

Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

1004 W. Sixth Avenue

Lancaster, OH 43130

Week At A Glance:

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

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

Sunday, September 27 (18th Sunday after Pentecost)

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday school (Parlor)

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

CELEBRATIONS IN SEPTEMBER 2026

Birthdays

25 Autumn Brunney

25 Tonya Rowland

26 Mark Brunney

26 Clara Herrick

Anniversaries

MINISTRY STAFF

Ministers: The People of This Congregation

Media Team (Live Streaming): Lee Ann Whitmer

Church Secretary: Lee Ann Whitmer

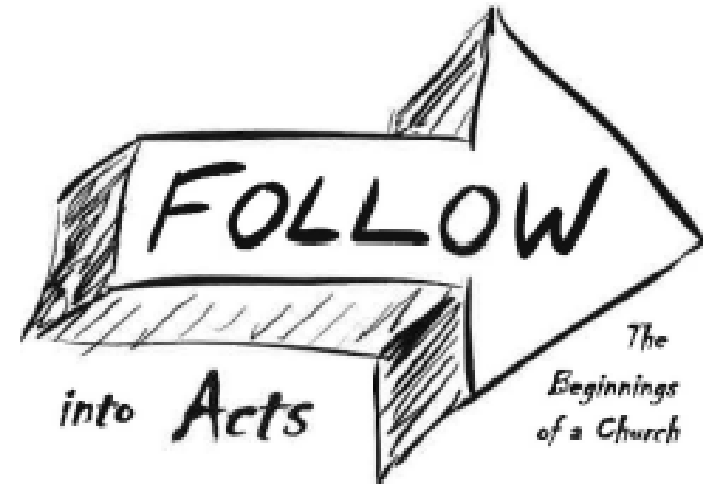
Lead Singer: Bob Trogus

Pianist: Jackie Howard

Liturgist: Kathy Shafer

Pastor: Rev. Jeremy Shank

September 20, 2026
(17th Sunday after Pentecost)



“The More, The Merrier”

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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September 20, 2026

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

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People: open our souls to sense your presence,

Leader: and our hearts to love your presence, ever here in your creation,

People: and ever beyond it in eternity. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Hymn # 70

***ENTRANCE TO THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

***OPENING HYMN**

#62 (verses 1,2,4&5)

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:1-23

HYMN

#174

"His Name Is Wonderful"

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 Foundation Dinners Fund.)

OFFERTORY

***Doxology** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" # 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Jeremy Shank

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 12:5-17

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jeremy Shank

MESSAGE

Pastor Jeremy Shank

"The More, The Merrier"

CLOSING HYMN

#363 (verses 1,3,4&5)

"And Can It Be that I Should Gain"

POSTLUDE

Jackie Howard

***please remain seated**

***SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION**



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 resuming **Sunday, September 13, 2026 at 9:00 am** in the parlor. At this first meeting we will discuss topics that interest the group, so please bring any ideas and/or resources that you want to discuss. The purpose of this small group is to provide fellowship and at the same time reflect on God's word as He speaks to us today. If you are not able to attend on the 13th but plan on being part of the group, please let Gregg Witham know so that we have enough resources for everyone. Everyone is welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing as many of you who want to participate.

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>

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.

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Matthew 13:1-23

The Parable of the Sower

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ² Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³ Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear."

¹⁰ The disciples came to him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?"

¹¹ He replied, "Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them.

¹² Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ¹³ This is why I speak to them in parables:

"Though seeing, they do not see;
though hearing, they do not hear or understand.

¹⁴ In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:

“You will be ever hearing but never understanding;
you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.

¹⁵ For this people’s heart has become calloused;
they hardly hear with their ears,
and they have closed their eyes.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their hearts

and turn, and I would heal them.’^[a]

¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. ¹⁷ For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

¹⁸ “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰ The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²² The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²³ But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

Jeremiah 12:5-17

God's Answer

⁵ "If you have raced with men on foot
and they have worn you out,
how can you compete with horses?
If you stumble^[a] in safe country,
how will you manage in the thickets by^[b] the Jordan?

⁶ Your relatives, members of your own family—
even they have betrayed you;
they have raised a loud cry against you.
Do not trust them,
though they speak well of you.

⁷ "I will forsake my house,
abandon my inheritance;
I will give the one I love
into the hands of her enemies.

⁸ My inheritance has become to me
like a lion in the forest.
She roars at me;
therefore I hate her.

⁹ Has not my inheritance become to me
like a speckled bird of prey
that other birds of prey surround and attack?
Go and gather all the wild beasts;
bring them to devour.

¹⁰ Many shepherds will ruin my vineyard
and trample down my field;
they will turn my pleasant field

into a desolate wasteland.

¹¹ It will be made a wasteland,
parched and desolate before me;
the whole land will be laid waste
because there is no one who cares.

¹² Over all the barren heights in the desert
destroyers will swarm,
for the sword of the LORD will devour
from one end of the land to the other;
no one will be safe.

¹³ They will sow wheat but reap thorns;
they will wear themselves out but gain nothing.
They will bear the shame of their harvest
because of the LORD's fierce anger."

¹⁴ This is what the LORD says: "As for all my wicked neighbors who seize the inheritance I gave my people Israel, I will uproot them from their lands and I will uproot the people of Judah from among them. ¹⁵ But after I uproot them, I will again have compassion and will bring each of them back to their own inheritance and their own country. ¹⁶ And if they learn well the ways of my people and swear by my name, saying, 'As surely as the LORD lives'—even as they once taught my people to swear by Baal—then they will be established among my people. ¹⁷ But if any nation does not listen, I will completely uproot and destroy it," declares the LORD.