



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 Pickering House: Billie Stebelton, 10

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 Starnier, 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.

We will be having a **Chili Bowl luncheon** on February 7 from 1-3 p.m. We are doing this as a celebration before Super Bowl LX on Sunday February 8th. The cost is \$5.00.

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 interest in either.

Reminder: all of Pastor Jeremy's sermons, including the upcoming Sunday's, is posted on the Shank Bank. Feel free to pass it around, post it to Facebook and tell a friend:

<https://shankbank.blogspot.com>

- 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 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, we would consider Adult Bible School to begin at 9:00 am.

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)

Week At A Glance:

Wednesday, January 28 (3rd Sunday after the Epiphany/ Ecumenical Sunday)

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

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

Sunday, February 1 (4th Sunday after the Epiphany)

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

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

CELEBRATIONS IN JANUARY 2026

Birthdays

25 Tim Schaffer

25 Doris Shauger

26 Sonya Chaffin

27 Angela Trogus

30 Sharon Funkhouser

Anniversaries

27 Carl & Sharon Mathias

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

1004 W. Sixth Avenue

Lancaster, OH 43130

January 25, 2026
(3rd Sunday after the Epiphany)

James 2:15-17

If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for *their* body, what use is that? ¹⁷ Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, *being* by itself.

“Opposites”

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
(**3rd Sunday after the Epiphany / Ecumenical Sunday**)

January 18, 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** #558
"We Are The Church"

GOSPEL READING Matthew 4:18-22

CHILDREN'S MOMENT'S

Diane Cochran

HYMN "Spirit of the Living God" (sing twice) #393

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 2:1-2a, 20-30

SPECIAL MUSIC Pastor Jeremy

MESSAGE Pastor Jeremy Shank
"Opposites"

CLOSING HYMN #530
"Are Ye Able"

***SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*For those who are able, please stand.

Matthew 4:18-22

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jeremiah 2:1-2

Israel Forsakes God

2 The word of the LORD came to me: ² "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.

Jeremiah 2:20-30

²⁰ "Long ago you broke off your yoke
and tore off your bonds;
you said, 'I will not serve you!'

Indeed, on every high hill
and under every spreading tree
you lay down as a prostitute.

²¹ I had planted you like a choice vine
of sound and reliable stock.

How then did you turn against me
into a corrupt, wild vine?

²² Although you wash yourself with soap
and use an abundance of cleansing powder,
the stain of your guilt is still before me,"
declares the Sovereign LORD.

²³ "How can you say, 'I am not defiled;
I have not run after the Baals'?

See how you behaved in the valley;
consider what you have done.

You are a swift she-camel
running here and there,

²⁴ a wild donkey accustomed to the desert,
sniffing the wind in her craving—
in her heat who can restrain her?

Any males that pursue her need not tire themselves;
at mating time they will find her.

²⁵ Do not run until your feet are bare
and your throat is dry.

But you said, 'It's no use!
I love foreign gods,
and I must go after them.'

²⁶ "As a thief is disgraced when he is caught,
so the people of Israel are disgraced—
they, their kings and their officials,
their priests and their prophets.

²⁷ They say to wood, 'You are my father,'
and to stone, 'You gave me birth.'

They have turned their backs to me
and not their faces;
yet when they are in trouble, they say,
'Come and save us!'

²⁸ Where then are the gods you made for yourselves?
Let them come if they can save you
when you are in trouble!

For you, Judah, have as many gods
as you have towns.

²⁹ "Why do you bring charges against me?
You have all rebelled against me,"
declares the LORD.

³⁰ "In vain I punished your people;
they did not respond to correction.
Your sword has devoured your prophets
like a ravenous lion.

Sermon

James 2:14-26

Faith and Deeds

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds."

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. ¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

²⁰ You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless^[a]? ²¹ Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. ²³ And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,"^[b] and he was called God's friend. ²⁴ You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

²⁵ In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? ²⁶ As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

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