

## Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

1004 W. Sixth Avenue  
Lancaster, OH 43130

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### Week At A Glance:

#### **Wednesday, January 14 (Baptism of the Lord)**

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

12:00 p.m. Chair Yoga (Parlor)

#### **Sunday, January 18 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany)**

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

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

### **CELEBRATIONS IN JANUARY 2026**

#### **Birthdays**

12 Mike Stalder

13 Phyllis Flowers

#### **Anniversaries**

### **MINISTRY STAFF**

Ministers: The People of This Congregation

Media Team: Paul Jassogne

Media Team (Live Streaming): Lee Ann Whitmer

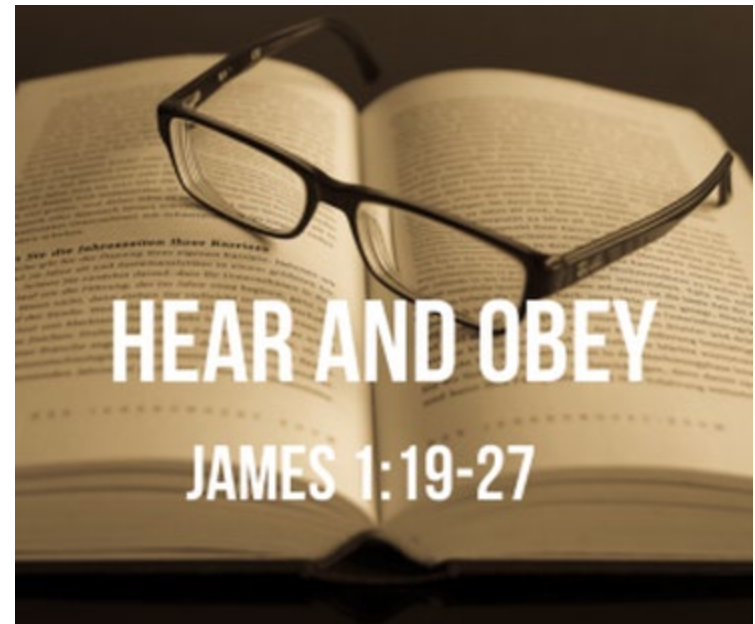
Church Secretary: Lee Ann Whitmer

Pianist: Jackie Howard

Liturgist: Greg Howard

Pastor: Rev. Jeremy Shank

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### **“Monkey See, Monkey Do”**

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

Pastor: Rev. Jeremy Shank

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January 11, 2026 10:30 a.m.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Liturgist

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

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**\*Gloria Patri** Hymn # 70

**\*ENTRANCE TO THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**\*OPENING HYMN** #454  
"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

**GOSPEL READING** Matthew 4:1-11

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT'S** Jeremy Shank

**HYMN** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #140

**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** Pastor Jeremy Shank  
"Monkey See, Monkey Do"

**CLOSING HYMN** #467  
"Trust and Obey"

**\*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

\*For those who are able, please stand.



**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** continues on Wednesday mornings being led by Steve Templin. The study is held in the church chapel beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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

The **Evangelism Committee** is selling homemade noodles for \$5/lb. and are also selling **RADA Cutlery**. Proceeds from these fundraisers are used to support the Evangelism team in our community. Please see Lee Ann of interested in either.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Mitten Tree and the family we sponsored for Christmas. All of the recipients were extremely grateful for our generosity.

The January 4, 2026 sermon is posted on the Shank Bank. Feel free to pass it around, post it to Facebook, tell a friend....  
<https://shankbank.blogspot.com/2026/01/lets-start-over-again.html>  
Blessings on your 2026

- Your Administrative Council held its monthly meeting on **Tuesday, January 6, 2026** and continues to discuss important matters in this season of transition. The leadership remains fully committed to be transparent and give timely dissemination of information to all members and friends of the Church in this season and beyond.
- The finance committee presented the final expenses of 2025 and the budget looks to be more balanced in 2026.
- The church property continues to be listed for sale. While there have been some inquiries in the property, no offers have been made at this time. It is the Council's prayer that we can remain serving the people of this community in our current building.
- There was some discussion about returning our Worship Service to begin at 10:00 am instead of 10:30 as it has been for several years. Please contact any of the leadership if you have strong feelings either way with this decision. Everyone's opinion is important to us.
- If Worship would change to 10:00 am, Adult Bible School would begin at 9:00 am.

Matthew 4:1-11

New International Version

## **Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness**

**4** Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted<sup>[a]</sup> by the devil. **2** After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. **3** The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

**4** Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’<sup>[b]</sup>”

**5** Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. **6** “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:

“‘He will command his angels concerning you,  
and they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’<sup>[c]</sup>”

**7** Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’<sup>[d]</sup>”

**8** Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. **9** “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

**10** Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’<sup>[e]</sup>”

**11** Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Jeremiah 2:1-8  
New International Version

### **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.

## SERMON TEXT

James 1:19-27

New International Version

### **Listening and Doing**

<sup>19</sup> My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, <sup>20</sup> because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. <sup>21</sup> Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

<sup>22</sup> Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup> But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it – not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it – they will be blessed in what they do.

<sup>26</sup> Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

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