



**Edgewood Manor (Lucasville):** Alan Fick, C3

**LanFair:** Mary Chilcote, 313

**Luxe:** Jim Funkhouser, Eckert Wing, 207A

**Magnolia Terrace:** Jane Patterson, 56

**Primrose:** Bill & Doris Shauger, 121

**The Ridge:** Fred Beougher, 140

**Continued Prayers are requested for:**

Phyllis Flowers, Ed Gurile, Clara Herrick,  
Lloyd & Diann Helber, Eleanor & Bob Kane, Carl & Sharon Mathias,  
Vicki Oatney, Michael Parrish, Beth Patton,  
Rod Shouldis, Kathy Starner, Billie Stebelton, Don Taylor.

\*Please note: Names will be removed from the bulletin prayer list after three Sundays and will only be added if a new request is made.

If you have a prayer concern or praise to share, please fill out a green prayer card found in the pew and give it to an usher before the worship service begins. Thank you for allowing us to pray for and with you!

If you would like the church to pray for you or someone you know on the Sixth Avenue GMC e-mail prayer chain, contact Lee Ann or the church office. You can also let her know if you would like to be added to the prayer chain email list.

When a Level 2 or higher snow emergency is issued, all church functions are canceled. This includes worship services, meetings, and activities.  
Please check your local TV listings. (ABC 6 & 10TV)

**Weekly Bible Study** will continue this Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel with Steve Templin.

We will be having a **Chili Bowl luncheon** on February 8 from 1-3 p.m. We are doing this in honor of the Super Bowl LX on Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Jeremy invites everyone to take a moment to visit his blog.

Since 2012, he has been a regular blogger of his sermon transcripts.

You can find several of his blogs hosted on Blogger.com

As he was serving the Pleasant View church and working for Park national Bank, he started a brand-new blog which he will carry over to this new venture into the 6th Avenue GMC.

"The Shank Bank" is a current collection of all of his sermon material from 2025 and into 2026.

You can find your way there through the following link.

<https://shankbank.blogspot.com/>

The plan is for our weekly sermon to be posted on time each week before Sunday morning.

## Week At A Glance:

### Wednesday, January 7 (Epiphany Sunday)

10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Chapel)

12:00 p.m. Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

### Sunday, January 11, 2026 (Baptism of the Lord)

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School (Parlor)

10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)

## CELEBRATIONS IN JANUARY 2026

### Birthdays

### Anniversaries

### MINISTRY STAFF

Ministers: The People of This Congregation

Media Team: Paul Jassogne

Media Team (Live Streaming): Lee Ann Whitmer

Church Secretary: Lee Ann Whitmer

Pianist: Jackie Howard

Liturgist: Greg Howard

Pastor: Rev. Jeremy Shank

## Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

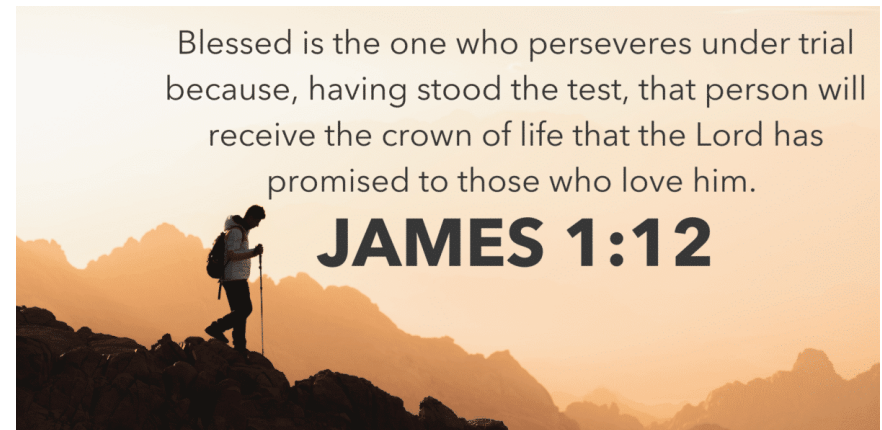
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January 4, 2026

(Epiphany Sunday)



## “Let’s Start Over, Again”

Worship Service starts at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday.

Children’s Church (ages 5-13) starts at 10:45 a.m.

Church Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday through Friday

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Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church  
(First Sunday after Christmas)

January 4, 2026

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord, we want to follow you.

**People: Lead us into a new year, a new way of  
doing things, a new direction for our lives.**

Leader: Jesus, King of All Kings, Lord of Lords, fill our  
hearts with a desire to walk with you,

**People: We want you, Lord, to be the most  
important person in our lives. Lead On. AMEN**

\*Gloria Patri

Hymn # 70

\*ENTRANCE TO THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

\*OPENING HYMN

#383

"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

THE APOSTLES CREED

#881

HOLY COMMUNION

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:1-12

CHILDREN'S MOMENT'S

Kathy Shafer

HYMN

"Savior, Like a Shepard Lead Us"

#381

SPECIAL MUSIC

Pastor Jeremy

OUR TIME OF PRAYER

~Joys and Concerns

~General Prayers & Intercession

~The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

# 895

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

\*Doxology

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

# 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Jeremy Shank

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 2:1-8

SPECIAL MUSIC

Pastor Jeremy

MESSAGE

"Let's Start Over, Again"

Pastor Jeremy Shank

CLOSING HYMN

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

#580

\*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

\*For those who are able, please stand.

## **Matthew 3:13-17**

### **The Baptism of Jesus**

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. <sup>14</sup> But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

<sup>15</sup> Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

<sup>16</sup> As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

## **Jeremiah 2:1-8**

### **Israel Forsakes God**

**2** The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup> "Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem:

"This is what the LORD says:

"I remember the devotion of your youth,  
how as a bride you loved me  
and followed me through the wilderness,  
through a land not sown.

<sup>3</sup> Israel was holy to the LORD,

the firstfruits of his harvest;  
all who devoured her were held guilty,  
and disaster overtook them,'" declares the LORD.

<sup>4</sup> Hear the word of the LORD, you descendants of Jacob,  
all you clans of Israel.

<sup>5</sup> This is what the LORD says:

"What fault did your ancestors find in me,  
that they strayed so far from me?

They followed worthless idols  
and became worthless themselves.

<sup>6</sup> They did not ask, 'Where is the LORD,  
who brought us up out of Egypt  
and led us through the barren wilderness,  
through a land of deserts and ravines,  
a land of drought and utter darkness,  
a land where no one travels and no one lives?'

<sup>7</sup> I brought you into a fertile land  
to eat its fruit and rich produce.  
But you came and defiled my land  
and made my inheritance detestable.

<sup>8</sup> The priests did not ask,  
'Where is the LORD?'  
Those who deal with the law did not know me;  
the leaders rebelled against me.  
The prophets prophesied by Baal,  
following worthless idols.

## **James 1:1-18**

**1** James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations:

Greetings.

### **Trials and Temptations**

**2** Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> whenever you face trials of many kinds, **3** because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. **4** Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. **5** If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. **6** But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. **7** That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. **8** Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

**9** Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position. **10** But the rich should take pride in their humiliation—since they will pass away like a wild flower. **11** For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich will fade away even while they go about their business.

**12** Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

<sup>13</sup> When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; <sup>14</sup> but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. <sup>15</sup> Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

<sup>16</sup> Don’t be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup> Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. <sup>18</sup> He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

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a new direction for our lives.**

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a desire to walk with you,

**People: We want you, Lord, to be the most important person  
in our lives. Lead On. AMEN**

## **\*The Apostles' Creed**

# 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived  
by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under  
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended  
into hell, the third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into  
heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the  
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of  
the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**