



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.

Invite a Friend Sunday (June 1, 2025): We encourage all members to please prayerfully discern who they would like to invite to our next Invite a Friend Sunday on Ascension Sunday, June 1, 2025. Please pick up an invite card at the Narthex to record the name(s) of those you would like to invite. We will be praying for our special guests who will be led by the Holy Spirit to join us for this special service. If you have any questions, please contact Lee Ann Whitmer, Sue Griffin or any other member of the Evangelism/Outreach Team. Thanks!

Membership of the Global Methodist Church (GMC) - 2nd Year Anniversary Celebration: As mentioned, we are fast approaching the end of our second year as a member congregation of the GMC. This is an important milestone for our congregation and a great opportunity to thank the good Lord for how far He has brought us against all odds. We are going to celebrate together on Sunday, June 29, 2025 and we are going to have a Guest Preacher on that day. More details on this celebration service will be provided in due course by the Planning Committee. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us and invite your family and friends to join us.

Preaching Plan During Eastertide – Trinity Sunday: We continue the countdown from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday when we celebrate the birthday of the Church. The Season of Eastertide which is the 50 days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday covers the 40 Days after the resurrection of Jesus when He made many appearances to His disciples until His ascension to the Father. We continue to explore some of the Scripture passages found in the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL). The RCL provides a three-year cycle of scriptural passages for use on Sundays and other major days of the Christian Year. The Lectionary follows the pattern of the Christian Year with each cycle beginning with Advent (the four Sundays before Christmas when we prepare for the coming of Christ) and ends with the last Sunday after Pentecost, also called Ordinary Time or Kingdomtide (this period may include as few as 23 or as many as 28 Sundays). This Season begins with Trinity Sunday, June 15, 2025 (the first Sunday after Pentecost) and continues through the day before the first Sunday of Advent. The Sundays of this Season are designated as Sundays after Pentecost. In 2025, Cycle C, focusing on the Gospel of Luke will be used until the First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2025, on which day Cycle A, focusing on the Gospel of Matthew begins. The next cycle (Year B) focuses on the Gospel of Mark. The Gospel of John is used in all three cycles during the major seasons of the Christian year. The following is a summary of the remaining weekly Messages up to Trinity Sunday (June 15, 2025):

- May 25, 2025 (Sixth Sunday of Easter) – The Promise (Joel 2:28-32 & John 14:23-29)
- June 1, 2025 (Ascension Sunday) – Lift Off (Acts 1:1-11 & Luke 24:44-53)
- June 8, 2025 (Pentecost Sunday) – Promise Fulfilled (Acts 2:1-21 & John 20:21-23)
- June 15, 2025 (Trinity Sunday) – Life in The Trinity – Our Biblical Model (Romans 5:1-5 & John 16:12-15)

Please keep the Pastor and the Worship Planning Team in your prayers as they lead us in this Season.

A Global Call To Prayer by GMC Assembly of Bishops - Reminder: Because of our belief in the power of prayer to overcome whatever challenges we may face, we encourage all members to continue to be part of the special Global Call To Prayer by the GMC Assembly of Bishops which started on Wednesday April 30 and will take us through Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025. This is a time to intercede—especially for our brothers and sisters on the continent of Africa due to the observed violent clashes between Methodist factions in Nigeria and the broader unrest sweeping across the continent from Ethiopia to the Democratic Republic of Congo, from Mozambique and Nigeria to South Sudan, Sudan, Liberia, Zimbabwe, Niger, and Rwanda—conflict, political instability, demonstrations, terrorist activity, and civil wars persist in these countries. Please pick up a copy of the special announcement by the Assembly of Bishops at the information desk for more details. We are also going to be inviting members to engage in special prayers for our community of faith as we discern together with our brothers and sisters at Mt. Zion GMC practical next steps to take us to the preferred future that God has planned for us. Thanks for your commitment to praying.

Pastor's Weekly Bible Study: We will continue this week with our study of the Book of Jeremiah with focus on **Chapters 23-26**. 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!

Evangelism Team News/Information: The Evangelism Team now has enough empty containers and milk jugs and appreciates all those who helped in this drive. Please pick up a flyer at the Narthex for details on how to support their programs and reach out to Lee Ann with any questions. Thanks!

Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

(Sixth Sunday of Easter)

May 25, 2025

10:30 a.m.

"All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

[John 14:25-26, NIV]



PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor 'Debo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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*ENTRANCE TO THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*OPENING HYMN

539

"O Spirit of the Living God"

*A Modern Affirmation

885

*Gloria Patri

Hymn # 70

SCRIPTURE READING

Joel 2:28-32

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Pastor 'Debo

HYMN

"Hymn of Promise"

#707

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

*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

"The Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Congregation & Jackie Howard, piano

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:23-29

MESSAGE

Pastor 'Debo

The Promise

*CLOSING HYMN

733

"Marching to Zion"

*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*For those who are able, please stand.

Week At A Glance:

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

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

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

Saturday, May 31, 2025

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

Sunday, June 1, 2025

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

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

CELEBRATIONS IN MAY/JUNE 2025

Birthdays

25 Elizabeth Singer

25 Grace Singer

27 Ruth Bowland

29 Lura Goff

Anniversaries

26 Bill & Doris Shauger

28 Ed & Sandy Gurile

30 Pete & Kara Reed

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



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH
Allegheny West

Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

1004 West Sixth Avenue

Lancaster, OH 43130

May 25, 2025

(Sixth Sunday of Easter)



The Promise

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

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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS (May 25, 2025 – May 31, 2025):

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

Sunday May 25 (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:1-17; Reflection Verses: Genesis 2:16-17

“And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What brought about the death of the man and the woman created by God? How did their disobedience impact the human race?

Monday May 26 (Memorial Day)

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11, 18-20; Reflection Verses: Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How are you preparing for the inevitable end of all mortals? Are you afraid or confident?

Tuesday May 27

Scripture Reading: Psalm 90:1-12; Reflection Verse: Psalm 90:12

“Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How are you being taught to number your days? How are you increasing in wisdom?

Wednesday May 28

Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:45-61; Reflection Verses: Matthew 27:50-53

“And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs after Jesus’ resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What are you learning in your faith journey about the resurrection of the dead?

Thursday May 29

Scripture Reading: John 11:1-16; Reflection Verses: John 11:14-15

“So then he told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Have you experienced the death of a loved one? How did that make you feel?

Friday May 30

Scripture Reading: John 11:17-44; Reflection Verses: John 11:25-26

“Jesus said to her [Martha], “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Do you believe that Jesus is the resurrection and the life? Why or why not?

Saturday May 31

Scripture Reading: Revelation 20:1-15; Reflection Verse: Revelation 20:15

“Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What does the “lake of fire” represent? Who will experience the second death?

Joel 2:28-32

The Day of the LORD

²⁸ "And afterward,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your old men will dream dreams,

your young men will see visions.

²⁹ Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

³⁰ I will show wonders in the heavens

and on the earth,

blood and fire and billows of smoke.

³¹ The sun will be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

³² And everyone who calls

on the name of the LORD will be saved;

for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem

there will be deliverance,

as the LORD has said,

even among the survivors

whom the LORD calls.^[a]

John 14:23-29

²³ Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love

me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

²⁵ "All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

²⁸ "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

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A Modern Affirmation

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Leader:

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

Leader & People:

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, as the divine presence in our lives, whereby

we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love, as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. 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