

Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

(Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost)

August 24, 2025

10:30 a.m.

"So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "Get rid of the foreign gods you have with you, and purify yourselves and change your clothes. Then come, let us go to Bethel, where I will build an altar to God, who answered me in the day of my distress and who has been with me wherever I have gone."

[Genesis 35:2-3, NIV]



PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor 'Debo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

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*ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*OPENING HYMN

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"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*The Apostles' Creed

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*Gloria Patri

Hymn # 70

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 28:10-22

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Pastor 'Debo

HYMN

"Surely the Presence of the Lord"

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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 11:20-21

MESSAGE

By Faith – The Patriarchs of Faith
Pastor 'Debo

*CLOSING HYMN

"Forth in Thy Name"

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*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*For those who are able, please stand.

Week At A Glance:

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

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

12:00 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting (Parlor)

Saturday, August 30, 2025

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

Sunday, August 31, 2025

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

CELEBRATIONS IN AUGUST 2025

Birthdays

25 Lundy Drake

26 Heather Pool

28 Marjorie Farkas

29 Brittany Singer

30 Betty Bright

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



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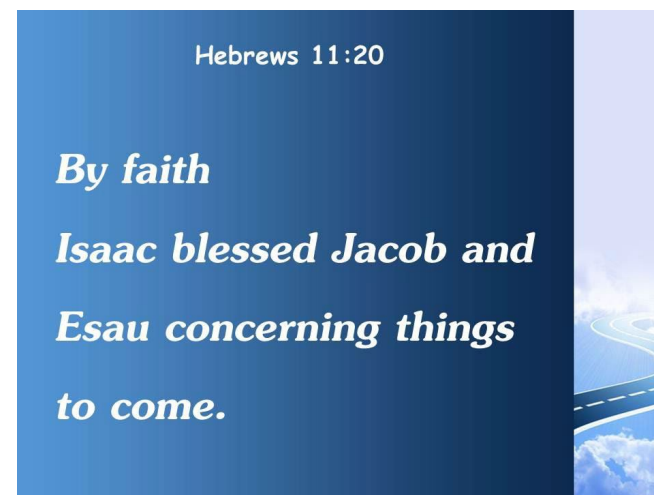
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1004 West Sixth Avenue

Lancaster, OH 43130

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By Faith: The Patriarchs of Faith

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!

Crucial Administrative Council Meeting: The Administrative Council will be meeting on Wednesday, August 27 at 12 noon to discuss important matters relating to implementation of the outcome of the decision of the Special Called Charge Conference held on Sunday August 10, 2025. One of the important issues that is expected to be discussed will be ongoing discussions regarding pastoral assignment for our community of faith which the leadership is constrained to made in view of its current precarious financial position. The Administrative Council will be working with the Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC) regarding this issue and the recent decision of the Church Custodian to step down from his role for personal reasons. Please keep your leadership in prayers as they meet and decide on these important matters. 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. To be clear, once a final decision is reached, it will be communicated to all members. Thanks!

Special Called Church Conference/Congregational Meeting - Update: For those who may have missed the communication in our previous bulletins, at the Special Called Church Conference/Congregational Meeting held on Sunday August 10, 2025, 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 "The Patriarchs of Faith" based on the story of Jacob recorded encounter with God in Genesis 28:10-22 and his story recorded in **Hebrews 11:20-21**. 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 6-8 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 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 the event, 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 pick up a flyer and share information about the upcoming event with your family members and friends. Thanks!

Pastor 'Debo's Birthday Celebration - Appreciation: Pastor 'Debo and his wife 'Lola and their children would like to express their appreciation to the church leadership, the Heartwarmers and all members who contributed to the celebration of his birthday last Sunday. May God richly reward your labor love. Amen.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS (August 24, 2025 – August 30, 2025):

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

Sunday August 24 (Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost)

Scripture Reading: Genesis 25:19-34; Reflection Verses: Genesis 25:33-34

“But Jacob said, “Swear to me first.” So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What useful lessons can we learn from Esau and Jacob and their parents in this passage?

Monday August 25

Scripture Reading: Genesis 26:1-22; Reflection Verses: Genesis 26:1-2

“Now there was a famine in the land—besides the previous famine in Abraham’s time—and Isaac went to Abimelek king of the Philistines in Gerar. The Lord appeared to Isaac and said, “Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land where I tell you to live.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Why did God tell Isaac not to go down to Egypt? (read **Genesis 12:10-20** for more insight) Where do you need to trust the Lord in your current situation?

Tuesday August 26

Scripture Reading: Genesis 26:23-35; Reflection Verses: Genesis 26:23-24

“From there he went up to Beersheba. That night the Lord appeared to him and said, “I am the God of your father Abraham. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bless you and will increase the number of your descendants for the sake of my servant Abraham.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: What are you afraid of? Have you taken the situation to the Lord in prayer?

Wednesday August 27

Scripture Reading: Genesis 27:1-29; Reflection Verse: Genesis 27:22

“Jacob went close to his father Isaac, who touched him and said, “The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: What do you think about Jacob’s deception? What useful lesson can we learn from it?

Thursday August 28

Scripture Reading: Genesis 27:30-46; Reflection Verse: Genesis 27:41

“Esau held a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing his father had given him. He said to himself, “The days of mourning for my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: What do you think about Esau’s plans to avenge Jacob’s deception?

Friday August 29

Scripture Reading: Genesis 28:1-22; Reflection Verse: Genesis 28:16

“When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: How are you growing in your God-awareness with the help of the Spirit?

Saturday August 30

Scripture Reading: Genesis 35:1-15; Reflection Verses: Genesis 35:14-15

“Jacob set up a stone pillar at the place where God had talked with him, and he poured out a drink offering on it; he also poured oil on it. Jacob called the place where God had talked with him Bethel.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: What significant spiritual milestone can you remember in your journey of faith?

Genesis 28:10-22

Jacob's Dream at Bethel

¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. ¹¹ When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. ¹² He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ There above it^[a] stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. ¹⁴ Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring.^[b] ¹⁵ I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

¹⁶ When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." ¹⁷ He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

¹⁸ Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel,^[c] though the city used to be called Luz.

²⁰ Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear ²¹ so that I return safely to my father's

household, then the LORD^[d] will be my God ²² and^[e] this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth."

Hebrews 11:20-21

²⁰ By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future.

²¹ By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff.

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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