

Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

1004 W. Sixth Avenue
Lancaster, OH 43130

Week At A Glance:

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

10:00 a.m. Bible Study in the Chapel

Sunday, September 6(15th Sunday after Pentecost)

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)

CELEBRATIONS IN AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2026

Birthdays

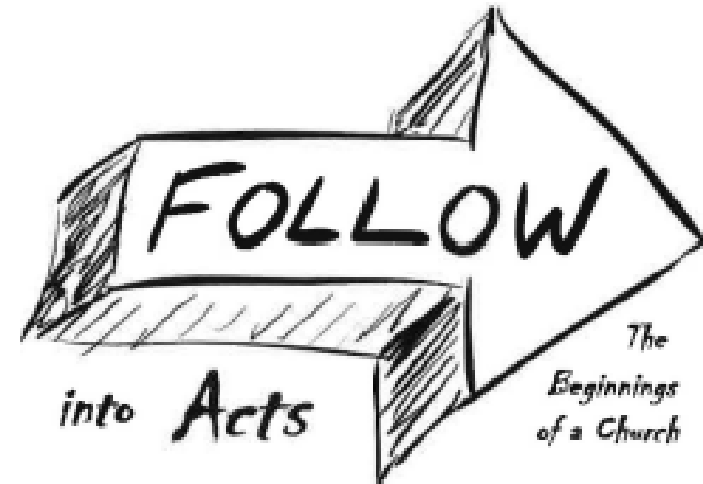
8/30 Betty Bright
8/31 Angela Persinger
9/3 Sharon Mathias
9/4 Orion Thress

Anniversaries

MINISTRY STAFF

Ministers: The People of This Congregation
Media Team: Paul Jassogne
Media Team (Live Streaming): Lee Ann Whitmer
Church Secretary: Lee Ann Whitmer
Lead Singer: Steve Nally
Pianist: Jackie Howard
Liturgist: Greg Howard
Pastor: Rev. Jeremy Shank

August 30, 2026
(14th Sunday after Pentecost)



“2 Cities and a Long Sermon”

Worship Service starts at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday.
Children's Church (ages 5-13) starts at 10:15 a.m.
Church Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday through Friday

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

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AMEN**

***Gloria Patri**

Hymn # 70

***ENTRANCE TO THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

***OPENING HYMN**

#98

“To God be the Glory”

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 12:22-37

HYMN

“Bind Us Together”

praise song

OUR TIME OF PRAYER

~Joys and Concerns

~General Prayers & Intercession

~The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

895

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS (We encourage you to share beyond your regular offering. The loose offering received today will go to the Capital Improvement.)

OFFERTORY

***Doxology** “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” # 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Jeremy Shank

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 11:1-17

SPECIAL MUSIC

Steve Nally

MESSAGE

Pastor Jeremy Shank

“2 Cities and a Long Sermon”

CLOSING HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord”

#593

***SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

***please remain seated**

Jackie Howard



Edgewood Manor (Lucasville): Alan Fick, C3

LanFair: Mary Chilcote, 313

Luxe: Jim Funkhouser, Eckert Wing, 207A

Magnolia Terrace: Jane Patterson, 56

Primrose: Bill & Doris Shauger, 121

The Ridge: Fred Beougher, 140

Continued Prayers are requested for:

Pat Disbennet, Phyllis Flowers, Ed Gurile, Clara Herrick,
Lloyd & Diann Helber, Eleanor & Bob Kane, Carl & Sharon Mathias,
Vicki Oatney, Michael Parrish, Beth Patton,
Rod Shouldis, Kathy Starner, Don Taylor, Chuck and Judy Wheatley

*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.

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!

If you would like the church to pray for you or someone you know on the Sixth Avenue GMC e-mail prayer chain, contact Lee Ann or the church office. You can also let her know if you would like to be added to the prayer chain email list.

Trick or Treat is on Thursday, October 29th this year. We are adding more items and need your help to make it run smoothly. If you would like to help pass out goodies, please let Lee Ann or KJ know. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Narthex Counter. Thank you!

Adult Sunday School will be taking the summer off. We will communicate in the fall (probably around August) to see if there is any interest in this class starting back up.

