



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 - Update: As previously announced, we held our Special Called Church Conference/Congregational Meeting immediately after our worship service last Sunday August 10, 2025. At the meeting attended by 23 members in addition to Pastor 'Debo and Rev. Karen Walters who presided, the following resolution were presented by Paul Jassogne in his capacity as Chair of the Administrative Council and voted on by attendees:

1 Resolution #1: "In agreement with the recommendation of the Trustees and by unanimous vote of the Administrative Council, I hereby move a resolution authorizing the Trustees of Sixth Avenue GMC subject to compliance with relevant provisions of the Book of Doctrines and Discipline of the GMC (2024 Edition) to conduct an appraisal and thereafter negotiate the 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. Funds from the sale can be used for the procurement or rental of another facility in line with Resolution # 2. **The resolution was approved with 17 votes.**

2. Resolution #2: "I hereby move that the Trustees in consultation with the Administrative Council of the Sixth Avenue GMC community of faith and compliance with the relevant provisions of the Book of Doctrines and Discipline of the GMC (2024 Edition) identify and relocate its weekly worship gathering and other activities to another suitable and conducive location at days and times that will be determined as 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 shall be communicated to members in advance of the start date." **The resolution was approved with 18 votes.**

The Administrative Council will continue to work with the Trustees to implement the decisions approved by the Church Conference and keep members updated. 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!

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's Faith Is Tested" based on the story of God's testing of Abraham as recorded in **Genesis 22:1-12** and **Hebrews 11:17-19**. You can watch past sermons online at <https://www.6thavegmc.org/>

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 with focus on Chapters 3-6 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). For months with five Wednesdays, we will alternate between both churches. It is now anticipated that this rotation will start effective September 2025.

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 at Sixth Avenue GMC on Saturday September 20, 2025: The Sixth Avenue GMC Evangelism Team is planning to hold a Rummage Sale on Saturday September 20, 2025, from 10am to 3pm. If you want to donate anything for the sale, please bring your items to the church no later than September 7th. If you need help getting your items to the Sixth Avenue Church, please call Lee Ann at 740-407-0378 and she will help haul your items to Sixth Avenue GMC. Also, there will be a bake sale during the event. If you would like to bake some goodies for it, please remember not to use peanuts or similar items for allergy reasons. Please bring all baked goods to the church by September 19th. We will also need people to volunteer to help with prior set up on Friday, September 19th and take down on Saturday, September 20th. Please [ick up a flyer and share information about the upcoming event with your family members and friends. Thanks!

Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

(Tenth Sunday after Pentecost)

August 17, 2025

10:30 a.m.

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[Genesis 22:1-2, NIV]



PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor 'Debo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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*ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*OPENING HYMN

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"Near to the Heart of God"

*The Apostles' Creed

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*Gloria Patri

Hymn # 70

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 22:1-12

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Pastor 'Debo

HYMN

"It Is Well with My Soul"

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OUR TIME OF PRAYER

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (in unison)

~Joys and Concerns

~General Prayers & Intercession

~The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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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 11:17-19

MESSAGE

By Faith – Abraham's Faith Is Tested

Pastor 'Debo

*CLOSING HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation"

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*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*For those who are able, please stand.

Week At A Glance:

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

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

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

Saturday, August 23, 2025

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

Sunday, August 24, 2025

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

CELEBRATIONS IN AUGUST 2025

Birthdays

17 Kyle Trogus

17 Pastor 'Debo Onabanjo

21 Judy North

22 Hanna Goff

Anniversaries

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



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH
Allegheny West

Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

1004 West Sixth Avenue

Lancaster, OH 43130

August 17, 2025

(Tenth Sunday after Pentecost)



By Faith: Abraham's Faith Is Tested

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 (August 17, 2025 – August 23, 2025):

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

Sunday August 17 (Tenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Scripture Reading: Genesis 21:1-21; Reflection Verses: Genesis 21:1-3

“Now the Lord was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah what he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How does God’s faithfulness to His promise to Sarah buoy/encourage your faith?

Monday August 18

Scripture Reading: Genesis 22:1-24; Reflection Verses: Genesis 22:1-2

“Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How would you have responded to God’s instruction in this situation?

Tuesday August 19

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 8:1-20; Reflection Verse: Deuteronomy 8:2

“Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: What was God’s purpose in allowing the Israelites to stay in the wilderness for 40 years?

Wednesday August 20

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 30:1-10; Reflection Verse: Deuteronomy 30:8

“You will again obey the Lord and follow all his commands I am giving you today.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: What motivates you to obey God’s commands even when others don’t?

Thursday August 21

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 30:11-20; Reflection Verse: Deuteronomy 30:15

“See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: What are the benefits of obedience and consequences of disobedience?

Friday August 22

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:1-8; Reflection Verse: Romans 12:2

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: How are you testing and approving God’s will for your life? What are you learning?

Saturday August 23

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:9-21; Reflection Verse: Romans 12:21

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: Where do you need to overcome evil with good? Who has hurt you or treated you badly that you need to reach out to as an act of mercy and forgiveness?

Genesis 22:1-12

Abraham Tested

22 Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

² Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."

³ Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵ He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

⁶ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷ Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?"

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

⁸ Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

¹² "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

Hebrews 11:17-19

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, ¹⁸ even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned."^[a] ¹⁹ Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.

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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