

Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

(Easter Sunday)

April 20, 2025

10:30 a.m.

"Then he [Jesus] opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, 'This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'"

(Luke 24:45-49, NIV)

GATHERING SONGS

†

"Lord I lift Your Name on High"
& "He Is Lord"

WELCOME/GREETING

Pastor 'Debo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went looking for Jesus at the tomb.

P: As Easter people, we will not look for the risen Christ among the dead.

L: The risen Christ appeared to two disciples going to Emmaus and opened the Scriptures to them.

P: Lord, let our hearts always burn within us as the written Word is read and proclaimed.

L: Jesus told Thomas that he should stop doubting and believe the report of His resurrection.

P: Even though we have not seen Christ, we are blessed because we believe the witness of Scripture.

*ENTRANCE TO THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*OPENING HYMN

302

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (Stanzas 1-4)

*The Apostles Creed

881

*Gloria Patri

Hymn # 70

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Pastor 'Debo

HYMN

"Up from the Grave He Arose"

322

OUR TIME OF PRAYER

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (in unison)

~Joys and Concerns

~General Prayers & Intercession

~The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

895

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"King of Kings"

*Doxology

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept our tithes and offerings, O Lord, together with our lives, to be used by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, for the expansion of your kingdom, in our local Community, and around the face of the earth, that many shall come to know your Son, Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"In Christ Alone"

Choir & Jackie Howard, piano

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

MESSAGE

Pastor 'Debo

Week # 4: It Is Written - That You May Believe

*CLOSING HYMN

325

"Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus"

*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*For those who are able, please stand.

Week At A Glance:

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

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

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

Saturday, April 26, 2025

7:00 a.m. Weekly Prayer Huddle (see details in announcements)

Second Sunday of Easter, April 27, 2025

9:30 a.m. Adult Discipleship/Sunday School (Chapel)

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



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH
Allegheny West

Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

1004 West Sixth Avenue

Lancaster, OH 43130

April 20, 2025

(Easter Sunday)

CELEBRATIONS IN APRIL 2025

Birthdays

22 Gregg Witham

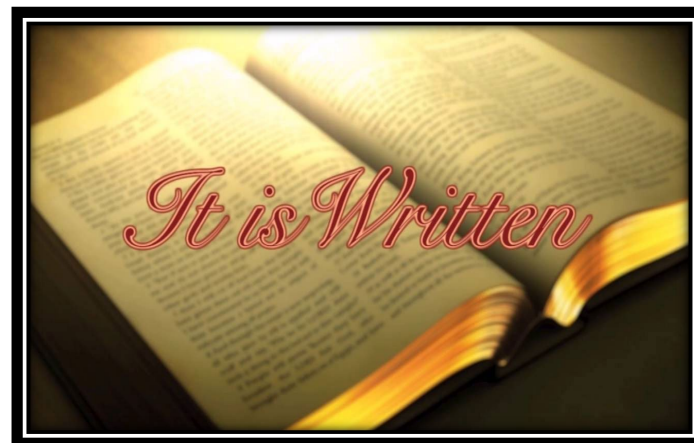
27 Marcella Green

30 Jerry Raymond

Anniversaries

23 'Debo & 'Lola Onabanjo

28 Jan & Connie Cox



Week # 4: It Is Written--That You May Believe

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: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

MINISTRY TEAM/STAFF

Ministers: The People of This Congregation

Media Team: Jessica Thomas, Daniel Onabanjo & Paul Jassogne

Media Team (Live Streaming): Lee Ann Whitmer

Church Secretary: Lee Ann Whitmer

Custodian: Jeff Byerly

Pianist: Jackie Howard

Liturgist: Greg Howard

Pastor: Rev. Dr. 'Debo Onabanjo

Pastor: Rev. Dr. 'Debo Onabanjo
Pastor's email: aaonabanjo@yahoo.com
Office email: sixthgmc_email@yahoo.com
Church: (740) 653-1196
Fax: (740) 653-6780
Website: 6thavegmc.org



Magnolia Terrace: Jane Patterson, 56

Edgewood Manor (Lucasville): Alan Fick, C3

LanFair: Mary Chilcote, 313

Luxe: Jim Funkhouser, Eckert Wing, 207A

Primrose: Bill & Doris Shauger, 121

The Ridge: Fred Beougher, 140

Continued Prayers are requested for:

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

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!

