

Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

(Trinity Sunday/First Sunday after Pentecost/Father's Day)

June 15, 2025

10:30 a.m.

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

[Matthew 28:19-20, NIV]



PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor 'Debo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We believe in One True God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost as revealed in Scripture.

P: O Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, inspire us to embrace your unity in our diversity.

L: We believe in Jesus Christ, only Son of God who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

P: We praise you heavenly Father for sending your Son to earth for our salvation.

L: We confess the Holy Ghost who upholds and comforts us in all trials, fears and needs.

P: Blest Holy Trinity, we ascribe all praise and majesty forever to Thee.

*ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*OPENING HYMN

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"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

*A Modern Affirmation

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*Gloria Patri

Hymn # 70

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 5:1-5

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Pastor 'Debo

HYMN

"Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise"

103

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

"Living For Jesus"
Jackie Howard, piano

SCRIPTURE READING

John 16:12-15

MESSAGE

Life in The Trinity – Our Biblical Model
Pastor 'Debo

*CLOSING HYMN

"Rise Up, O Men of God"

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*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*For those who are able, please stand.

Week At A Glance:

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

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

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

Saturday, June 21, 2025

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

Sunday, June 22, 2025 (Second Sunday after Pentecost)

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

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

CELEBRATIONS IN JUNE 2025

Birthdays

16 Robert Page

17 Larry Downs

17 Tammy Witham

Anniversaries

22 Mark & Stephanie Brunney

23 Gregg & Tammy Witham

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

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Lancaster, OH 43130

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Life in The Trinity – Our Biblical Model

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

Pastor: Rev. Dr. 'Debo Onabanjo

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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.

Pastor's Weekly Bible Study: We will continue this week with our study of the Book of Jeremiah with focus on Chapters 33-36. Please mark your calendar for our weekly time of study and growing deeper on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. Please read the chapters in advance and invite a friend. We will also spend time in prayer for personal and corporate concerns. Thanks!

Update On Current Situation With Our Community of Faith – Special Invitation to Attend Administrative Council Meeting: We would like to appreciate all those who made out time to attend the meeting of the Church Administrative Council held on Tuesday June 10, 2025. At the meeting, your leadership provided an update on the current situation regarding the future of our community of faith and took questions from those in attendance. By way of recap, at our last Quarterly Congregation Meeting held on Sunday April 27, 2025 your leadership shared information on the need for concerted efforts to prayerfully discern the preferred future that God has for our community of faith. In this regard, a joint meeting was held on Wednesday June 4, 2025 with the leadership of our sister Church, Mt. Zion GMC with our Presiding Elder, Rev. John Alice presiding. One of the potential options presented and discussed at the meeting was the possibility of a “Vital Merger” with Mt. Zion GMC. As previously communicated, this option would have major implications for our community of faith. While the proposed “Vital Merger” is a possibility, there is another option to remain as a separate congregation of the GMC. However, based on our finances and projections by our Finance Committee, it has become clear that even with a change of pastoral appointment from a Full Time Pastor to a part-time appointment, we will continue to experience challenges with the maintenance of our current facility. The reality is that we can no longer afford to sustain our current facility with its many deferred maintenance needs and your leadership has started exploring what our options are in this regard, including the sale of this facility and identifying another suitable location where we would move to either with Mt. Zion GMC if the Vital Merger is discerned as our best option or as a separate community of faith. At the joint meeting held on June 4, 2025 with our Presiding Elder, the leadership of both churches agreed to meet again on Wednesday July 9, 2025 to continue the discussions on the proposed Vital Merger. To help in the process of prayerful discernment, we will be reading the Book, “Vital Merger – A New Church Start Approach That Joins Church Families Together” written by Rev. Dirk Elliot. Copies of this important resource will be provided to all our leaders for prayerful study. One of the immediate action step discussed at our Administrative Council meeting is to send a letter to all members and friends of Sixth Avenue GMC to ask them to consider making a commitment to giving over and above their current financial gifts to make up the current monthly shortfall between our income and expenses while we continue to take the crucial steps to discern the preferred future God has for us. Please continue to pray for both churches in the Lancaster Charge and be on the lookout for additional updates. In the interim if you have any questions, please see Paul Jassogne, Chairperson of the Admin. Council or any member of leadership. Thanks!