Reminder: all of Pastor Jeremy's sermons, including the upcoming Sunday's, is posted on the Shank Bank. Feel free to pass it around, post it to Facebook and tell a friend:

<https://shankbank.blogspot.com>

The **Evangelism** and **Heartwarmers** have combined memberships. If you are interested in joining this team, please contact Donna Dickson or Lee Ann Whitmer.

Weekly Designated Funds

Week 1 – Veteran's Burial Squad

Week 2 – Good Samaritan

Week 3 – Foundation Dinners

Week 4 – Evangelism

Week 5 – Capital Improvement

Administrative Council Meeting Updates

- Your Administrative Council remains fully committed to be transparent and give timely dissemination of information to all members and friends of the Church in this season and beyond.
- At a special meeting on held on June, 21, 2026, and after much prayer and discussion, your Administrative Council voted unanimously to enter into a contract to sell our building to the **Salvation Army**.
- When the contract is fully executed, we will have up to five months to relocate our church. While this may sound like a lot of time, there are many things that need to take place
- One of the things we need to do is find a new location to meet, and whether to rent or buy initially. Several buildings have been mentioned in the Administrative Council meetings.
- One location that has been offered to rent is the building the Salvation Army is moving out of.
- If you have any suggestions for this move or any other locations, please contact any of your church leadership and/or through the church office.

Matthew 12:22-37

Jesus and Beelzebul

²² Then they brought him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see. ²³ All the people were astonished and said, "Could this be the Son of David?"

²⁴ But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons."

²⁵ Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand. ²⁶ If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then can his kingdom stand? ²⁷ And if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your people drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. ²⁸ But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

²⁹ "Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can plunder his house.

³⁰ "Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. ³¹ And so I tell you, every kind of sin and slander can be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. ³² Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

³³ "Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. ³⁴ You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. ³⁵ A good man brings

good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. ³⁶ But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken. ³⁷ For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."

Jeremiah 11:1-17

The Covenant Is Broken

11 This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ² "Listen to the terms of this covenant and tell them to the people of Judah and to those who live in Jerusalem. ³ Tell them that this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Cursed is the one who does not obey the terms of this covenant— ⁴ the terms I commanded your ancestors when I brought them out of Egypt, out of the iron-smelting furnace.' I said, 'Obey me and do everything I command you, and you will be my people, and I will be your God. ⁵ Then I will fulfill the oath I swore to your ancestors, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey'—the land you possess today."

I answered, "Amen, LORD."

⁶ The LORD said to me, "Proclaim all these words in the towns of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem: 'Listen to the terms of this covenant and follow them. ⁷ From the time I brought your ancestors up from Egypt until today, I warned them again and again, saying, "Obey me." ⁸ But they did not listen or pay attention; instead, they followed the stubbornness of their evil hearts. So I brought on them all the curses of the covenant I had commanded them to follow but that they did not keep.'"

⁹ Then the LORD said to me, "There is a conspiracy among the people of Judah and those who live in Jerusalem. ¹⁰ They have returned to the sins of their ancestors, who refused to listen to my words. They have followed other gods to serve them. Both Israel and Judah have broken the covenant I made with their ancestors. ¹¹ Therefore this is what the LORD says: 'I will bring on them a disaster they cannot escape. Although they cry out to me, I will not listen to them. ¹² The towns of Judah and the people of Jerusalem will go and cry out to the gods to whom they burn incense, but they will not help them at all when disaster strikes. ¹³ You, Judah, have as many gods as you have towns; and the altars you have set up to burn incense to that shameful god Baal are as many as the streets of Jerusalem.'

¹⁴ "Do not pray for this people or offer any plea or petition for them, because I will not listen when they call to me in the time of their distress.

¹⁵ "What is my beloved doing in my temple
as she, with many others, works out her evil schemes?
Can consecrated meat avert your punishment?
When you engage in your wickedness,
then you rejoice.^[a]"

¹⁶ The LORD called you a thriving olive tree
with fruit beautiful in form.
But with the roar of a mighty storm
he will set it on fire,
and its branches will be broken.

¹⁷ The LORD Almighty, who planted you, has decreed disaster for you, because the people of both Israel and Judah have done evil and aroused my anger by burning incense to Baal.

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