

**OUR STEWARDSHIP** ... January 6, 2019

Church Membership.....283	Budget.....600,000.00
Early Worship.....42	Needed..... 11,538.46
Morning Worship.....139	Offering Sunday.....17,114.00
Contemporary .....45	To Date.....17,114.00
Evening Bible Study ..... 29	OverBudget..... 5,575.54
Sunday School..... 122	

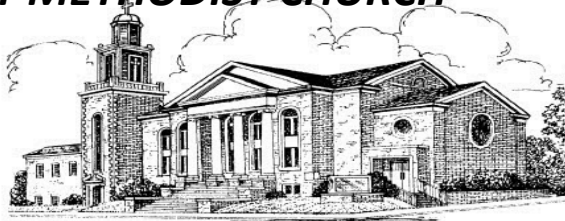
**CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK**

Read Your Bible Daily

<u>Wednesday, January 9</u>	Genesis 23-24; Matthew 7
7:00 a.m.	Emmaus Men's Prayer Group
6:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: Proverbs Youth: Backpacks/Bible Study
<u>Thursday, January 10</u>	Genesis 25-26; Matthew 8
9:00 a.m.	Wesley Bible Study
5:30-8:30 p.m.	UPWARD Practice
<u>Friday, January 11</u>	Genesis 27-28; Matthew 9
<u>Saturday, January 12</u>	Genesis 29-30; Matthew 10
<u>Sunday, January 13</u>	Genesis 31-32; Matthew 11
8:45 a.m.	Early Worship
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
12:00 noon	Lunch Bunch
3:00 p.m.	Committee on Finance
3:30 p.m.	Council On Ministries Praise Band Practice
4:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice
5:00 p.m.	Contemporary Worship
5:15 p.m.	Kids Connection
6:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study Youth Fellowship
7:00 p.m.	Board of Directors
<u>Monday, January 14</u>	Genesis 33-35; Matthew 12
5:30-8:30 p.m.	UPWARD Practice
<u>Tuesday, January 15</u>	Genesis 36-38; Matthew 13
7:00 a.m.	Youth: Morning Glory
10:30 a.m.	Backpacks of Hope: Whitehall UMC

*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 12, 2019**

**Ushers and Greeters:** Taylor Harris (Chrmn.), R. E. Clark, Jr., Corey Coward, Hugh Hathorn, Gary Hillhouse, Richard Hunt, Joyce Kirkpatrick, Judy McLeod, Elaine Thompson, Wilson Webb, Dee Luke Wright, Greg and Robin Wright

**Altar Guild:** Samantha Bookout and Gerry Clark

**Acolytes/Crossbearer:** Jennifer Collier, Ella Claire and Julia Gregory

**Children’s Time:** Samantha Dickerson

**Lay Reader:** Peggy Crawford

**Children’s Supper:** Gerry Clark

**Youth Supper:** Lori Black

**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 now listen to the delayed **Contemporary Service** each Sunday at 12:00 noon on **WLSM-FM 107.1**.

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**Facebook page:** Louisville First Methodist Church

**Remind:** Text @lfmc to 81010

**Website of Interest:**

**Wesleyan Covenant Association:** wesleyancovenant.org



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Mr. Jerry Nance, Minister of Music

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## READING RESOLUTIONS

Every January, many Christians resolve to read the entire Bible in one year. That's a worthy goal, but God doesn't require us to read a certain number of verses or chapters per day. Instead, he tells us to simply be in his Word — and thus be with him — so he can grow our faith, light our path and assure us of his love and forgiveness. God's Word is a precious gift, but we need to “unwrap” it!

F.B. Meyer offers this helpful advice for a new year of discovering (and rediscovering!) Scripture: “Read the Bible, not as a newspaper, but as a home letter. If a cluster of heavenly fruit hangs within reach, gather it. If a promise lies upon the page as a blank check, cash it. If a prayer is recorded, appropriate it and launch it as a feathered arrow from the bow of your desire. If an example of holiness gleams before you, ask God to do as much for you. If the truth is revealed ... entreat that its brilliance may ever irradiate ... your life.”

## KINGFISHER FAITH

In a video on his publisher's website, Eugene Peterson tells of watching a kingfisher repeatedly dive for fish in a lake. Peterson counted 37 dives before the kingfisher caught its supper! “And he's the king fisher!” Peterson chuckles. From that bird-watching episode, he gleaned a ministry lesson: It may take a long time and many attempts — maybe dozens! — before something works out.

God calls us to live out his love faithfully, even when we don't seem to be accomplishing anything. Maybe we extend 36 invitations to worship, work 36 monthly shifts at a food bank or utter 36 prayers without seeing results. “What's the point?” we wonder. But the kingfisher urges us on: “Maybe number 37 is the charm!”

In the words of St. Paul (and mixing fishing and farming metaphors): “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up” (Galatians 6:9, NIV).

## IN HONOR OF ALL ACOLYTES

A gift has been given to First Methodist Church in honor of all acolytes past, present and future — “Thank you for your service.” Miss Peggy

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

- Youth: Backpacks of Hope & Bible Study – 6 p.m.
- Prayer Meeting and Bible Study – 6:16 p.m.
- Chancel Choir practice – 7 p.m.

***Children's Activities and Wednesday Night Suppers resume of January 16.***

## BACKPACKS OF HOPE

January is Pop Tart Month of Backpacks of Hope. Please place your donations in the box in Friendship Hall, or bring them to the church office. Cash donations are also welcomed.

Packing Schedule for January:

- January 9 – FMC Youth – 6 p.m.
- January 15 – Whitehall UMC – 10:30 a.m.
- January 24 – Pleasant Ridge MB – 11:00 a.m.
- January 29 – Pilot Club – 2:00 p.m.

## WESLEY STUDY GROUP

Bro. Mike Childs will begin a **Wesley Study Group** on Thursday, January 10, at 9 a.m. If you are interested, please contact Bro. Mike.

## UPWARD BASKETBALL by Newlie Long

**UPWARD Basketball** practices will be in the CLC Gym from 5:30-8:30 p.m. each Monday and Thursday. UPWARD games begin January 24.

If you would be willing to help as a referee, set up or clean up, please contact me!

## LUNCH BUNCH

**The Lunch Bunch** will go to lunch at the Magnolia Cafenext Sunday immediately following 11 a.m. worship. Single adults are invited to join them.

## BUSINESS MEETINGS

- The **Committee on Finance** meets next Sunday, January 13, at 3:00 p.m.
- The **Council On Ministries** will have their yearly planning meeting next Sunday, January 13 at 3:30 p.m. Our Lay Leadership remains the same for the time being.
- The **Board of Directors** will meet next Sunday, January 13 immediately following Evening Bible Study.

## YOUTH NEWS

- **Morning Glory:** All youth are invited to come to Friendship Hall at 7 a.m. Tuesday, January 15, for breakfast and a short devotion. We'll be out by 7:30 so not to be late for school. Rides will be available.
- **Youth D-Now:** January 18-19

## NURSERY CHANGES

- Due to health reasons, Joye Gentry has resigned from our church nursery after almost 13 years of service. We would like to honor her faithfulness by giving her a gift of appreciation. If you would like to make a donation to that purpose, please do so by designating it “Joye” in the memo line.
- On that note, we are looking for someone to take that position in the nursery. If you know someone who might be interested, please contact Mary Tabor.

## HAITI MISSION TEAM

Please keep in your prayers those preparing to go on the mission trip to Haiti January 26-February 1.