



**Altercare Somerset:** Sharon Byerly

**Edgewood Manor (Lucasville):** Alan Fick, C3

**FMC:** Jerry Dickson, 279

**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:**

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 Starnier, 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!

**Administrative Council Meeting - Update:** The Administrative Council met as communicated last week Wednesday August 27, 2025. At the meeting, it was decided based on a recommendation from the Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC) to consolidate the roles of Church Secretary and Custodian. The SPPRC also recommended and the Administrative Council approved that the position should be offered to our current Church Secretary, Lee Ann Whitmer effective September 1, 2025. The leadership would like to appreciate Lee Ann for the great job she has been doing since she included the Custodian duties in her functions at the beginning of July 2025. Please take time to express your appreciation to Lee Ann for her labor of love. In addition and in line with the recommendation of the SPPRC, the leadership will be partnering with the leadership of the Conference to transition to a part-time pastoral appointment effective November 1, 2025. In addition, the leadership reviewed the recommendation made by the Trustees to engage the services of a Realtor to help list the current facility for sale after its appraisal. The Trustees will continue to work with the Realtor to keep this process on track. Please keep your leadership in prayers as they meet and decide on these important matters. Updates will continue to be provided regularly to all members. 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 Faith of Joseph” based on the story of Jacob recorded encounter with God in Genesis 50:15-26 and his story recorded in **Hebrews 11:22**. 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 8-10 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 previously communicated, effective September 2025, Pastor 'Debo will be alternating the Bible Study between Sixth Avenue (1st & 3rd Wednesdays) and Mt. Zion (2nd & 4th Wednesdays). More detail will be provided to attendees and the monthly schedule included in the weekly bulletin insert. For months with five Wednesdays, we will alternate between both churches.

**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!



# Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

(Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost)

August 31, 2025

10:30 a.m.

*"By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones."*

*[Hebrews 11:22, NIV]*



## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

Pastor 'Debo

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

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### \*ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

### \*OPENING HYMN

# 397

*"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

### \*The Apostles' Creed

# 881

### \*Gloria Patri

Hymn # 70

## SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 50:15-26

## CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Pastor 'Debo

## HYMN

*"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

# 474

## 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 11:22

## MESSAGE

**By Faith** – The Faith of Joseph  
Pastor 'Debo

### \*CLOSING HYMN

*"Abide with Me"*

#700

### \*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

\*For those who are able, please stand.

## Week At A Glance:

### Wednesday, September 3, 2025

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

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

### Saturday, September 6, 2025

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

### Sunday, September 7, 2025

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

## **CELEBRATIONS IN AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2025**

### Birthdays

8/31 Angela Persinger

9/3 Sharon Mathias

9/4 Orion Thress

### 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**  
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Allegheny West

## **Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church**

1004 West Sixth Avenue

Lancaster, OH 43130

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August 31, 2025

(Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost)



### **By Faith: The Faith of Joseph**

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 31, 2025 – September 6, 2025):**

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

### **Sunday August 31 (Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost)**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 37:1-11; Reflection Verses: Genesis 37:3-4

“Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What useful lessons can we learn from Jacob’s preferential treatment of Joseph?

### **Monday September 1 (Labor Day)**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 37:12-36; Reflection Verse: Genesis 37:36

“Meanwhile, the Midianites sold Joseph in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh’s officials, the captain of the guard.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Why did Joseph’s brothers decide to sell him into slavery? Why were they angry with the dreams that Joseph had and shared with them? Do you think Joseph should have been more discrete? Why or why not?

### **Tuesday September 2**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 39:1-23; Reflection Verses: Genesis 39:9-10

“No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?” And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: What can we learn from Joseph’s refusal to compromise his integrity?

### **Wednesday September 3**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 40:1-23; Reflection Verse: Genesis 27:22

“We both had dreams,” they answered, “but there is no one to interpret them.” Then Joseph said to them, “Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me your dreams.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: How can we be like Joseph by giving glory to God for our unique gifts?

### **Thursday September 4**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 41:1-21; Reflection Verse: Genesis 41:16

“I cannot do it,” Joseph replied to Pharaoh, “but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: Where in our life do we need to ascribe glory to God? What will be the benefit?

### **Friday September 5**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 41:22-40; Reflection Verses: Genesis 41:37-38

“The plan seemed good to Pharaoh and to all his officials. So Pharaoh asked them, “Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: Where do you need to learn patience and develop trust in God as you wait on Him?

### **Saturday September 6**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 45:1-28; Reflection Verse: Genesis 45:28

“And Israel said, “I’m convinced! My son Joseph is still alive. I will go and see him before I die.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: Where are you looking to God to give you a breakthrough? Can you pay the price?

# Genesis 50:15-26

## Joseph Reassures His Brothers

<sup>15</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" <sup>16</sup> So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: <sup>17</sup> 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

<sup>18</sup> His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

<sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. <sup>21</sup> So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

## The Death of Joseph

<sup>22</sup> Joseph stayed in Egypt, along with all his father's family. He lived a hundred and ten years <sup>23</sup> and saw the third generation of Ephraim's children. Also the children of Makir son of Manasseh were placed at birth on Joseph's knees.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>24</sup> Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." <sup>25</sup> And Joseph made the Israelites swear an oath and said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up from this place."

<sup>26</sup> So Joseph died at the age of a hundred and ten. And after they embalmed him, he was placed in a coffin in Egypt.

# Hebrews 11:22

<sup>22</sup> By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones.

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**\*The Apostles' Creed**

**# 881**

**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**