*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.

Weekly Online Prayer Gathering: Please join our weekly online prayer gathering on Saturday mornings from 7:00-7:30am to pray together for our church, local community, our nation, worldwide and personal concerns. Simply dial the Free Conference Call # 425-436-6200 from your phone and when prompted, enter the access code 603577 followed by the # key and you will be able to participate. The gathering is open to members and friends of Mt. Zion GMC and Sixth Avenue GMC and members of the public. Text prayer requests to Pastor 'Debo at 614-296-1081 ahead of the prayer time.

Lenten Season/Easter Message Series: We continue our Message Series, “It Is Written” which will take us through the Second Sunday of Easter (April 27, 2025.) This Message Series is focused primarily on the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness recorded in **Matthew 4:1-11** and also **Luke 4:1-13** and the lessons for us from the example of Jesus in leveraging the power of the written Word to overcome the temptations of the devil. In this Message Series, we will also remind ourselves of the power of the inspired Word as our offensive and defensive weapon – the Sword of the Spirit (**Ephesians 6:17**). Today’s Message is titled “That You May Believe” based on **John 20:19-31**.

Easter Sunday Service: We welcome our returning guests and visitors to our Easter Sunday Service. We hope you are blessed as you worship with us today as we celebrate the most important event of all – the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Please check out the bulletin for more information.

Special Easter Offering: The Annual Conference (AC) of the Allegheny West Annual Conference will be held from June 18-21, 2025, at the Mt. Vernon Nazarene University in Mt. Vernon, OH. In accordance with the special request from our Conference Superintendent, Bishop Jeff Greenway and the Chair of the Allegheny West Board of Ministry, Rev. Dr. Dan Gildner, we are asking our members and friends to prayerfully consider supporting our Special Easter Offering which has been earmarked to support the 2025 Annual Conference Miracle Offering to fund scholarships for training and ordination of clergy in the conference, with a goal of raising \$200,000 over the next year. Please refer to the special letter from Pastor 'Debo for more details. Thanks for your support for this worthy initiative.

Quarterly Congregational Meeting: Please mark your calendar for the next quarterly Congregational Meeting on **Sunday April 27, 2025 after the service**. Lunch will be served. More information will be shared closer to the date and also be on the lookout for the special letter of invitation. Please reach out to our Lay Leader, Dr. Gregg Witham for more details. Thanks!

Pastor's Weekly Bible Study: We started our study of the Book of Jeremiah last week and we will continue this week with focus on **Chapters 4-7**. Please mark your calendar for our weekly time of study and growing deeper on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. This Bible Study remains open to all members of the community and we also pray for personal and general requests. Please invite a neighbor/friend to join us. Thanks!

Maundy Thursday & Good Friday Services - Appreciation: We would like to appreciate all our members who participated in these Special Services during Holy Week. We also thank those who sang in the Combine Choir. If you would like to sing with the Choir at future services, please contact Jackie Howard. Thanks!

Evangelism Team News: The Evangelism Team is asking for your support in the following areas:

- We are in need of clean plastic food containers of different sizes with lids. We use these for takeout foods during special dinner events. Please drop them off at the church office.

Thank you!

- Signup sheets are now available in the Narthex for the **Mother's Day Tea Party** on May 10 from 1-3pm. Please register your interest.

- On August 16 at 3pm, there will be a “Welcome Back to School Pizza Party.” There will be pizza and water and school supplies will be given to attendees. **Please pick up a flyer at the Narthex for more details and reach out to Lee Ann with any questions.** Thanks!

