

Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

(Ninth Sunday after Pentecost)

August 10, 2025

10:30 a.m.

"For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed – a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written:

"The righteous will live by faith."

[Romans 1:17, NIV]



PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor 'Debo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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*ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*OPENING HYMN

710

"Faith of Our Fathers"

*The Apostles' Creed

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*Gloria Patri

Hymn # 70

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 12:1-9

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Pastor 'Debo

NEW SCHOOL YEAR/BACKPACKS BLESSING

HYMN

"My Hope Is Built"

368

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 11:8-12

MESSAGE

By Faith – Abraham – The Father of Faith
Pastor 'Debo

***CLOSING HYMN** "He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought" #128

*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*For those who are able, please stand.

Week At A Glance:

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

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

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

Saturday, August 16, 2025

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

Sunday, August 17, 2025

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

CELEBRATIONS IN AUGUST 2025

Birthdays

14 Jan Lentz

14 Charletta Shahan

14 Curtis Witham

16 Kara Reed

Anniversaries

13 Jeff & Vivian Shumaker

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: Kathy Shafer

Pastor: Rev. Dr. 'Debo Onabanjo



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH
Allegheny West

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Lancaster, OH 43130

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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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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: As previously announced, we will be holding our Special Called Church Conference/Congregational Meeting immediately after our worship service today. This is in line with the approval granted at our request by our Presiding Elder (PE), Rev. John Alice 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). The meeting will begin at **12:00pm** for the sole purpose of presenting the following resolutions to members in attendance:

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. Please refer to the communication from your church leadership for more details. Thanks!

Summer Message Series: Our Summer Message Series, "By Faith" based on **Hebrews Chapter 11** continues through **Sunday September 7, 2025**. The Sermon for today is entitled "Abraham – The Father of Faith" based on the story of Abraham as recorded in **Genesis 12:1-9** and **Hebrews 11:8-12**. You can watch past sermons online at <https://www.6thavegmc.org/>

New School Year/Backpacks Blessing: As students prepare to return to school later this month, we are pleased to offer prayers and blessings during our worship service today for the 2025/2026 School Year as part of our Annual New School Year/Backpacks Blessing. Students will be invited forward for the special blessing by Pastor 'Debo and the congregation. We will also pray for all school administrators, employees, parents and home school parents as they prepare for another year of mentoring our young people. We welcome family and friends who have joined us with their children for this special time.

Pastor's Bible Study: This holds on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel and this week, we will continue our study of the Book of Acts of the Apostles which we started last week after completing the short Book of Lamentations. We will be focusing on Chapters 2-4 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. As was communicated last week, Pastor 'Debo is planning to alternate the Bible Study between Sixth Avenue (1st & 3rd Wednesdays) Mt. Zion (2nd & 4th Wednesdays) – more detail will be provided to attendees. For months with five Wednesdays, we will alternate between both churches.

New Members Class: Interested in exploring what it means to become a member here at Sixth Avenue GMC? We will be offering a **New Member Information Class** later this month on Sunday August 31, 2025. It will be a combined introductory class for the Lancaster Charge comprising Mt. Zion GMC and Sixth Avenue GMC. This Class will offer basic information on Global Methodist distinctives, especially our Mission and Vision and Accountable Discipleship. You do not have to be a member to attend our worship services. Alos, attending the New Member Information Class does not mean you must become a member. Contact Pastor 'Debo to discuss and confirm your interest in this Class. Baptism information is also available for those who would like to be baptized or to remember their Baptism. **Thanks!**

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 bring any items you would like to donate to the church this month. Please contact Lee Ann Whitmer with any questions and how to support this initiative or check out the flyer for more details. Thanks!

Genesis 12:1-9

The Call of Abram

12 The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

2 "I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.^[a]

3 I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you."^[b]

4 So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. **5** He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

6 Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. **7** The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring^[c] I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

8 From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

9 Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

Hebrews 11:8-12

⁸ By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹ By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she^[a] considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹² And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

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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

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS (August 10, 2025 – August 16, 2025):

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

Sunday August 10 (Ninth Sunday after Pentecost)

Scripture Reading: Genesis 11:27-12:1-9; Reflection Verses: Genesis 12:4-5

“So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What is the most daring thing you have done in your faith journey?

Monday August 11

Scripture Reading: Genesis 12:10-20; Reflection Verses: Genesis 12:11-13

“As he was about to enter Egypt, he [Abram] said to his wife Sarai, “I know what a beautiful woman you are. When the Egyptians see you, they will say, ‘This is his wife.’ Then they will kill me but will let you live. Say you are my sister, so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Why did Abram travel to Egypt without asking God for direction and ask Sarai to lie?

Tuesday August 12

Scripture Reading: Genesis 13:1-18; Reflection Verse: Genesis 13:13

“Now the people of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the Lord.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: Why is it important to trust God when making life choices instead of walking by sight?

Wednesday August 13

Scripture Reading: Genesis 14:1-24; Reflection Verse: Genesis 14:16

“He recovered all the goods and brought back his relative Lot and his possessions, together with the women and the other people.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: Why did Abram risk everything to rescue his nephew Lot? Who do you need to rescue?

Thursday August 14

Scripture Reading: Genesis 15:1-21; Reflection Verse: Genesis 15:1

“After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: Where do you need reassurance from God’s Word to overcome your fear or anxiety?

Friday August 15

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

“Now Sarai, Abram’s wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian slave named Hagar; so she said to Abram, “The Lord has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my slave; perhaps I can build a family through her.” Abram agreed to what Sarai said.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: Why did Abram agree to Sarai’s suggestion without asking God? (see **Proverbs 3:5-6**)

Saturday August 16

Scripture Reading: Genesis 17:1-27; Reflection Verse: Genesis 17:1

“When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, “I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: Where do you need to walk before God faithfully and blamelessly?