Yates (662-312-5161) with your silent auction items and Robin Wright (662-803-2504) with your cakes!!! We are looking forward to an amazing night.

## A LENTEN HISTORY LESSON

Though the date of Easter varies, the majority of the Lenten season occurs during March. In fact, the word Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon words *lenctentid* (meaning "March") and *lencten* (meaning "spring").

The first reference to Lent dates back to 325 AD, in one of the 20 canons decreed at the council of Nicaea. By the eighth century, Christians started observing Lent, and a 10th-century monk named Aelfric connected the use of ashes and "the Lenten fast" to the pre-Easter period.

Lent lasts 40 days to represent Jesus' time in the wilderness, when he was tempted by the devil. The six Sundays that occur between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday aren't counted as part of Lent; instead, as the traditional day of worship, they're considered "mini-Easters."