Confirmation Class: This is to inform parents of children/youths in Middle School through High School that we have started Confirmation Classes for those interested. This special Class will help prepare our youths to become more invested and engaged in their discipleship journey. Every participant will get a copy of the Book, “The Absolute Basics of the Wesleyan Way” which will be used for the Class together with special videos. The resource books are now available. Please contact Pastor 'Debo to register your interest or with any questions.

New Members Class: If you are interested in exploring what it means to become a member here at Sixth Avenue GMC, we will be offering a New Member Information Class in April. This Class will offer basic information on Global Methodist distinctives, especially our Mission and Vision and Accountable Discipleship. Please contact Pastor 'Debo to register your interest in this Class. Thanks!



Magnolia Terrace: Jane Patterson, 56

Edgewood Manor (Lucasville): Alan Fick, C3

LanFair: Mary Chilcote, 313

Luxe: Jim Funkhouser, Eckert Wing, 207A

Primrose: Bill & Doris Shauger, 121

The Ridge: Fred Beougher, 140

Continued Prayers are requested for:

Sharon Byerly, Phyllis Flowers, Ed Gurile, Clara Herrick,
Lloyd & Diann Helber, Eleanor & Bob Kane, Carl & Sharon
Mathias, Carla (Mathias), Vicki Oatney, Michael Parrish, Beth Patton,
Rod Shouldis, Kathy Starnier, Don Taylor.

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!

*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.

Weekly Online Prayer Gathering: Please join our weekly online prayer gathering on Saturday mornings from 7:00-7:30am to pray together for our church, local community, our nation, worldwide and personal concerns. Simply dial the Free Conference Call # 425-436-6200 from your phone and when prompted, enter the access code 603577 followed by the # key and you will be able to participate. The gathering is open to members and friends of Mt. Zion GMC and Sixth Avenue GMC and members of the public. Text prayer requests to Pastor 'Debo at 614-296-1081 ahead of the prayer time.

Lenten Season/Easter Message Series: We continue our Message Series, “It Is Written” which will take us through the Second Sunday of Easter (April 27, 2025.) This Message Series is focused primarily on the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness recorded in **Matthew 4:1-11** and also **Luke 4:1-13** and the lessons for us from the example of Jesus in leveraging the power of the written Word to overcome the temptations of the devil. In this Message Series, we will also remind ourselves of the power of the inspired Word as our offensive and defensive weapon – the Sword of the Spirit (**Ephesians 6:17**). Today’s Message is titled “**That You May Believe**” based on **John 20:19-31**.

Easter Sunday Service: We welcome our returning guests and visitors to our Easter Sunday Service. We hope you are blessed as you worship with us today as we celebrate the most important event of all – the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Please check out the bulletin for more information.

Special Easter Offering: The Annual Conference (AC) of the Allegheny West Annual Conference will be held from June 18-21, 2025, at the Mt. Vernon Nazarene University in Mt. Vernon, OH. In accordance with the special request from our Conference Superintendent, Bishop Jeff Greenway and the Chair of the Allegheny West Board of Ministry, Rev. Dr. Dan Gildner, we are asking our members and friends to prayerfully consider supporting our Special Easter Offering which has been earmarked to support the 2025 Annual Conference Miracle Offering to fund scholarships for training and ordination of clergy in the conference, with a goal of raising \$200,000 over the next year. Please refer to the special letter from Pastor 'Debo for more details. Thanks for your support for this worthy initiative.

Quarterly Congregational Meeting: Please mark your calendar for the next quarterly Congregational Meeting on **Sunday April 27, 2025 after the service**. Lunch will be served. More information will be shared closer to the date and also be on the lookout for the special letter of invitation. Please reach out to our Lay Leader, Dr. Gregg Witham for more details. Thanks!

Pastor’s Weekly Bible Study: We started our study of the Book of Jeremiah last week and we will continue this week with focus on **Chapters 4-7**. Please mark your calendar for our weekly time of study and growing deeper on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. This Bible Study remains open to all members of the community and we also pray for personal and general requests. Please invite a neighbor/friend to join us. Thanks!

