



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 or concerns to Pastor 'Debo at 614-296-1081 ahead of the prayer time. Thanks!

Special Called Church Conference/Congregational Meeting: This serves to inform all members that the Presiding Elder (PE) of the Zanesville Circuit of the Allegheny West Conference, Rev. John Alice in accordance with the Book of Doctrines and Discipline of the Global Methodist Church (GMC) and in response to our request has scheduled a Special Church Conference for Sunday, August 10, 2025, at 12:00pm for the sole purpose of presenting a resolution to members regarding the following matters:

1. Resolution for the appraisal and sale of the current property located at 1004 W. Sixth Avenue, Lancaster, OH 43130 being used as worship facility for Sixth Avenue GMC including all adjoining lots owned by the Church. Specifically, paragraph 1012.3 of the Book of Doctrines and Discipline of the GMC (2024 Edition) provides as follows: 3. Power to convey assets. Unless otherwise restricted by this Book of Doctrines and Discipline, the Board of Directors shall have the power to invest, reinvest, buy, sell, lease, transfer, and convey any and all assets that it may hold in trust, subject always to the terms of the legacy, devise, or donation.
2. In addition to (1) above, the Special Church Conference will also consider a resolution for the Sixth Avenue GMC community of faith to identify and relocate its weekly worship and other activities to another location at days and times that will be most auspicious for the members and also provide a great opportunity to reach new members. A final update on the new location on the place of worship and the time will be communicated to members in advance of the start date after our meeting and Church Conference. We would like to strongly encourage all current members of Sixth Avenue GMC to attend this important meeting to enable them to cast their vote. **Nonmembers are also encouraged to attend but they will not be eligible to vote.** If you have any questions or concerns about the ongoing situation, please see Paul Jassogne, Chairperson of the Admin. Council, Pastor 'Debo or any other member of leadership. Thanks!

Disaster Relief Offering – Texas Flood Response: Today is the last Sunday to give in support of this Special Offering announced by our Conference Superintendent, Bishop Jeff Greenway in concert with the other GMC leaders to support generously the disaster relief efforts in Texas through the Mid-Texas Annual Conference of the GMC. You can either give directly online through our Conference website (AlleghenyWestGMC.org/special-offering) or give through the local church confident that your gifts will be remitted promptly. You can also send checks payable to Allegheny West Annual Conference (Write "Disaster Relief" in the memo line) and send to: Allegheny West Annual Conference, 700 Taylor Road, Suite 235, Gahanna, OH 43230. Please continue to pray for the victims and our emergency response professional and volunteers and federal, state and local leaders as they grapple with this tragedy. Let us remember that we are called to mourn with those who mourn and this is a clear opportunity for us to response in the name of Jesus Christ.

Summer Message Series: Our Summer Message Series, "By Faith" based on **Hebrews Chapter 11** will continue through **Sunday September 7, 2025**. This Message Series will help us have a deeper understanding of the biblical definition of faith and why it matters in the lives of those who are followers of Jesus Christ. We will be exploring the stories of some of the biblical personalities listed in what scholars have described as the Bible Hall of Faith (**Hebrews 11**) including Abel and Cain, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and Moses and lessons of faith from their lives. Our Sermon in the Message Series for today will be entitled "**Faith That Pleases God**" based on **Genesis 15:1-16** and **Hebrews 11:1-6**. Watch past sermons online at <https://www.6thavegmc.org/>

Invite a Friend Sunday Dates: This intentional outreach and evangelism initiative is aimed at encouraging our members to live invitationally and in obedience to the commandment of Jesus to "GO" and make disciples of others in **Matthew 28:18-20**. The following are the next dates for the "Invite a Friend Sunday" for the remainder of 2025: Sunday **August 3** and Sunday **November 2**. Please use the special invite a friend note to invite a family member, friend or a neighbor.

Pastor's Bible Study: This holds on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel and over the next couple of weeks, we will briefly explore the short Book of Lamentations. We will focus **chapter 1-3** this week. Please read the chapters in advance. The Bible Study is open to all members of the community and our time together is always a blessing and we also spend some time to pray for personal and general prayer requests. Please invite a neighbor or friend and thanks for making time to attend.

Mark Your Calendar - Special Rummage Sale – September 20, 2025: The Evangelism Team is planning to hold a Rummage Sale on Saturday September 20, 2025, from 10am to 3pm. Please contact Lee Ann Whitmer with any questions and how to support this initiative. Thanks!

Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

(Seventh Sunday after Pentecost)

July 27, 2025

10:30 a.m.

"Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness."

[Romans 4:4-5, NIV]



PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor 'Debo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Word of the Lord came to Abram: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."

P: *Heavenly Father, when we are afraid, remind us to stand on your faithful promises to us.*

L: Against all hope, God promised Abram a son, his own flesh and blood as his heir.

P: *"Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness."*

L: God so loved the world that He sent Jesus His only Son that whoever believes in Him will not perish.

P: *Because we believe in Jesus, we are justified by faith and are heirs of the promise of eternal life.*

*ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*OPENING HYMN

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"Standing on the Promises"

*The Apostles' Creed

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*Gloria Patri

Hymn # 70

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 15:1-16

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Pastor 'Debo

HYMN

"God Will Take Care of You"

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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

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:1-6

MESSAGE

By Faith – Faith That Pleases God

Pastor 'Debo

*CLOSING HYMN

"I Know Whom I have Believed"

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*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*For those who are able, please stand.

Week At A Glance:

Wednesday, July 30, 2025

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

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

Saturday, August 2, 2025

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

Sunday, August 3, 2025

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

CELEBRATIONS IN JULY/AUGUST 2025

Birthdays

30 Lee Ann Whitmer

Anniversaries

31 Randy & Cindy Henwood

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

Song Leader: Bob Trogus

Pianist: Jackie Howard

Liturgist: Greg Howard

Pastor: Rev. Dr. 'Debo Onabanjo



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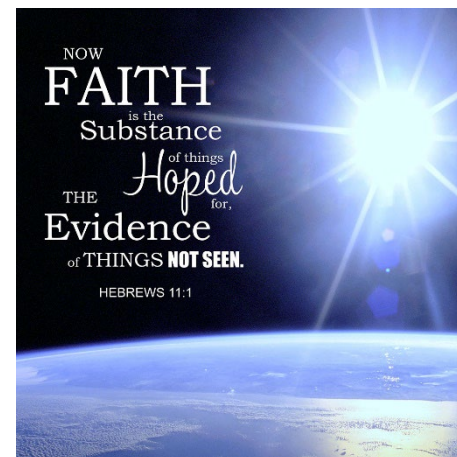
Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

1004 West Sixth Avenue

Lancaster, OH 43130

July 27, 2025

(Seventh Sunday after Pentecost)



By Faith: Faith That Pleases God

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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Genesis 15:1-16

The LORD's Covenant With Abram

15 After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

"Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield,^[a]

your very great reward.^[b]"

² But Abram said, "Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit^[c] my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."

⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir." ⁵ He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring^[d] be."

⁶ Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

⁷ He also said to him, "I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it."

⁸ But Abram said, "Sovereign LORD, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?"

⁹ So the LORD said to him, "Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon."

¹⁰ Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. ¹¹ Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. ¹³ Then the LORD said to him, "Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there. ¹⁴ But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they

will come out with great possessions. ¹⁵ You, however, will go to your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age. ¹⁶ In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure.”

Hebrews 11:1-6

Faith in Action

11 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ² This is what the ancients were commended for.

³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

⁴ By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

⁵ By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: “He could not be found, because God had taken him away.”^[a] For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS (July 27, 2025 – August 2, 2025):

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

Sunday July 27 (Seventh Sunday after Pentecost)

Scripture Reading: Genesis 15:1-16; Reflection Verses: Genesis 15:5-6

“He [God] took him [Abram] outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Where do you need to believe God like Abram did? What can help in this regard?

Monday July 28

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25; Reflection Verses: Matthew 1:24-25

“When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What do we learn from trusting God from the example of Joseph in this passage?

Tuesday July 29

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:5-25; Reflection Verses: Luke 1:19-20

“The angel said to him, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: Why did Zechariah fail to believe the message of angel Gabriel? Do you believe God?

Wednesday July 30

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-38; Reflection Verse: Luke 1:38

“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: How can we trust God to deepen our faith through our obedience in the simple things?

Thursday July 31

Scripture Reading: Luke 5:1-11; Reflection Verses: Luke 5:10-11

“For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon’s partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.” So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: What do you need to abandon to more closely follow Jesus? What is stopping you?

Friday August 1

Scripture Reading: Luke 7:1-10; Reflection Verse: Luke 7:9

“When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, “I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: What amazed Jesus about the centurion’s faith? How would Jesus describe your faith?

Saturday August 2

Scripture Reading: John 21:1-14; Reflection Verse: John 21:10

“Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: What do you need to surrender to Jesus from His numerous blessings to you?

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***The Apostles' Creed**

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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