Annual Conference of Allegheny West Holds This Week: We are excited to share that Annual Conference is finally hear. Our 2025 Annual Conference will hold from June 18 - 21 at the beautiful Mount Vernon Nazarene University located at 800 Martinsburg Road, Mount Vernon, OH 43050. The theme of this year's annual gathering is Start Planting and as expected, there is a great lineup of Speakers at the event including Bishop Mark Webb, Conference Superintendent, Bishop Jeff Greenway, Rev. Brian Choi, Rev. Dr. Steve Cordle, Dr. Stephen Seamands, Duke Heller and Rev. Heather Simms. There will be a Special Equipping Event, “Posture of Prayer” organized by the Conference Prayer Team on Tuesday June 17, 2025 and Pastor 'Debo will be one of the Speakers. There will be important Conference Business to attend to and also the election of Clergy and Lay Delegates to represent our Conference at the Global Church Conference scheduled for the fall of 2026 in Johannesburg, South Africa. We will also witness the ordination of Deacons and Elders which is one of the high points of our annual gathering for holy conferencing. Please keep the Conference in your prayers and visit AlleghenyWestGMC.org/StartPlanting for more details and to also follow the events. Thanks!

Membership of the Global Methodist Church (GMC) - 2nd Year Anniversary Celebration: As previously announced, in two weeks, we will be celebrating our second-year anniversary as a member congregation of the GMC. This is an important milestone for our congregation and we will celebrate together with a light lunch after our worship service on Sunday June 29, 2025. Our Guest Preacher will be Rev. Greg Stover who is the Dean of the Allegheny West Annual Conference of the GMC. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us and invite your family and friends to come celebrate with us.

Preaching Plan During Eastertide – Trinity Sunday: Today June 15, 2025, is Trinity Sunday when we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity. As Global Methodists, we believe in one God who exists in three distinct persons yet on in essence and power: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. The Season after Pentecost (also called Ordinary Time or Kingdomtide) begins with Trinity Sunday (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. Today is also Father's Day when we celebrate and honor our fathers for their leadership at home, in the church and society. Today's Sermon is Life in The Trinity—Our Biblical Model.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS (June 15, 2025 – June 21, 2025):

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

Sunday June 15 (Trinity Sunday/Father's Day)

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:1-19; Reflection Verses: Genesis 1:1-2

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters."

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What insights can we gain from the creation account about the Trinity?

Monday June 16

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:20-31; Reflection Verse: Genesis 1:26

"Then God said, 'Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals,[a] and over all the creatures that move along the ground.'"

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What additional insight do we gain about the eternal triune God from this passage?

Tuesday June 17

Scripture Reading: Genesis 18:1-19; Reflection Verse: Genesis 18:19

"For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just, so that the Lord will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him."

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What do we learn about God's expectation for fathers in this passage?

Wednesday June 18

Scripture Reading: Matthew 3:1-17; Reflection Verse: Matthew 3:17

"And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.'"

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Where do you see God the Father, God the Son and God the Spirit in this reading?

Thursday June 19

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:16-20; Reflection Verse: Matthew 28:19

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Why did Jesus instruct that new disciples be baptized in the name of the triune God?

Friday June 20

Scripture Reading: John 1:19-34; Reflection Verses: John 1:32-34

"Then John gave this testimony: 'I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One.'"

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What can we glean from John's testimony about the ministry of Jesus as God's Son? What were the roles of the Father and the Spirit in the ministry of Jesus?

Saturday June 21

Scripture Reading: Romans 5:1-5; Reflection Verse: Romans 5:1

"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,"

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What is the role of Jesus in our reconciliation with God the Father? What is the role of the Holy Spirit in this process of justification and reconciliation? (see **Romans 5:5** for insight)

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- Pray that the hearts of our leaders would be tender and their spirits would be sensitive to hear from God especially in this season and at all times.
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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.

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Romans 5:1-5

Peace and Hope

5 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we^[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **2** through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we^[b] boast in the hope of the glory of God. **3** Not only so, but we^[c] also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; **4** perseverance, character; and character, hope. **5** And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

John 16:12-15

12 "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. **13** But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. **14** He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. **15** All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."