



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, Jerry Dickson, 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.

Update On Current Situation With Our Community of Faith – Update: We would like to encourage members to continue their prayers for the current situation regarding the future of our community of faith. One of the immediate action step that was discussed at the Administrative Council Meeting held on Tuesday June 10, 2025 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 be on the lookout for this letter from the Finance Committee. Let us also be praying for the next scheduled joint meeting of the leadership of both Mt. Zion and Sixth Avenue GMC on Wednesday July 9, 2025. In the interim if you have any questions, please see Paul Jassogne, Chairperson of the Admin. Council, Dr. Gregg Witham (Lay Leader) or Pastor 'Debo or any other member of leadership. Thanks!

Annual Conference of Allegheny West: The Allegheny West Provisional Annual Conference held its 2025 Annual Conference with the theme, “Start Planting” at the Mt. Vernon Nazarene University, Mt. Vernon, OH from June 18 – 21. At the gathering, a Special Offering was collected in support of Clergy Education and Training in our Conference. Also, representatives from the Kenya Annual Conference led by their Conference Superintendent, Rev. Wilton Odongo and Rev. Dr. Gabi Kopas, the Conference Superintendent of the Slovakia Conference of the GMC were in attendance. The Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement on the international partnership between our Conference and Kenya Annual Conference was signed by our Conference Superintendent, Bishop Jeff Greenway and Rev. Odongo. The gathering was also informed by the Chair of the Kenya Missional Partnership, Presiding Elder, Rev. Dave Carter that over \$41,000 was raised in support of the Bible For Kenya initiative – thanks for your support for this initiative. Another highpoint of the gathering was the ordination of 31 Deacons and 11 Elders. The gathering also elected the Delegates that will represent our Annual Conference at the General Conference coming up in Johannesburg, South Africa from August 30 – September 5, 2026. Fifteen Clergy and Lay Delegates were elected with Three Alternates and Three Reserve Delegates. We are happy to report that Pastor 'Debo was again elected to be one of the Clergy Delegates that will represent our Annual Conference at the Global gathering. A summary of other decisions and actions taken will be provided once available.

Membership of the Global Methodist Church (GMC) - 2nd Year Anniversary Celebration: As previously announced, next Sunday June 29, 2025, we will be celebrating our second-year anniversary of Disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church and membership 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 plan to join us and invite your family and friends to come celebrate with us.

Invite a Friend Sunday Dates: The “Invite a Friend Sunday” is an intentional outreach and evangelism initiative aimed at encouraging our members to live invitationally. This program is also driven by our desire to be more intentional in reaching out to others who are not yet part of the Church and in obedience to the commandment of Jesus to “GO” and make disciples of others (Matthew 28:18-20). The following are the dates for the “Invite a Friend Sunday” for the remainder of 2025: Sunday **August 3** and Sunday **November 2**. Please mark these dates on your calendar and be on the lookout for the special cards to help you record the names of a family member, friend or a neighbor to invite.

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 during the Summer. This Class will offer basic information on Global Methodist distinctives, especially our Mission and Vision and Accountable Discipleship. Please contact Pastor 'Debo to discuss and confirm your interest in this Class. Thanks!

Pastor's Bible Study: This holds on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. As we continue in the Season after Pentecost, we will continue our journey through the Book of Jeremiah with focus on **chapters 36-40**. Please read the chapters for this week in advance. The Bible Study is open to all members of the community. In addition to the joy of worship and fellowship on Sundays, our time together during Bible Study is always a blessing. We also spend some time to pray at the end of the Bible Study for personal and general prayer requests. Please invite a neighbor or friend and thanks for making time to attend.

Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

(Second Sunday after Pentecost)

June 22, 2025

10:30 a.m.

"Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I ever did.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers."

[John 4:39-41, NIV]

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor 'Debo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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*ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*OPENING HYMN

57

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*A Modern Affirmation

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*Gloria Patri

Hymn # 70

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 1:11-24

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Pastor 'Debo

HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

378

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

"This Little Light of Mine"
Jackie Howard, piano

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 8:26-39

MESSAGE

We All Have a Testimony
Pastor 'Debo

*CLOSING HYMN

"Freely, Freely"

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*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*For those who are able, please stand.

Week At A Glance:

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

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

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

Saturday, June 28, 2025

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

Sunday, June 29, 2025 (Third Sunday after Pentecost)

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

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

CELEBRATIONS IN JUNE 2025

Birthdays

27 Jane Patterson

29 Larry Raymond

Anniversaries

22 Mark & Stephanie Brunney

23 Gregg & Tammy Witham

24 Tim & Lori Schaffer

28 Ed & Sonya Chaffin

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

June 22, 2025

(Second Sunday after Pentecost)

**TELL HOW
MUCH JESUS
HAS DONE
FOR YOU**

Luke 8:26-39

We All Have a Testimony

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 (June 22, 2025 – June 28, 2025):

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

Sunday June 22 (Second Sunday after Pentecost)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 8:5-17; Reflection Verses: Matthew 8:14-15

“When Jesus came into Peter’s house, he saw Peter’s mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. He touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to wait on him.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Where do you need to experience the touch of Jesus Christ today?

Monday June 23

Scripture Reading: Matthew 9:18-34; Reflection Verse: Matthew 9:22

“Jesus turned and saw her. “Take heart, daughter,” he said, “your faith has healed you.” And the woman was healed at that moment.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What did Jesus ascribe the woman’s healing to? What can we learn from this woman?

Tuesday June 24

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:1-8; Reflection Verses: Mark 1:7-8

“And this was his message: “After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How do you understand the testimony of John the Baptist about Jesus the Messiah?

Wednesday June 25

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:29-45; Reflection Verse: Mark 1:45

“Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What news did the healed man share about Jesus and what is your own Jesus testimony?

Thursday June 26

Scripture Reading: Mark 5:1-20; Reflection Verses: Mark 5:19-20

“Jesus did not let him, but said, “Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What was the man’s response to Jesus? What is your response to Jesus?

Friday June 27

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:46-52; Reflection Verses: Mark 10:51-52

“What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.” “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How can we emulate the example of the blind man in this story?

Saturday June 28

Scripture Reading: Luke 5:1-16; Reflection Verse: Luke 5:14

“Then Jesus ordered him, “Don’t tell anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Why did Jesus send the healed man to the priests? Where are you witnessing to Jesus?

Galatians 1:11-24

Paul Called by God

¹¹ I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. ¹² I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.

¹³ For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. ¹⁴ I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵ But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased ¹⁶ to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being. ¹⁷ I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus.

¹⁸ Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas^[a] and stayed with him fifteen days. ¹⁹ I saw none of the other apostles—only James, the Lord's brother. ²⁰ I assure you before God that what I am writing you is no lie.

²¹ Then I went to Syria and Cilicia. ²² I was personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. ²³ They only heard the report: "The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." ²⁴ And they praised God because of me.

Luke 8:26-39

New International Version

Jesus Restores a Demon-Possessed Man

²⁶ They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes,^[a] which is across the lake from Galilee. ²⁷ When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house,

but had lived in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torture me!” ²⁹ For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

³⁰ Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

“Legion,” he replied, because many demons had gone into him. ³¹ And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

³² A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. ³³ When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, ³⁵ and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus’ feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. ³⁷ Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ “Return home and tell how much God has done for you.” So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

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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