Maundy Thursday & Good Friday Services - Appreciation: We would like to appreciate all our members who participated in these Special Services during Holy Week. We also thank those who sang in the Combine Choir. If you would like to sing with the Choir at future services, please contact Jackie Howard. Thanks!

Evangelism Team News: The Evangelism Team is asking for your support in the following areas:
- We are in need of clean plastic food containers of different sizes with lids. We use these for takeout foods during special dinner events. Please drop them off at the church office.
Thank you!

- Signup sheets are now available in the Narthex for the **Mother’s Day Tea Party** on May 10 from 1-3pm. Please register your interest.

- On August 16 at 3pm, there will be a “Welcome Back to School Pizza Party.” There will be pizza and water and school supplies will be given to attendees. **Please pick up a flyer at the Narthex for more details and reach out to Lee Ann with any questions.** Thanks!

Confirmation Class: This is to inform parents of children/youths in Middle School through High School that we have started Confirmation Classes for those interested. This special Class will help prepare our youths to become more invested and engaged in their discipleship journey. Every participant will get a copy of the Book, “The Absolute Basics of the Wesleyan Way” which will be used for the Class together with special videos. The resource books are now available. Please contact Pastor 'Debo to register your interest or with any questions.

New Members Class: If you are interested in exploring what it means to become a member here at Sixth Avenue GMC, we will be offering a New Member Information Class in April. This Class will offer basic information on Global Methodist distinctives, especially our Mission and Vision and Accountable Discipleship. Please contact Pastor 'Debo to register your interest in this Class. Thanks!

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS (April 20, 2025 – April 26, 2025):

(Scripture passages are from the New International Version (NIV) Bible unless otherwise indicated)

Sunday April 20 (Easter Sunday)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:1-10; Reflection Verse: Matthew 28:10

“Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What is the significance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ? Have you seen Jesus?

Monday April 21

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:11-20; Reflection Verses: Matthew 28:16-17

“Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Why do you think some of the disciples who saw the resurrected Christ doubted? Do you have doubts about what Scripture teaches about the resurrection of Jesus Christ?

Tuesday April 22

Scripture Reading: Mark 16:1-20; Reflection Verses: Mark 16:2-3

“Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What represents “the stone” (obstacle/problem) in your life that needs to be rolled away?

Wednesday April 23

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-12; Reflection Verses: Luke 24:6-8

“He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ” Then they remembered his words.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Why is it important to always remind ourselves about the truth and witness of Scripture?

Thursday April 24

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-35; Reflection Verse: Luke 24:27

“And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he [Jesus] explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What do you need the Holy Spirit to help you understand in all the Scriptures?

Friday April 25

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:36-49; Reflection Verse: Luke 24:45

“Then he [Jesus] opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: I will always invite Jesus to open my mind to understand the Scriptures when I read.

Saturday April 26

Scripture Reading: John 20:1-18; Reflection Verses: John 20:8-10

“Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What made the “other disciple” to believe? How does the Bible help to deepen your faith? Who can you share your faith convictions with today?

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went looking for Jesus at the tomb.

P: *As Easter people, we will not look for the risen Christ among the dead.*

L: The risen Christ appeared to two disciples going to Emmaus and opened the Scriptures to them.

P: *Lord, let our hearts always burn within us as the written Word is read and proclaimed.*

L: Jesus told Thomas that he should stop doubting and believe the report of His resurrection.

P: *Even though we have not seen Christ, we are blessed because we believe the witness of Scripture.*

***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.

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (in unison)

Amazing God, we pray that through the Holy Spirit your preferred future for Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church will be made known to us. We ask that you use us to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our friends, family, and community. Give us the courage to follow the leading of your Holy Spirit wherever that may take us. Open our eyes so that we may see the new things you are already doing among us. AMEN

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The Resurrection of Christ

15 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance^[a]: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas,^[b] and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹ Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

John 20:19-31

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Jesus Appears to Thomas

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus^[a]), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

The Purpose of John's Gospel

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe^[b] that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.